

1 menALIVE Ministries in conjunction with **St Christopher's Parish Syndal** is facilitating a Father-Son experience from **11-13th August** called "Growing Good Men". It is being held at Gilwell Park, Gembrook. It is for Dad's and their 13 to 16 year old sons. It is a great program to enable young men in the company of their fathers to experience the affirmation that it is so important for a young man to hear. Cost \$330 for the weekend for a Dad and Son "pair" including accommodation and meals. Enquiries: Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 or Frank Peh via Syndal Parish Office 9802 85382.



2 **MenALIVE Men's Weekend 9/10 September, St Judes Parish, Langwarrin**

MenALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry that helps men become fully alive. It brings them together to find inspiration, encouragement, enrichment in their relationships, and a deeper sense of purpose. The Langwarrin Parish will be hosting this wonderful weekend at St Jude's church on 9/10 September. Please come and join us. The cost is only \$25 including all meals, if registered by 1 September. Enquiries can be directed to Paul Hughes via 0413 384 642, [paul.transformation@gmail.com](mailto:paul.transformation@gmail.com) or to Gerry Gogan via 0417 547 763, [ggogan@me.com](mailto:ggogan@me.com). Information is also available at the rear of this church, and via [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

**Upcoming Events**

- 3 August Anointing of the Sick Mass -9.15am Mass
- 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Cuppa in Xavier Centre 11.30am
- 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.15am & 7 pm Masses
- 20 August Confirmation Commitment Day

Mass at other locations:

- **Sunday August 13th at 5pm**  
**Parish Mass in St Augustine's Hall**  
St Augustine's School - Golf Links Road

**St Francis Xavier Parish Prayer**



O God, eternal Lord of all things: You created humanity in your image and likeness and so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him might have life and have it to the fullest. Grant that, in imitation of the servant of Christ, Saint Francis Xavier, who carried the good news of salvation to many people we may courageously proclaim your Word and be the salt of the earth and light of the world. **Amen.**

- Feast Days: 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola  
1 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori  
2 Aug: St Eusebius of Vercelli, + St Peter Julian Eymard  
3 Aug: St Dominic  
4 Aug: St John Vianney

**Other Groups/Activities:**

- St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 4pm in Xavier Centre.
- Donations/Assistance:** 9769 6060
- Membership:** 0438 573 694; 9770 5570; 9783 3976
- Furniture Donations:** 1800 621 349
- Friendship Club (Seniors):** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month in the Xavier Centre at 10.30am. Bus trips on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month. Contact: Marie - 9775 8737
- Knitting Group:** Contact Yvonne - 5976 8480
- Prayer Line:** Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103
- Parish Cuppa:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre.
- Other Cuppas:**  
Every Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the Quilter Room and Every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre.

**Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection -**

- THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
- 1st Reading Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14**
- 2nd Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19**
- Gospel Matthew 17:1-9**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 23.07.2017**

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 2204  
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 638

Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You**  
Collection will be taken up after the Prayer of the Faithful.



**St Francis Xavier Parish, Frankston**

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**Sunday Masses**

Vigil Mass -Saturday Evening 6.00pm  
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday - Saturday 9.15 am  
Monday - 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of month

**Liturgy of Word and Communion Service**

Monday - 9.15am  
2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of month

**Anointing Mass**

9.15am First Thursday of month

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration**

Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am  
Friday after 9.15am Mass

**Rosary**

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass

**Children's Liturgy**

Sunday during 10.30am Mass

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel

**Legion of Mary**

Friday: 2pm in Quilter Room

**Divine Mercy**

Friday: 3pm in Chapel ( private prayer)

**Charismatic Prayer for Healing**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: 5.15pm music, then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm Mass: **In Recess until Sept 2017**

**Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing**

after 5.30pm Mass  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month

**Cell Groups**

Tuesday: 10.00am in Quilter Room  
Thursday: 7.30pm in Quilter Room

**Confessions**

Saturday: 10am - 10.30am,  
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month during the Masses. (Saturday Evening Mass inclusive)  
**AND**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 11.30am (after the 10.30am Mass)

Special Sunday Readings: **1st Reading NUMBERS 21:4-9** & **2nd Reading PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

**GOSPEL JOHN 3:13-17**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'



The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

30th July 2017

*Catholic Charismatic Renewal: Jubilee Cross*





**HOMILY: GLORYING IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, today we welcome this jubilee cross which has been blessed by our Archbishop, His grace, Denis Hart DD, to commemorate the golden jubilee of the catholic charismatic renewal. The Holy Spirit is the principle of life and unity. In the Nicene Creed, we profess the Holy Spirit as “the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified.”

The Holy Spirit builds bridges among people of different nationalities and cultures and enables us to become one body in Christ. This was typified on the day of Pentecost when people from different nationalities and cultures who had converged in Jerusalem to celebrate the ‘feast of Weeks’ or the giving of the Torah (Law/ Commandments) to the people of Israel at Sinai, were able to listen to the Good News of the Lord joyfully as a family. The Holy Spirit is also our comforter, He “comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words”. (Rm 8:26) This Spirit lavishes His gifts on us and on the church. St Paul reminds us that, “There are diversity of gifts, but the Spirit is the same. There is diversity of ministries, but the Lord is the same. There is diversity of works, but the same God works in all”. The charisms given to the church in the service of the mission of Christ by the Holy Spirit included; apostleship, service, teaching, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, administration, hope and love (1Cor 12:1-13:13).

The Holy Spirit will always lead us to Jesus for it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we can confess Jesus as our Lord. Let us then “glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection...” (entrance antiphon, Exaltation of the Cross). In the first reading, taken from the Book of Numbers, we read that when the people of Israel were dying from bites from poisonous snakes in the desert, God instructed Moses to make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard, and if anyone who was bitten by a snake looked at the raised fiery serpent, he would not die. Moses followed the Lord’s instruction and hung a fiery serpent on the standard, and it came to pass that anyone who gazed at the lifted fiery serpent after having been bitten by a fiery serpent, lived to tell the story. This fiery serpent that Moses hung on the standard, or the blood of lamb that the Jews smeared on their door post in Egypt, or Abraham attempting to sacrifice his son Isaac were all prefiguring Jesus Christ. The Book of Hebrews tells us that, “the blood of bulls and goats are incapable of taking away sins” (Heb 10:4) Christ is the true lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world and brings us true healing and peace. He was the one who was lifted up to the altar of sacrifice on the cross and through his wounds we have all been healed (1Pt 2:24) and salvation has been brought to the whole world. He is our messiah, our joy and our hope. He rejoices with us in our moments of gladness and weeps with us in our moments of sorrow.

In the gospel of today, Jesus while speaking to Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin insisted that, “... the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him”. The Gospel of Mark narrated Jesus’ death on the cross in this way; “and Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” (Mk 15:37-39). Notice that the curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom and not from bottom to top. The position from which the curtain was torn underscored that it was a divine intervention and not a mere human act. Jesus has made it possible for us to have direct access to the Father. One of the soldiers who had witnessed the manner of Jesus’ death came to faith and confessed, “Truly this man was the Son of God.” Let us continue to acknowledge Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour and let us approach his cross with faith for it is not a mere wood but the throne of God’s mercy.

*Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp*



National Vocations Awareness Week - The Church in Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying ‘yes’. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others.

**We pray** with loving and trustful hearts for Jack Torcaso, Kevin Churchill, Wendi Courtney, Harry & Donna Arnold, Billy Coburn, Ross Monterosso, Paul Czubyj, Vima & Salih Basic, Greg Davine, Gloria Resubal and for all our Parishioners, friends and family who are not doing so well at this time, that they will recognize the hand of our Merciful and Loving God in difficult times.



**We pray** for Cathy Arvaji, Michael Ohlmus, Betty Bowley, Dante Cicuttini and Kylie Walsh who died recently and for Corrodino Carusi, Bruno Parolin, Kuriakose Maliakel, Elsa Cicuttini and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the souls of all departed rest in the peace and love of God.

**Anointing Mass**

9.15am Mass - First Thursday of month - **3rd August**

**Parish Cuppa:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre. - **6th August**



**29 - 31 July - JUBILEE CROSS (Catholic Charismatic Renewal)**

Celebrating 50 years

Let us celebrate the Jubilee Cross as it visits our church this weekend. The Cross will be here at St Francis Xavier Parish Frankston until Monday morning 31st July - leaving after the 9.15am Mass

The Jubilee Cross will be brought in, in-procession at the beginning of every Mass this Sunday. There will be Benediction and Adoration after the Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday 6pm) and Sunday evening Mass (5.30pm )

The Jubilee Cross symbolises God’s love for all people. It is a time of restoration for our families, cities and world in need.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ANTI-EUTHANASIA PETITIONS WE SIGNED?**

Over the last three weeks I have attempted on several occasions to seek an appointment with the MP for Frankston, Paul Edbrooke, to present the petition forms containing hundreds of your names and addresses, and to discuss with him the concerns the Catholics of Frankston have as regards the forthcoming assisted suicide legislation to be sponsored by the Andrews government.

I eventually realised I was being given the “run around” and late last week asked his office if that was so. One of his staff eventually admitted as much in a message to the effect that I would not be given the appointment I had been seeking because Mr. Edbrooke had already made up his mind on the matter. The tone of the message left me on no doubt whatsoever that Mr. Edbrooke does not want to hear what your concerns are, which I found extremely disappointing. Nevertheless it is my intention to deliver the completed petition forms to Mr. Edbrooke’s office, as I undertook to do on your behalf, even if I am not granted an interview.

As regards those of you who wrote personal letters to Mr. Edbrooke, I venture to suggest that if you have not had a reply already, you are most unlikely to receive one. *Michael Long Anti-Euthanasia Co-ordinator*

**For Your Interest and Diaries**

*St Francis Xavier - Frankston*

- St Vincent de Paul Society (Morrington Conference) will be holding a Musical Concert in our Xavier Centre on Sunday 13th August at 2pm. All monies raised will enable Vinnies Morrington to help those in need. Please contact: Elvira on 5974 2607.

*Syro Malabar*

Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass;  
First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass



*Mass at other locations*

- **The next Mass will be 13th August at 5pm Parish Mass in St Augustine’s Hall, St Augustine’s School - Golf Links Road**

*External*

- ♦ Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will hold an open day on Saturday 5th August between 10am - 4pm in honour of the Feast of St Mary MacKillop. See notice board.

- ♦ John Paul College Open Day - Thursday 10th August . Please register at [www.jpc.vic.edu.au](http://www.jpc.vic.edu.au)

- ♦ Ever been to a film and wanted to D& M about it.... Next Film - “The Red Turtle” This beautifully animated film is a superb visual first collaboration between Dutch animator/director Michael Dudok de Wit and the famous Japanese Studio Ghibli. A man is shipwrecked on a desert island and must face the challenges of nature and survival, initially alone. His story is simple, yet poignant, becoming more mysterious, meditative and profound as life’s milestones are expressed in the cycle of birth, death and rebirth. There is no dialogue in this film, which allows for the subtle influence of the visual images, silence together with natural soundscape and film score. This film quietly asks big questions about ambition, acceptance, the beauty of companionship, love and death.

Where: Family Care Sisters. 69 Alt0 Ave. Croydon

When: Wed. 15th August 2017

Time: 9.50am – 3pm. BYO Lunch. M/Tea, Tea/Coffee provided. Cost: \$25 Bookings: Ring 9723 6797.

- ♦ 2017 Corpus Christi Seminary Fundraising. Raffle tickets are available from the Parish Office.

**New comers / notification**

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Francis Xavier. If you are new to the parish or have changed your home address or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please fill in your details and drop it in the collection bag or give to the priest.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New  Change of Address

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