

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- Anointing Mass
- 9.15am this coming Thursday

Syro Malabar

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



Our Monthly Sunday Mass at St. Augustine's Primary School will be next Sunday 10.09.2017 At 5.00 pm. Golf Links Road.

PEACE: What a beautiful word. Our heavenly Mother promised that if we prayed the ROSARY she would intercede for us with her Son our Lord Jesus Christ to bring about peace. Peace in the world, peace for Australia and peace in our homes. With this in mind and with great faith It is hoped together we will organise an outdoor public rosary for Saturday October 14th. A meeting to discuss this is called for..Thursday 7th September in the Quilter room at.7.00pm. Please come we need you." M. Sharpe

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God,
We thank you for the gift of our fathers,
We thank you for blessing them and showering them with the graces they need to be good dads,
We thank you dads for being there for us especially in our moments of need,
We thank you fathers for being a prop and protector for us,
We apologise for the times we have made your work as a dad more difficult by our behaviours,
We pray that God may continue to bless you and strengthen you,
And may you always find fulfilment in your sacred role as a dad. Amen.

Upcoming Events

3 September Father's Day
Parish Cuppa after 10.30am Mass
Second Collection for
Priests Retirement Fund

Mass at other locations:

- Sunday September 10th at 5pm
Parish Mass in St Augustine's Hall

Feast Days: 8 Aug: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 Aug: St Peter Claver

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 - 23ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading EZEKIAL 33:7-9

2nd Reading ROMANS 13:8-10

Gospel MATTHEW 18:15-20

SUNDAY COLLECTION 27.08.2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 1045
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 457

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.



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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

This Sunday 's Readings: **1st Reading** JEREMIAH 20: 7-9, **2ND READING** ROMANS 12:1-2

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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





HOMILY FOR FATHER'S DAY:

My dear people of God, today we salute and congratulate all fathers as we celebrate Father's Day. God willed that a family should be comprised of a dad and mum, and that the love that over flows between them e the children. The book of Genesis stated that God created us "male and female" (Gen 1:26-27), and that a "man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and both become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). This special union between husband and wife (dad and mum) rors the special union between Christ and his church (Ep 5:31-32).

I want all fathers to know that their role in the family is ordained by God. In families, fathers fulfil a sacred duty. This sacred duty, is to be the head of your family and to lead them to greener pastures. Fathers should love their families and lay down their lives for them, just as Christ loves his church and sacrificed himself for her (Ep 5:26). They are invited to participate in the joys and sorrows of their families and to be beacons of hope when their families are experiencing crisis. In moments of a family crisis, a father should take solace in the invitation of Christ in the Gospel of today that we should carry our cross daily and follow him (Matt 16:24-26).

A father instils discipline and direction in a family. The book of Proverbs underscored this father's role when it said that, "My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the child in whom he delights" (Prov 3:11-12); again, it advised, "Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old" (Prov 23:22); to all children it said, "Hear, O children, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching" (Prov 4:1-2). Fathers hold a place of authority in families but they should not be authoritarian. They should emulate Jesus who came not to be served but to serve and to offer his life as a ransom for many.

Fathers are called upon to have a large heart and be compassionate as the father in the prodigal son story, who welcomed back his repentant but wasteful child after he had squandered his wealth on licentious living. The father also pleaded with his eldest son who detested his younger sibling because of his wanton behaviours to accept him back. According to the father, the younger son "was dead but has come back to life and he was lost but has been found" (Luk 15:11-32).

We appreciate the challenging work of fathers to ensure that food is on the table for their families. Sometimes, work takes fathers away from their families for an extended period. Fathers should know that they are not expected work for their families, but to work with their families. It means that there should be a balance between work and quality time that fathers spend with their families, because nothing can replace the physical presence of a husband to his wife and a dad to their children.

Dads should also realise that they are not super-human, they can become tired or worn out or at fault. Dads should know that it is okay to admit that they are sometimes overwhelmed; that they need help. The lyrics of the song 'lean on me' by Bill Withers is also applicable to fathers. Part of the lyrics read:

Sometimes in our lives	For it won't be long
We all have pain	'Til I'm gonna need
We all have sorrow	Somebody to lean on
But if we are wise	
We know that these's always tomorrow	So swallow your pride
Lean on me, when you're not strong	If I have things you need to borrow
And I'll be your friend	For no one can fill those of your needs
I'll help your carry on.	That you won't let show

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

FR.Chinua Okeke CSSp

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for John and Maria Barbon, Emily Middleton, Max Janiszewski, Jack Torcaso, Kevin Churchill, Wendi Courtney, Harry & Donna Arnold, Billy Coburn, Ross Monterosso, Paul Czubyryj, 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 Maria Pase and Adois Confesorall who have died recently and for Louise Harry, Elettra Do Federico, Fiona Lindner, Fernando Dos Santos, Coral McGough, Luciano Ukosich and Joe Betros and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

Father's Day: Today we give thanks for our earthly fathers and pray for them. Let's also give thanks for our spiritual fathers who serve the people of our parishes and communities so generously and well. Today let's also remember and pray for two new 'spiritual fathers' who will be ordained as priests on Saturday September 9 at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please remember in your prayers Deacons Toan Nguyen and Anil Mascarenhas as they prepare for priestly ordination next week. All are welcome to the Cathedral for the Ordination Mass. Please pray for more vocations from our parishes and communities in Melbourne .

ANTI-EUTHANASIA UPDATE

Many thanks to parishioners who have written letters to our local parliamentarians. If you have not yet done so, please consider writing to the five people who represent us in the Legislative Council, for it seems that is where the Andrews government will first introduce its assisted suicide legislation:

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

I'm sure Dr. John Hayes of Wheeler's Hill won't mind if I reprint a letter he recently sent to the Melbourne Herald Sun:

Ninety-eight per cent of people die peacefully with modern palliative care. For the remainder, analgesia is given on demand, even if it shortens the patient's life.

Pain control is not a problem and is rarely a reason for euthanasia requests. This is why the medical profession opposes euthanasia.

Under a Belgian-style euthanasia law, arguably one of the most permissive in the world, anyone "tired of living" can request to be euthanased.

The media should be demanding answers.

Michael Long Anti-Euthanasia Co-ordinator

We are looking for people to operate the projector (overhead) for Sunday Masses : Sunday Vigil 6pm, Sundays 8.30 am, 5.30 pm. Even once a month would be very helpful. Please leave message at office : Phone 97833484. Weekdays.

Blessings and thanks .M.Sharpe

Child Safe Standards
 on All our Policies can be viewed our Website:
www.cam.org.au/Frankston
St Francis Xavier's Parish Frankston
Child Safety Policy

Excerpt from Policy dated 9 February 2017: Policy Commitments

All children at St Francis Xavier's Parish have the right to feel safe and be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority and we do not and will not tolerate child abuse. We aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment where children are free to enjoy life to the full without any concern for their safety. There is particular attention paid to the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with a disability.

OUR COMMITMENT TO PARENTS AND CARERS

We commit to communicating honestly and openly with parents and carers about the wellbeing and safety of their children.

We commit to engaging with, and listening to, the views of parents and carers about our child- safety practices, policies and procedures.

We commit to transparency in our decision-making with parents and carers where it will not compromise the safety of children or young people.

We commit to acknowledging the cultural diversity of our parishioners and being sensitive to how this may impact on child safety issues. We commit to continuously reviewing and improving our systems to protect children from abuse.

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