

**Syro Malabar**  
 Regular services Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass  
 First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass

**Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :**  
**1st Reading (JB) Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15**  
**2nd Reading (JB) Ephesians 4:17. 20-24**  
**Gospel (JB) John 6:24-35**



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29th JULY  
 2018

17th Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time  
 Year B

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

**Rosary**  
 Wednesday after 9.15am Mass  
 Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

**Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing** after 5.30pm Mass  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month

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

**Children's Liturgy**  
 Every Sunday during 10.30am Mass  
 during School terms.

**Cell Groups**  
 Tuesday: 10.00am in Quilter Room  
 Thursday: 7.30pm in Quilter Room

**Liturgy of Word and Communion Service**  
 Monday - 9.15am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of month

**Legion of Mary**  
 Tuesday: 2pm in Quilter Room  
**Charismatic Prayer Group**  
 Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

**Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit prayer group :**  
 Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel  
**Confessions**  
 Saturday: 10am - 10.30am,  
 Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

**Anointing Mass**  
 9.15am First Thursday of month

**Divine Mercy**  
 Friday: 3pm in Chapel ( private prayer)

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

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration**  
 Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am  
 Friday after 9.15am Mass

**Charismatic Prayer for Healing**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,  
 then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm  
 Mass:

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **2 Kings 4:42-44** and 2nd Reading **Ephesians 4:1-6**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 144:10-11. 15-18 R.** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Gospel (JB) John 6:1-15** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
 Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.  
 Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**National Vocations Awareness Week 5-12 August - 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. Lend your voice to the call of the Lord.**

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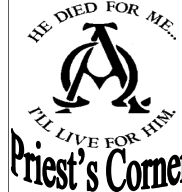
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## HOMILY FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B: HUNGER IN THE WORLD



As we are aware, the Sunday readings have a three-year cycle. The synoptic Gospel - Matthew, Mark and Luke are read in each of the cycle respectively. During the second cycle, (Year B), the Gospel of Mark is read in ordinary time. However, in the next five Sundays, the Gospel of Mark is paused, and the Gospel readings will be taken from 'Jesus our bread of life' series from the sixth chapter of St John's Gospel.

St Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the three synoptic Gospels, hence, the insertion of the readings from the Gospel of John help to elongate the Gospel of Mark.

There are fine threads that link the first reading, (2 Kgs 4:42-44), and the Gospel (Jn 6:1-15). The links are multiplication of loaves and the feeding of the crowd. In the first reading, Prophet Elisha, fed one hundred men with twenty Barley loaves and wheat which were the first fruits someone had offered to him in accordance with the law of the Lord, (Deut 26:2-3). 2Kings 4:38 made us understand that it was a time of "great scarcity of food in the region." Elisha could have kept the food for himself and his family, but rather, he chose to use it to alleviate hunger among the masses. When Elisha ordered his servant to share the loaves among the crowd, the servant quizzed, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" similarly, in the Gospel, when Jesus was thinking aloud about feeding the crowd, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother said to him, "There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?"

Jesus instructed his disciples to ask the crowd to sit down. In Jesus' time, the Greek culture was in vogue, therefore, people sat in reclining fashion as they ate. The Greek word used by the disciples of Jesus to instruct the people to sit down was the word that implied that they should sit reclined. Thus, as the people sat down, they expected to have a meal. Jesus took the five barley loaves and two fish and gave thanks to God, and he asked his disciples to distribute the food among the crowd and all had their fill and there was much left over. This shows the generosity of God. When the Lord provides, we will always have more than we need.

Today in the world, according to Food Aid Foundation, "some 795 million people in the world do not have enough food to lead a healthy active life. That's about one in nine people on earth"; whereas one-third of world annual food production is wasted. Food Aid Foundation also provided the following information on hunger in the world:

The vast majority of the world's hungry people live in developing countries, where 12.9 percent of the population is undernourished; Asia is the continent with the most hungry people - two thirds of the total. The percentage in southern Asia has fallen in recent years but in western Asia it has increased slightly; Sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the highest *prevalence* (percentage of population) of hunger. One person in four there is undernourished; Poor nutrition causes nearly half (45%) of deaths in children under five - 3.1 million children each year; One out of six children -- roughly 100 million -- in developing countries is underweight. One in four of the world's children are stunted. In developing countries, the proportion can rise to one in three; If women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hunger in the world could be reduced by up to 150 million. Sixty-six million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone. World Food Program calculates that US\$3.2 billion is needed per year to reach all 66 million hungry school-age children, ([www.wfp.org/hunger/stats](http://www.wfp.org/hunger/stats)).

Just as Elisha was willing to share his food with the hungry in the first reading, the little boy was also willing to share his food with the crowd in the gospel which enabled Jesus to perform the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Today there may be a talent or a good that you have that the Lord might need to perform a miracle in our community if you are willing to offer it.

May I use this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for your generousities toward the different collections taken up in the church that are aimed at alleviating poverty in one way or another. I am aware that some of you support other charities. May the Lord Bless us as we keep on being mindful of the needs of the poor in our society. Amen

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSP



Fr Jude Agorchukwu CSSp will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his priestly Ordination at the 10.30am Mass This Sunday 29.07.18. Please bring a plate to share with him in the Xavier Centre after the Mass. No formal collection will be made, private offerings may be given to Fr Jude directly.

Please join us for the Monthly Anointing of the sick during 9.15am Morning Mass. This special Mass occurs on the 1st Thursday of each month.

The process for selecting a new principal for St Francis Xavier Primary School has begun. The members of the selection panel are : Fr Chinua Okeke, Margaret O'Donell (CEM), Tonia Tamblin, Christine Wakeling and Sean Cashman. Please pray for these team members.

Prayer and Life Workshop at Holy Family Church, 36 Moreton Street, Frankston North - Commencing Friday 3rd August at 7pm.



To celebrate the feast of St Mary MacKillop, you are invited to visit the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne on Saturday 4th August between 10am & 4pm. Entry is free & everyone welcome.

### Thank you....

As we say thank you to Archbishop Hart for his seventeen years of leadership and his fifty one years of priesthood in Melbourne, we are grateful for his priestly example of a Good Shepherd in our midst. May this example inspire many others to be 'Good Shepherds' to their brothers and sisters in priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray for vocations from our parish community.

### Other Groups/Activities:

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 4.00pm in the Xavier Centre. Donations/Assistance: 9769 6060

Membership: 0410 569 357, 9781 4761, 9783 3976

Furniture Donations: 1800 621 349

Charismatic Prayer Group / Prayer Line / Ministry of Healing : Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103



**SICK: We pray for** Margaret Humphries, Len Crowe, Alfredo Fiorenzo, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel and Kevin Churchill.

**RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for** Olga Cyc.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for** Chacko, Raju Sebastian, Chacko and Thomas Alaimo.

### For Your Interest and Diaries

- Friendship Club's next meeting is on Wednesday 1st August at 10.30am in Xavier Centre.
- Legion of Mary Lady of All Nations Prasesidium The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima visit your home for a week to pray for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Please register your interest at the Piety Shop after Sunday Masses or contact Frances-5971 1924
- The 4th Oceania Apostolic Congress on Mercy OACOM 2018 - 3 day Congress: 24-26 August. Please visit the website for more information: [www.oacom2018.com.au](http://www.oacom2018.com.au)
- Treasuring Our Later Years – Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. Come join us at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill on Saturday, 11 August from 10 am – 4 pm/. Cost \$60 (BUO Lunch). Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email ([holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).

### Youth Groups

(Grades 5&6)Natasha - [tash.dewhirst@gmail.com](mailto:tash.dewhirst@gmail.com)  
Next meeting: Friday 3rd Aug -7pm in Xavier Centre  
Theme: Community Awareness

(Ages 15-25 ) Lyzbeth Grenness - 0438 003 967  
Next meeting: Sunday 19 August- 6.30pm after Mass. Guest speaker: Vocations Director

### Sunday Collection 22.07.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving

Church \$ 2307 Presbytery \$ 1097  
Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You.**

### Regular collections per Mass.

**1st Collection** - Church/Stewardship  
Will be taken up after Prayer of Faithful

**2nd Collection** - Presbytery/Priests  
Will be taken up after reflection following Communion

### 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.

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New  Change of Address

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