

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

**Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :**  
**1st Reading (JB) 1 Kings 19:4-8**  
**2nd Reading (JB) Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2**  
**Gospel (JB) John 6:41-51**



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5th August  
2018

18th 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

**Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit prayer group :**  
 Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel

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

**Charismatic Prayer Group**  
 Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

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

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

**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)

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This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15** and 2nd Reading **Ephesians 4:17. 20-24**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54 R.** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Gospel (JB) John 6:24-35** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
 When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

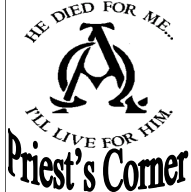
'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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



**HOMILY FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**



Do we only have short term memories? Do we forget so easily? Do we throw away the baby with the bath water? Do we have core values that we would never trade away no matter how life treats us? In the first reading (Ex 16:2-4. 12-15), the people of Israel were willing to throw Moses and Aaron under the bus because of the difficulties they faced in the desert. The scorching sun and hunger took their toll on them and they flipped.

All the miracles the Lord worked in Egypt to free them and their miraculous crossing of the red sea on dry shod had become to them, something that happened in a very distant past. They complained directly against Moses and Aaron and indirectly against God by saying, "Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!"

Have the Jews suddenly forgotten their enslavement in Egypt, the killing of their sons and their subjugation to hard labour? An insight the first reading provides to us is that the Egyptians were "compassionate-ruthless" slave masters who ensured that their slaves did not work with empty stomachs.

Freedom comes with responsibilities, rights and privileges. As an adolescent matures into adulthood, or a newly married couple or a new Nation transition from the euphoria of their new-found freedom to the reality of their daily living, at times they behave like the Israelites who were prepared to go back to enslavement rather than face the challenges that come with maturity and freedom.

For those who believe, there are no accidents in their lives. They see the hand of God in both the good and the bad experiences that they have. The good experiences are the positive revelations and the bad experiences are the negative revelations. Our prayer is that one should have more of the positive revelations than the negative ones.

The enslavement of the people of Israel in Egypt was a negative revelation for them and their deliverance from enslavement was a positive revelation. When the Jews were battling with hunger in the desert, the Lord provided them with food through some natural occurrences which had supernatural implications. Firstly, quails became a source of meat for them. Quails were migratory birds, having been exhausted from flying long distances, they perched on the ground to have a rest, and the Jews were able to capture and cook them. Secondly, there were mushrooms that popped up overnight with the dew. The first reading narrates as follows, "When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground." When the people enquired about what it was, Moses informed them that it "is the bread the Lord gives you to eat." Among the Jews, bread is food. The Jews called this substance manna. It "was white like coriander seed and it tasted like wafers made of honey, (Ex 16:31), when eaten raw and it tasted like cakes made with oil when cooked (Num 11:7-9). The Israelites saw the hand of God in these events – the quails perching and the mushrooms sprouting. When all hope was lost, the Lord was able to provide for the Israelites in the desert.

In the gospel, (John 6:24-35), Jesus asked the Jews not to work only for transient food, but they should also work for the food that last forever. Similarly, our new Archbishop, Most Rev Peter Comensoli said in his welcome mass homily as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne that the people of Melbourne should not only barrack for football teams but should also barrack for the gospel. Jesus said that working for God warrants that we believe in him (Jesus) as the one sent by God. He then made the Jews to understand that unlike the manna in the desert that gave physical nourishment to their ancestors, he (Jesus) is the true manna (bread), because he descended from heaven to give spiritual nourishment to everyone that desires to have him. Hence, Jesus is our bread of life, and whoever comes to him will never be hungry and whoever believes in him will never thirst. These assurances from Jesus imply that no matter what comes our way in life he will always be on our side, nourishing us with his Body and Blood – the Eucharist.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

**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 Tamblyn, Christine Wakeling and Sean Cashman. Please pray for these team members.**

**Assumption of Mary  
Wednesday 15th August  
Masses at 9.15am & 7pm  
Day of Holy Obligation**

**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.**

**Plenary Council 2020 information**

Please take leaflet home to read.

**St Francis Xavier Church will be holding 2 seminars on Wednesday 29 August 2.30pm and 7pm in Church.**

Guest Speaker Fr Noel Connolly SSC



Fr Jude would like to thank everyone for a truly memorable Silver Jubilee Ordination Celebration last Sunday.

**Parish Secretary**

Vicki Abbatangelo after 8 ½ years of great service to our parish as the parish secretary, has decided to move on. We thank her for her immense contributions to the life of our parish especially in the areas of parish administration and the development of our parish child safety policy. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well in all her future endeavours.

We shall be having a parish cuppa after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday to thank her for her services.



Following the success of the Pilgrim Statue visit of Our Lady of Fatima to parishes in the Melbourne Archdiocese last year for the Fatima centenary celebrations, the Legion of Mary is offering another opportunity for parishes to welcome the statue for a week.

The Legion of Mary Statue will be coming to the parishes of St Francis Xavier and St John's from the 25th - 31st August. The statue will remain in St John's church from Saturday 25th August to Monday 27th August. It will be transferred to our Parish from the 28th of August.



**SICK: We pray for** Harry 'Neville' Prowse, Domenico Incari, Margaret Humphries, Len Crowe, Alfredo Fiorenzo, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel, Kevin Churchill and Ross Monterosso.

**RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for** Olga Cyc and Frances Evans.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for** Kerrie Dash, Zofia Lipinski, Jarren Hilliard, and Brian Mitchell.

The Funeral for Frances Evans will be held here next Tuesday 7th August. Funeral Service at 1.00pm Refreshments in Xavier Centre afterwards.

**For Your Interest and Diaries**

- More Offertory Volunteers are needed for our Sunday Masses especially the 5.30pm Sunday mass. It is a privilege to be able to bring up the bread and wine which becomes transformed into The Lord's body and blood. Can contact Jacqui Dolan on 5971 3514 for more details.
- 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
- On July 25th, the police returned some of the stolen items that they had recovered. The items returned were not of use to us.

**LOCAL RADIO Catholic Hour:** Every Sunday at 8am Radio Rpp 98.7 fm Contact Maureen Federico 0410 524 338

**Youth Groups**

(Grades 5&6)Natasha - tash.dewhirst@gmail.com Next meeting: Friday 7th Sept-7pm in Xavier Centre

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

**Sunday Collection 29.07.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving**

Church \$ 1226 Presbytery \$ 937

**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

**Feast Days**

**Monday 6th August - Mass at 9.15am - The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**Wednesday 8th August - Mass at 9.15am - St Mary of The Cross**

**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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