

c 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



.Salvarno will be selling some religious Articles including statues at all the Masses this Sunday.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Mondays 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

100 years of Fatima

Why Public Square Rosary?

POWERFUL "Prayer in public is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His Mercy... The Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated prayer in public in times of public tragedy and suffering - St Louis de Montford.

PUBLIC WITNESS The public square Rosary is a great way to witness the Catholic faith. Your public witness will inspire other Catholics to persevere in their faith and demonstrate the faith to non-Catholics.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROSARY CHAIN : OCTOBER 14TH.
CONFIRMATION : OCTOBER 18TH.

The seven purpose of the system of Parish Cells of Evangelisation

1. To grow in intimacy with the Lord.
2. To grow in love for one another.
3. To share Jesus with others.
4. To minister in the Body of Christ, the Church.
5. To give and receive support to Cell members And to others.
6. To raise up new leaders for Cells.
7. To deepen our Catholic Identity.

Feast Days: 19 Sept : St Januarius

20 Sept: Sts Andrew Kim Taegon

21 St Matthew, Apostle

23 St Pius of Pietrelcina

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

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading ISAIAH 55: 6-9

2nd Reading PHILLIPIANS 1:20-24

Gospel MATTHEW 20:1-16

SUNDAY COLLECTION 10.09.2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - **Church**
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - **Presbytery**
To be advised.

Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You**



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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** SIRACH 27:30-28:7, **2ND READING** Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.' And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ



17th September
2017
Twenty-fourth
Sunday
Year A



The Power of Forgiveness and Letting Go

Do I always forgive others is today's challenge from our readings, or do I forgive some who offend me and not others? Am I a person who bears grudges? How do I deal with the person who harms me or hurts my feelings?.

Only God can give us the grace to forgive others; those who have harmed us in any way at all. God calls us to immediate and complete forgiveness of others. God is very clear in today's readings: if you do not forgive, how can you possibly ask for forgiveness, mercy and grace?. Judge not and you will not be judged.

In the first reading of today, Sirach spells out the Gospel's teaching: if anyone who is flesh, cherishes wrath, who can forgive his sins?. In order to be forgiven, we must learn to forgive and overlook the faults of others.

The second reading from the letter to the Romans also speaks of our debt to one another: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. We can only truly live when we live for and in the Lord - and the Lord is always compassionate and merciful. Let us learn to forgive, even those things that seem unforgivable. It is God Himself inviting us to cleanse our souls and to forgive all who have harmed us in any way. Every time we hold on to our anger and refuse forgiveness, we damage and harm only ourselves.

In the Gospel reading of the day, Peter came up with a very crucial question after hearing Jesus' words of reconciliation: How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me, or how do I treat the person who harms me? Seven times? Seven is a number indicating perfection and in the case of Peter's proposal, seven is synonymous with always. Jesus sees further and replies: Seventy times seven. He eliminates any possible limitation to forgiveness. Not seven, but seventy times seven, because there is no proportion between the forgiveness we receive from God and our forgiving our brothers and sisters.

To make it very clear on his stand about forgiveness, Jesus tells us the parable of limitless forgiveness where a servant who could not pay his huge debt was forgiven. None of us can repay our debt to the Lord. Instead he forgives us our debts and asks us to forgive others. When Jesus speaks of the king who wants to settle his accounts with his servants, he is thinking of God who forgives all. When he speaks of the debt of the servant forgiven by the king, he is thinking of our huge debt with God who always forgives us. When he speaks of the attitude of the forgiven servant who will not forgive his fellow servant, he is thinking of us, forgiven by God, but not forgiving readily our brothers and sisters.

All of us who have sinned can understand the debt that we owe to the Lord. The more we see that debt, the more we can understand that we must forgive others. Jesus wants us to see that forgiveness is liberating, and it is the most liberating for the one doing the forgiving. Forgiveness allows us to walk in the freedom of the sons and daughters of God, not as children of the law. We will be forgiven the length, height and depth that we measure out forgiveness to others.

Forgiveness liberates us from the ways of this world, it takes us into the heart of God and to the sanctuary of his grace. To forgive is truly divine, and the presence of God is something we all desperately need in our lives, particularly in the days in which we presently live. The only limit to the free mercy of God who always forgives us is our refusal to forgive our brothers and sisters. We must let go in order to be free and happy in our minds, hearts and also to fulfil the obligation of limitless forgiveness commanded by Our Lord in today's readings.

Our mission this week is to pray to God to grant us the spirit of humility, patience and the virtue of limitless forgiveness; to remember the last three things, and have a very good relationship with God and our neighbours.

God bless you all

Fr. Jude Agorchukwu 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, Bidyadanga 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

In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem towards which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, as minister of the holies and of the true tabernacle; we sing a hymn to the Lord's glory with all the warriors of the heavenly army; venerating the memory of the saints, we hope for some part and fellowship with them; we eagerly await the Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, our life, shall appear and we too will appear with Him in glory.

The sacred liturgy does not exhaust the entire activity of the Church. Before men can come to the liturgy they must be called to faith and conversion: "how then are they to call upon him in whom they have not yet believed? But how are they to believe him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear if no one preaches? And how are men to preach unless they be sent?" (Vatican 11:Liturgy no 8,9)

We Pray for:

K V Paul, Eddie Brennan, Marie Benjamine Dodin, Maria Pase and Adois Confesor Who have died recently and for Aurelio Carrideo, Richard O'Donovan, 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 anniversaries occur at this time.

May the souls of all departed rest in the peace and love. Of God.



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.

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, 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.