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Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :

1st Reading (JB) Isaiah 50:5-9

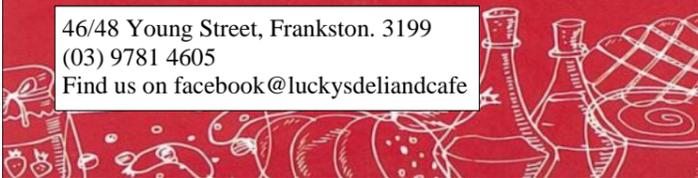
2nd Reading (JB) James 2:14-18

Gospel (JB) Mark 8: 287-35

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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
 Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during 10.30am Mass
 during School terms.

Legion of Mary

Tuesday: 2pm in Quilter Room

Charismatic Prayer Group
 Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

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:

**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

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit

prayer group :
 Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel

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)
 4th Sunday of month at 11.30am (after
 the 10.30am Mass)

9th
 September
 2018
 23rd Sunday in
 Ordinary Time
 Year B

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Isaiah 35:4-7** and 2nd Reading **James 2:1-5**

Resp Psalm Ps 145:7-10 R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him.

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sunday Reflection

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of Sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch.

The Church continues to celebrate the Sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him.

The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."



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Melbourne youth: Have your say!
Thursday 13th September, 8-9.30pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
Join us at an AOY Plenary Listening and Dialogue session. Enquiries: aoy@cam.org.au or 9287 5566
Cost: Gold coin donation for pizza.

LITURGY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Monday 10th 9.15am Communion service
Tuesday 11th 9.15am Holy Mass Rosary before Mass
Wednesday 12th 9.15am Holy Mass **EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST BEFORE MASS.
8.40AM---9.10AM. Rosary after Mass.
Thursday 13th 9.15am Holy Mass
Friday 14th 9.15am Communion service
Saturday 15th 9.15am Holy Mass

WEEKEND MASSES AS USUAL

Monday 17th 9.15am Communion service
Tuesday 18th 9.15am Holy Mass Rosary before Mass
Wednesday 19th 9.15am Holy Mass followed by Rosary as usual.
Thursday 20th 9.15am Holy Mass
Friday 21st 9.15am Holy Mass Benediction after Mass
Saturday 22nd 9.15am Holy Mass

WEEKEND MASSES AS USUAL

PIETY STALL Columban Picture calendars are now on sale, they make a beautiful gift, purchase from the piety stall or the Parish Office. Cost \$9.00. We also have on sale the latest addition of "Melbourne Catholic" magazine.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Following our recent information session with Fr. Noel Connolly, the Pope has asked us to consider "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time".
You and your families and friends are asked to have a conversation about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.
Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in the stillness of prayer to open your hearts and be aware of what impact this will have on us.
Go to this website:
Plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/

Sunday Collection 02/09/2018 Pledged Thanksgiving
Church \$ 2062 Presbytery \$ 875

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

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for:

Kit Cantiller, Coral Taylor, Louisa Harry, Catherine John, Coral Taylor, Hilton Everton, David Young, Anna, Angelo and Mario Campeotto, Matthew Daniel, Pompeyo Tan, Lilibeth Malquisto, Isabel Cornil, Rudolfo Go.



Missing Crucifix

Dear friends three Crucifix are missing from the "Minister of the Eucharist" stoles. Would you kindly look around the Church and Church grounds. They are very precious to us as you would appreciate. Thank you for your assistance. Maureen Sharpe.

Fr. Chinua, we hope your break will be a peace filled and restful time for you, we wish you a safe journey, and We will pray for your safe return to us.

Your Interest and Diaries

- Please join the **Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR) Group** Next Sunday (4th of each Month) for Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass
- Pregnancy Assistance Frankston (PAF) are holding a Bush Dance on 6th October between 5.30-11pm at Seaford Community Centre 6 Broughton St, Seaford. Contact: Liz 0430 533 377 or Sue 0408 547 791
- Lost Property items in parish office including a fitbit
- 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.
- Friendship Group, Parishioner group: friendship club September outing is to Green Olive at Red Hill. Contact Marie 9775 8737 or Mary 9783 8296

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

New Change of Address

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