

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

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

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.

Salvarno will be coming to sell some religious

Articles including statues at all the Masses Next Sunday.

100 years of Fatima

Join us for a nation wide Rosary Chain, to be held in the Church car park on the 14th October at 10.00 am. "we will be asking Our Lady of Fatima to obtain God's merciful Blessing on Australia."

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on the following Mondays 11th and 18th September.

We are looking for more volunteers for the Offertory roster. In particular, the 5.30pm Mass On Sundays. Contact Jacqui 0438 064 839

Upcoming Events

October 14th: Street Rosary 10.00 am

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: 13 Sept : St John Chrsostom

14Sept: Exaltation of the Cross

16 Sept: St Cornelius

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,

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading ISAIAH 55: 6-9

2nd Reading PHILLIPIANS 1:20-24

Gospel MATTHEW 20:1-16

SUNDAY COLLECTION 03.08.2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 2386
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 974

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:

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)
4th Sunday of month at 11.30am

This Sunday 's Readings: **1st Reading** EZEKIAL 33:7-9, **2ND READING** Romans 13;8-10

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Gospel of the Lord.

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



10th September

2017

Twenty-third
Sunday
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In the first reading (Ez 33:7-9), prophet Ezekiel was appointed as a guard to the people of Israel, to warn them of the consequences of breaking their covenant with God. Part of prophet Ezekiel's mission was to bring to the consciousness of the people of Israel that their actions or in-actions have consequences. Keeping the Lord's ordinances comes with the blessings and breaking them have negative consequences. The same perspective was echoed by the Lord in the Book of Deuteronomy, "See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess." (Deut 30:15-17). Hence, being faithful to the Lord brings peace and harmony and breaking the covenant brings discord and sadness. Repenting of one's sins restores one again to wholeness and a state of grace.

The second reading (Rom 13:8-10), invited us to love our neighbours. It stated that the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself." To love your neighbour is to fulfil the second half of the commandments of God.

Both the first and the second readings lead us to the Gospel of today. The first reading brings to our awareness that sin is the source of acrimony and division and it has negative consequences and the second reading reminds us that each person needs to have a magnanimous heart to have a functioning community.

Jesus after his resurrection instructed his disciples to go and make disciples of all the nations and to baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matt 28:16-20). We become the members of the body of Christ, that is, the church through our baptism. In baptism, we receive the Spirit of God that makes us cry "Abba Father" (Rom 8:15). However, Jesus was in no illusion that in the community of faith-filled brothers and sisters that misunderstanding and quarrels will sometimes arise. He knew that just as St Peter on whose proclaimed faith the church was built on was not immune from personal mistakes, so would the other members of the church falter at one time or another.

In today's Gospel (Matt 18:15-20), Jesus sets up a mechanism for reconciliation in the church. This mechanism of reconciliation is permeated with humility. The offended party need not wait for the offending party to come to them and acknowledge their fault and ask for pardon, but anyone who feels hurt takes the initiative to seek reconciliation with the perpetrator/s. In a similar vein, Jesus had also said that, if you are bringing your gifts to the altar and remembered that someone had a nut to crack with you, that you should go and be reconciled with the person first before making your offering (Matt 5:23-24). Jesus is insisting that forgiveness and reconciliation is necessary for a healthy church. Hence, if someone offends you, make a prudent effort to resolve the matter with him/her alone or with few members of the Christian community as required. If the resolution becomes difficult, it can be brought to the attention of the parish priest. However, if a grave matter is involved and there is a possibility that the victim would be exposed to further danger if he attempts at a reconciliation with the perpetrator, a prudent judgement must be exercised by the victim.

Jesus also hinted on the sacrament of reconciliation when he said that, "I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven." This power to bind and loose sins is exercised in the church per excellence by priests through the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacraments of the church are efficacious because Jesus promised to be with the church until the end of time (Matt 28:20) and he said that where two or three (that is the Church) gather in his name, he will be in their midst.

Let us then forgive each other from our hearts, and avail of the sacrament of reconciliation. And may the Lord heal us of the hurts of sin and betrayal we carry in our hearts. Amen.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSP.

**.Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Balgo, Bidadanga and Warmun for the wet season. Accommodation and food is provided.

For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060
Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org
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*Over the coming weeks we shall be posting articles
From Vatican 11*

VATICAN 11: LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

To accomplish so great a work, Christ is always present in His Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of His minister, "the same now offering, through the ministry of priests, who formerly offered himself on the cross", but especially under the Eucharistic species. By His power He is present in the sacraments, so that when a man baptizes it is really Christ Himself who baptizes. He is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for He promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

Christ indeed always associates the Church with Himself in this great work wherein God is perfectly glorified and men are sanctified. The Church is His beloved Bride who calls to her Lord, and through Him offers worship to the Eternal Father. Rightly, then, the liturgy is considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. In the liturgy the sanctification of the man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses, and is effected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs; in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members. From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others; no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree. (Vatican 11:Liturgy no 7)

We Pray for

Eddie Brennan, Marie Benjamine Dodin, Maria Pase and Adois Confesor

Who have died recently and for Zac Keecher, Tom Marum, Hilton, Everton, Fr. Tom, White, Louise Harry, Elettra Do Federico, Fiona Lindner, Fernando Dos Santos, Coral McGough, Luciano Ukosich and Joe Betros and all who an-



All our Policies can be viewed on 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.

Responsibilities and Organisation

Arrangements

Everyone employed or volunteering at St Francis Xavier's Parish has a responsibility to understand the important and significant role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make ([CAM Commitment Statement to Child Safety](#)).

The parish has allocated roles and responsibilities for child safety as follows:

Guide to Responsibilities of Parish Leadership

The parish priest and the parish pastoral council at St Francis Xavier's Parish recognise their particular responsibility to ensure the development of preventative and proactive strategies that promote a culture of openness, awareness of, and shared responsibility for child safety.

MORE TO FOLLOW.....

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

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for Graeme Purdon, Coral Taylor, 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.