

MenALIVE Men's Weekend
9/10 September , St Jude's
Parish, Langwarrin

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, Enquiries can be directed to Paul Hughes via 0413 384 642, or to Gerry Gogan via 0417 547 763, Information is available at the rear of this church, and via www.menalive.org.au



For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- IN RECESS: Third Sunday of each Month's Prayer for Healing until the third Sunday in September- (17th) at 5.30pm. Praise and Worship will begin at 5.15pm.

Syro Malabar

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

External

- ♦ Saturday 19th August Southern Stars Social Club will be having a Over 28's Party Night at Benedict House at St Benedict's Parish Burwood at 8pm. Cost \$13. Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167
- ♦ ALPHA Course will be starting in St Macartan's Parish - 24th August at 7pm. Contact Melissa on 0416 060 373
- ♦ 2017 Corpus Christi Seminary Fundraising. Raffle tickets are available from the Parish Office. The raffle will be drawn at the seminary, on Friday 25 August. You are invited to attend this evening during which seminarians present musical, drama and comedy items. Supper will be served. Entry is \$5 per person.
- ♦ LOCAL RADIO: Every Sunday morning at 8am Peninsula Radio Rpp 98.7fm (98.3 fm Frankston) presents THE CATHOLIC HOUR free to air to benefit the community in general, the sick, house-bound or people just wanting to know how we think! For further info contact Rpp (03) 5975 1234 (office hrs) or Maureen Federico on 9787 6540.

Upcoming Events

- 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.15am & 7 pm Masses
- 20 August Confirmation Commitment Day

Mass at other locations:

- **Sunday September 10th at 5pm**
Parish Mass in St Augustine's Hall
 St Augustine's School - Golf Links Road

Feast Days: 14 Aug: St Maximilian Mary kolbe
 15 Aug: **The Assumption fo the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 16 Aug: St Stephen of Hungary
 19 Aug: St John Eudes

Other Groups/Activities:

St. Vincent de Paul Society

meets 1st & 3rd 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): 1st Wednesday

of month in the Xavier Centre at 10.30am.

Bus trips on 3rd Thursday of month.

Contact: Marie - 9775 8737

Knitting Group: Contact Yvonne - 5976 8480

Prayer Line: Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103

Parish Cuppa: 1st 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.

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.**



Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection -

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

2nd Reading Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

SUNDAY COLLECTION 06.08.2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 3210
 Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 1023

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 - 1st + 3rd Mondays of month

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service

Monday - 9.15am
 2nd + 4th + 5th 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

3rd 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
 4th 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

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

This Sunday 's Readings: **1st Reading 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13&** **2nd Reading Romans 9:1-5**

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ

13th August
2017

19th Sunday
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Our idea of God changes as our state in life changes. Our situation in life often influences the way we interact with God or experience God in our lives. In the first reading (1Kg 19:9. 11-13), Elijah went to Horeb after having navigated a turbulent time in Israel's history. The Jews as led by their King Ahab has abandoned the worship of the true God for Baal. Most of the Prophets of God were slain by the sword. Elijah survived because he had fled on exile from Israel. Israel has experienced two and half years of famine caused by her apostasy. Israel's apostasy led to an open challenge between the worship of God and Baal on Mount Carmel. Baal had four hundred and fifty prophets but Elijah was the only prophet of God still alive. At the end of the show of wits between God and Baal, the triumph of God led to the demise of the prophets of Baal (1Kg 18:20-39). Elijah then prayed and rain fell again in Israel (1kg 18: 41-46). But when Jezebel had that the prophets of Baal have been demised, she wanted to nab and kill Elijah, Elijah had to escape to Horeb. With all the hardships he had undergone, he could only see God in a calming gentle breeze, not in hurricane, or cyclone, or earth quake, or fire.

The context of the Gospel of today was that Jesus having received the news of the beheading of John the Baptist by Herod in prison, he and his disciples set out by boat to a secluded place where they could be alone to mourn the passing of John the Baptist and to plan their strategy for their ministry. However, people anticipated where they might be retreating to and went there ahead of them. When they came ashore Jesus saw that there were substantial number of people waiting for him and he had compassion on them, hence, rather than having a quiet time as he had proposed, he taught the people at length and fed them by performing the first miracle of loaves.

In the gospel of today (Mt 14:22-33), Jesus having taught and fed the multitude, sent his disciples ahead of himself to the other side of the secluded area while he dismissed the crowd. After dismissing the people, Jesus went to the mountain to pray until night fall. Meanwhile, his disciples were in fear and shock because they were being battered by a strong head-wind. While Jesus was walking towards them on the sea, he noticed their anxiety and perplexity. Their fear was compounded when they thought that Jesus was a ghost because he was walking on the sea. Jesus tried to soothe their fears by saying to them " Courage, it I, do not be afraid." However, it was only when Jesus stilled the sea and calmness returned to their sailing that they acknowledged the presence of God in their midst by bowing down and worshipping Jesus Christ, for they could only discover God in the stillness of the waves by Jesus.

Sometimes, there may be lots of turbulence in our lives or families that we need a gentle breeze or the stillness of the waves to calm our fears. In this context, we need God to be a God of hope, healing, forgiveness, and break through. At other times, we may need our spirit lifted that we will discover God in rowdy events. During the Jewish sojourn in the desert, as they travel to the promised land from Egypt, they experienced God as God of Thunder, Earth quake, and Lightning at Mount Sinai (Ex 19:14-22). The Jews needed to experience the might of God to believe that God could bring them to the promised land. Similarly, on the day of Pentecost, the frightened disciples of Jesus experienced the Holy Spirit as a hurricane and fire (Acts 2:1-4).

The ways in which God has been invoked include; God of Power, God almighty, immutable God, God of Justice, God of Love, God of Peace, Avenging Fire, God of Majesty, Eternal Father, Everlasting God. God of Consolation, God of war, omnipotent God, King of Kings, I Am, and Invincible God. An invocation of God may be more akin to our state in life at a time than at other time. For instance, those facing structural injustice or oppression, will cry to God as a God of Justice. And those who are experience lots of harmony and peace in their lives will thank a God of love and peace.

Lord, may all who cry out to you, not cry out in vain, but may they always experience you as a caring and loving God. Amen

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp.

This Sunday is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. |Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Tuesday, 15 August - Holy Day of Obligation



The Assumption celebrates the faithfulness of God who "remembered his promise of mercy." Mary experienced God's mercy as a "lowly servant" whom God has "looked upon" and "lifted up." God's faithfulness brings that mercy to fulfillment in Mary's assumption when the lowly maiden of Nazareth is "clothed with the sun." Mary's call, her giving birth, and her being glorified all testify to the God who faithfully and tirelessly works for our salvation.

We will celebrate the Assumption at two Masses: **9.15 am and 7.00pm.**

Next Sunday we will be asking our Confirmation candidates to attend Commitment Masses as they prepare for this Sacrament. Please keep these children in your prayers.



ANTI-EUTHANASIA UPDATE

I don't know about you, but I still haven't received a reply from any of our local parliamentarians other the Inga Peulich, MLC. I thought you might like to read a quote from Associate Professor Ian Haines, who works at both the Alfred and Cabrini Hospitals:

"As an oncologist with 35 years' full-time experience, I have seen palliative care reach the point where the terminally ill can die with equal or more dignity than euthanasia will provide."

So much for the misinformation being spread around by some, that assisted suicide is the best answer to the suffering of the incurably ill. Plainly, what is needed is more money spent on palliative care, so that everyone who needs it can access it. If you're still intending to write to the MLA for Frankston, Mr. Paul Edbrooke, his address is 140 Young Street, Frankston, 3199 Who knows, you might even quote Professor Ian Haines!

Michael Long, Anti-euthanasia Co-ordinator

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for Max, Jack Torcaso, Kevin Churchill, Wendi Courtney, Harry & Donna Arnold, Billy Coburn, Ross Monterosso, Paul Czubyry, 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 William D'Souza and Eileen Berg all who have died recently and for Peter Schreiner Snr., Kevin Hassell, Anthony Victoria, Sunny Abraham and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the souls of all departed rest in the peace and love of God.



St Francis Xavier's Parish Frankston

Child Safety Policy

Excerpt from Policy dated 9 February 2017:

Introduction

At St Francis Xavier's Parish Frankston we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish. Our commitment is drawn from and inherent in the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the gospel (CAM Commitment Statement to Child Safety). The Church's social doctrine constantly points out the need to respect the dignity of children. 'In the family, which is a community of persons, special attention must be devoted to the children by developing a profound esteem for their personal dignity, and a great respect and generous concern for their rights' (Apostolic Exhortation, Familiaris Consortio, 26). Indeed it was Jesus who, when his disciples were arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, directed his attention to a little child and said to his disciples, *'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me'* (Mark 9.37).

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate the strong commitment of St Francis Xavier's Parish Frankston to the care, safety and wellbeing of all children in our parish. It provides an outline of the policies, procedures and strategies developed to keep children safe from harm, including all forms of abuse in our parish environment, on site, online and in other locations used by the parish. This policy applies to all parish personnel, including parish employees, volunteers, contractors and clergy.

More information next week...

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

I would like Thanksgiving Envelopes