

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

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :
1st Reading (JB) Proverbs 9:1-6
2nd Reading (JB) Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel (JB) John 6:51-58



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12th August
2018

19th 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
 4th Sunday of month

Weekday Masses
 Tuesday - Saturday 9.15 am
 Monday - 1st + 3rd 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
 2nd + 4th + 5th 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

Anointing Mass
 9.15am First Thursday of month

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

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

Charismatic Prayer for Healing
 3rd Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,
 then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm
 Mass:

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

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This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **1 Kings 19:4-8** and 2nd Reading **Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2**
Resp Psalm Ps 33:2-9 R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel (JB) John 6:41-51

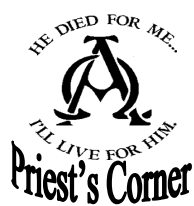
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
 The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.



'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.
 It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God:
 he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.
 Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
 so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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

Homily, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



In the first reading, (1Kg 19:4-8), prophet Elijah had had many challenging experiences in his ministry. Ahab and his wife Jezebel led the Israelites to the worship of Baals. Elijah confronted Ahab about the abomination he and his wife had brought on Israel. Ahab was unrepentant so Elijah informed him that the land of Israel would be punished with drought until they repented of their evil ways. Hence, for two and half years there was no rain in Israel. Elijah had to go on self-exile because his life was in danger in Israel.

Firstly, he settled at wadi Cherith which is west of Jordan, and later he moved to Zarephath, a Sidonian town. After two and half years, he came back to Israel and confronted 450 prophets of Baal at Mt Carmel. The prophets of Baal were to kill a bull and not set fire to it but call on Baal to consume it by fire. The prophets of Baal killed their bull and immolated themselves but the carcass was not consumed by fire. At the time of the evening sacrifice, Elijah killed his own bull, he dug a trench, placed the bull in the trench and filled the trench with water. He then called on the name of the Lord, fire came down and consumed the carcass of his bull. The people then rose against the prophets of Baal and lynched them. They returned back to the worship of the one true God and rain fell again in the land of Israel.

When Jezebel heard that the prophets of Baals had been eliminated, she was furious with prophet Elijah and swore to kill him. Her threats led Elijah to go on another self-exile. This time, he went to Mount Horeb. These challenging experiences that Elijah had gone through explain the raison d'être of his outburst in the first reading of today in which he wished he was dead. He said "Lord...I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

At times in life, calamities come in chains. One may lose one's job, then a family member becomes sick or dies, and so on. We remember the story of Job, how he went from being a happy, wealthy husband and father to becoming a destitute - his children and flock died in mysterious circumstances, his body became infested with ulcers and his wife became heartbroken and deserted him.

There may be times in our lives that we need to own up and admit that we can no longer go it alone. We would have to seek help or whole-heartedly accept assistance if offered to us.

Elijah was exhausted and he laid hopelessly under a tree in frustration. He however, received help from angels who provided him with nourishment, (scones). Reinvigorated by the food, he was able to walk to Mount Sinai, (Horeb), where his ancestors had encountered God in a special way and God had made a covenant with them to be their God, and his ancestors, (the people of Israel), became the people of God. During the time of the covenant, the Lord had appeared to the people of Israel in majesty and awe. There was lightning, thunder, land tremor and smoke on Mount Sinai. But in the present encounter with God, Elijah encountered His presence in a gentle breeze.

Just as Elijah was sustained by the miraculous food that was provided for him by the angels, so are we nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus is our living bread that came down from heaven, (Jn 6:41-51), that we may have life and have it to the fullest.

As we approach the Table of the Lord, let our minds not be distracted by the humanity of Jesus. A considerable number of Jews could not get their heads around the fact that Jesus was the incarnated Son of God because they knew his "father and mother." Let us put our faith and trust in Jesus and we shall experience the fullness of life for he is our bread of life that has come down from heaven and who ever partakes of him has eternal life!

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

Plenary Council

You are invited to come and listen to a talk by Fr Noel Connolly on the Plenary Council. Date: Wednesday 29th August at 2.30pm and 7.30pm at St Francis Xavier Church.

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

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 this Sunday to thank her for her services.



The position of Parish Secretary has now been advertised on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website: employment section.

Visit the Archdiocesan website for details. cam.org.au

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

Sunday Collection 05.08.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving

Church \$ 2750 Presbytery \$ 1250

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

Catholic Care Appeal will take place next Sunday.



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Frances Evans, Rosalie Gowan, Teresa Campbell and Judy Wardale.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for Ian Dash, Peter Schreiner Snr, Kevin Hassell, Bill Wise, David & Pearl O'Donovan, Ron Shacklock, Rosa George and Sunny Abraham.

**Saint Francis Xavier
Primary School**

*warmly invites you to celebrate
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Friday the 24th of August, 2018

*School Showcase: 9.30am
Cake cutting followed by Morning Tea: 10am*

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Saint Francis Xavier
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Community in Faith

For Your Interest and Diaries

- **Mass & Prayer for Healing** - Sunday, 19th August, at 5.30pm. The Lord Jesus offers us healing just as we are. That's how he wants us. Personal prayer ministry for healing will be available at the conclusion of the Mass. Praise and Worship begins at 5.15pm.
- 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
- Fundraising Committee raised \$2519.50 from the Dinner Dance held in June. Well done to everyone!
- **October 13th** we celebrate the 101st anniversary of our Lady's miracle of the sun witnessed by 70,000 people of varying beliefs. This year we will, with your support, gather in the **Church car park for a Public Square Rosary** as part of a nation wide Rosary chain. Please spread the word and invite others to join us to pray for Our Blessed Mothers intercession for **PEACE in Australia and the world.**

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

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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Address: _____

Phone: _____

New Change of Address

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