

**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](http://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.
- Please join the Teach,Preach,Reach (TPR) Group Next Sunday (4th of each Month) for Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass

**Syro Malabar**

The Next Thursday night - 6pm Mass will be on 24th August  
First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass

**External**

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS Sunday, 27 August 2017 Rosary at 2.00 pm, Mass at 3.00 pm St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Main celebrant: Archbishop Denis J Hart DD - ALL ARE MOST WELCOME
- ◆ 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)

**Upcoming Events**

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: 21 Aug: St Pius X, pope  
22 Aug: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
23 Aug: St Rose of Lima  
24 Aug: St Bartholomew, apostle  
25 Aug: Sts Louis & Joseph Calasanz

**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.

**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 -**

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1st Reading** ISAIAH 22:19-23

**2nd Reading** ROMANS 11:33-36

**Gospel** MATTHEW 16:13-20

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 13.08.2017**

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 961  
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 505

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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John Paul College Principal John Visentin 9784 0200

**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**

This Sunday 's Readings: **1st Reading** Isaiah 56:1. 6-7 & **2nd Reading** Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

**Gospel Matthew 15:21-28** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

*Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.*



*The Gospel of the Lord Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ*

20th August  
2017

*20th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time Yr A*

**HOMILY: HOMILY FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.**



The context of the first reading from the book of prophet Isaiah is the post Babylonian exile. Isaiah had prophesied that the return of the exiles from Babylon after 70 years of captivity will be something new that was to supersede the exodus. "Thus says Yahweh... do not dwell in the past, or remember the things of old. Look I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth. Do you not see? I am opening up a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Is 43:14-19)

In the first reading of today (Is 56:1.6-7), the Jews have returned from their Babylonian captivity and God through the mouth of prophet Isaiah gave the returnees the new code of conduct. No one is to be excluded or ostracised from the house of God - the foreigners, castrates, etc. God is going to accept the offerings of all those that call upon his name; for He is God for all the people and his house is to be known as a house of prayer.

In the second reading, (Rom 11:13-15.29-32), Paul stated that the conversion of the non-Jews to Christianity was a way of luring the Jews to the true faith. A faith that is no longer a prerogative of the Jews alone but belongs to the whole of humanity.

The Gospel (Matt 15:21-28), presented us with the encounter between Jesus and a Canaanite woman whose daughter was sick. Some of the words of Jesus to the woman may sound offensive to many people of our time. However, it may have been a common parlance in Jesus' time or a joke from Jesus or a way to test the woman's persistency. None-the-less, the woman refused neither to be stereotyped nor to allow political correctness or incorrectness to deter her soul's yearning, for she believed that Jesus was the messiah before putting her request to him. She had addressed Jesus as "Son of David" which was one of Jesus' messianic titles. Through this encounter, it became clear to us, that one becomes a member of God's house by faith not merely by biological descent. Jesus told the Canaanite woman " Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted. And from that moment her daughter was well again". The salvation brought to us by Jesus belongs to everyone: Jews and non-Jews alike. Jesus demonstrated this by sending his disciples both to the Jewish towns (Mt 10:5-6) and to the non-Jewish towns (Lk 10:1) Jesus' out stretched arm on the cross is an invitation for everyone to come to him. Peter said in the Acts of the Apostles that he had come to the realisation that God has no favourites, but that every person who believes in God is acceptable to Him. Peter came to this awareness after the Holy Spirit fell on the family of Cornelius who was of a non-Jewish descent (Acts 10: 44-46).

The faith that makes us members of God's House is sealed by baptism. For among the baptised, "there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, between circumcised and uncircumcised. There are no strangers, barbarians, slaves or free men, but Christ is all and in all." Col 3:11

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp.



This Sunday we will be asking our Confirmation candidates to attend Commitment Masses at 6pm and 10.30am as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

**We pray** with loving and trustful hearts for Emily Middleton, Max Janiszewski, Jack Torcaso, Kevin Churchill, Wendi Courtney, Harry & Donna Arnold, Billy Coburn, Ross Monterosso, Paul Czubryj, 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 Bill Wise, Thelma Betty Griffiths, and Darren Hilliard who died recently and for Cynthia Read, Gwendoline Horsburgh, Derrick Callaghan, Zofiz Lipinski, Edward Carruthers, Michael Torcaso, Matilde Rivera Gala, Maria Diana B Tabone and Mrs Jean Harper and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



The Funeral for William "Bill" Wise will be held here next Tuesday 22nd August 2017  
Funeral Service at 11.00am - refreshments in Xavier Centre afterwards



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

+ *Denis J Hart*

Archbishop Denis J Hart  
Archbishop of Melbourne and President of Conference

**First Message :Confession**

*Confession in the Catholic Church is a spiritual encounter with God through the priest. It is a fundamental part of the freedom of religion, and it is recognised in the Law of Australia and many other countries. It must remain so here in Australia. Outside of this all offences against children must be reported to the authorities, and we are absolutely committed to doing so.*

**Second Message :Electoral Roll**

*Dear Friends, It is my intention to write to you in the coming week concerning marriage so that you can assist your people in responding to the government mailout re marriage. In order to respond people need to be on the electoral roll. This weekend (19/20) August please give a timely reminder at all Masses that for those who are not yet enrolled the closing date is NEXT THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> August.*

**SHALLOM TV GUEST SPEAKERS**

Next Sunday, we shall be having a presentation on Shalom TV at the end of each Mass.

**ANTI-EUTHANASIA UPDATE**

Rumour has it that the Andrews government may first introduce its assisted suicide legislation into the Victorian Legislative Council, where there may be more support for it than in the Legislative Assembly, where legislation is, traditionally, introduced first.

In any event the Bill must be approved by both Houses, but this move is a sure sign that the government is not as confident as it would have us believe, and is feeling the pressure of the actions of pro-life, anti -euthanasia voters.

**Would you please direct your attention to the five members who represent us in the South Eastern Metropolitan Region of the Legislative Council:**

- Hon Gavin Jennings, 517a Princes Highway, Noble Pk 3174
- Hon Gordon Rich-Phillips, Suite 1, 31 Princes Hwy, Dandenong 3175
- Hon Adem Somyurek, Unit 2, 24 Langhorne St., Dandenong 3175
- Mrs Inga Peulich, 376 Nepean Highway, Chelsea 3196
- Ms Nina Springle, Suite 1, 1174 Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham 3192

If you write a personal letter to each of these parliamentarians, stating clearly and concisely that you see better funding of palliative care, not assisted suicide, as the best response to incurable illness, you may work wonders. Remember the words of Associate Professor Ian Haines from last week's newsletter:

"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."

If the assisted suicide legislation is ever going to be introduced into the Victorian Legislative Council, it will be in early September, so we have a fortnight to try to ensure that it never makes it.

Michael Long Anti-Euthanasia Co-ordinator



All our Policies can be viewed on our Website:  
[www.cam.org.au/Frankston](http://www.cam.org.au/Frankston)

St Francis Xavier's Parish Frankston

**Child Safety Policy**

Excerpt from Policy dated 9 February 2017:

**Principles**

The Catholic Church has a moral, legal and mission-driven responsibility to create nurturing environments where children are respected, their voices are heard and they are safe and feel safe (CAM Commitment Statement to Child Safety).

The following principles underpin our commitment to child safety at St Francis Xavier's Parish Frankston:

- \* Our parish has zero tolerance of child abuse.
- \* All children are entitled to, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.
- \* Our parish works in partnership with families and the community to ensure that they are engaged in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on child safety and protection.
- \* All adults in our parish, including staff, clergy, volunteers, parishioners, contractors, have a responsibility to care for children and young people, to positively promote their wellbeing and to protect them from any kind of harm or abuse.
- \* The policies, guidelines and codes of conduct for the care, wellbeing and protection of children are based on honest, respectful and trusting relationships between adults and children and young people.
- \* All persons involved in situations where harm is suspected or disclosed must be treated with sensitivity, dignity and respect.
- \* Staff, clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners including children and contractors should be free to raise concerns about child safety, knowing these will be taken seriously by the parish leadership.
- \* Appropriate confidentiality will be maintained, with information being provided to those who have a right or a need to be informed, either legally or pastorally.

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