

## For your Interest and Diaries

### St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- **Child safe training: Saturday 21 Oct 10.00-12.30**
- **Tuesday 24 Oct 10.00-12.30**
- **Tuesday 24 Oct 7.00- 9.30**

Training will be held in the Xavier Centre.  
**IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE THERE.**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The feast day Mass of St Vincent de Paul will be celebrated by our conference at St. Francis Xavier on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 9.15 Mass and afterwards with a morning tea in the Quilter Room. Parishioners are cordially invited to join with us. Conference Members please bring a plate. Thank you and God Bless.



Michael Grogan, President.

### 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. Sunday October 14th. 10.00am, in the Church Car Park.

### 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**ROSARY CHAIN : OCTOBER 14TH. 10.00 am**  
**CONFIRMATION : OCTOBER 18TH. 7.00 pm**  
**VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS CHILD SAFETY**  
**OCTOBER 21st 10.00 am**  
**OCTOBER 24th 10.00am & 7.00pm**  
**KNITTING STALL : 8th October**

Feast Days: 26 Sept St Cosmos & Damian  
27 Sept Sept: St Vincent De Paul  
28 Sept St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangles  
30 Sept St Jerome

### Other Group 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.



**KNITTING SALE**  
**OCTOBER 8TH**  
**8.30AM AND 10.30 AM**  
**MASSES**

### 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

### Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection -

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1st Reading EZEKIEL 18:25-28**

**2nd Reading PHILLIPIANS 2:1-11**

**Gospel MATTHEW 21:28-32**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION 17.09.2017

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*



## St Francis Xavier Parish, Frankston

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**Honorary Associate:** Fr. Neil Fryer (Ordinariate OLSC)

**Secretaries:** Ms. Vicki Abbatangelo and Christina Williams

**Parish Schools:** St Augustine Principal Jan de Koning 9781 3007  
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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:

#### 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)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 11.30am

This Sunday 's Readings: **1st Reading** Isaiah 55:6-9 **2ND READING** Philippians 1:20-24,27

### Gospel Matthew 20: 1-16

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

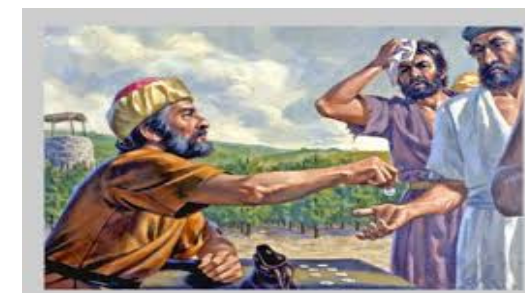
*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ**



24th September

2017

Twenty-fifth  
Sunday  
Year A



**THE GENEROSITY OF God**

In the first reading (Is 55:6-9), Prophet Isaiah invited us to seek the Lord while his mercy reigned. He encouraged us to abandon our evil ways and seek for the Lord. He reminded us that there is always something mysterious about the "modus operandi" of the Lord. He used the enormous chasm between the earth and the sky to illustrate the mysterious workings of God. "It is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts." With our human minds, we may be dumb founded or totally bewildered by some of God's deeds.

Seeking the Lord in this life culminates in beatific vision in the next life. St Paul explored this theme in the second reading, (Ph 1:20-24,27). He said that whether he was alive or dead what mattered was Christ. He would prefer to behold the beatific vision so that he will be with the Lord forever. However, being in this body still gave him some time to proclaim the Gospel to the nations.

The Gospel grappled with two principal issues: the justice and the generosity of God. It told the story of the land owner who hired workers to harvest the grapes in his vineyard. He negotiated a fair hourly rate of \$20 dollars for their unskilled labour, and they were to work for 12 hours, their lunch breaks inclusive. Both the labourers and the land owner were contented with the rate agreed upon as just and reasonable. At the end of the day, each was to be paid \$240, notwithstanding the lunch breaks. The first set of labourers were to work from 6am to 6pm. When the work had already started, the land owner still hired more workers; at 9am, 12noon and 5pm. However, at the end of the working hours, rather than paying the late employees only the hours they worked, the land owner used the first employees as the yardstick to pay all the workers. The first set of workers who had worked all day in the scorching heat took their wages but grumbled at the land owner for not being "fair" in remunerating them. I believe that if we had found ourselves among the first set of workers who worked all day, we would have grumbled as well. I have heard some people say at times, "this is not fair".

The Gospel reminds us that God is not only a just God, He is also a generous God and sometimes we may be scandalised by His generosity. The will of God is for each person to be saved and come to the knowledge of Him. He is so generous that He gave us His only Son and through His suffering and death we have been saved. The Gospel story is an invitation to us to be generous and charitable as God is generous and charitable.

Here, we think of millions of Australians who volunteer their time/finance to help different charities; volunteers at the life savers' club, St Vincent de Paul society, respite homes, meals on wheels, pregnancy assistance, different church groups and activities etc.. These voluntary services cannot be merely monetised. When we donate to a charity, the people or the causes catered for by that charity benefit from our generosity.

The basic message from today's readings especially the Gospel is that everyone will be contented in the Kingdom of God. No matter when we get into it, we shall be satisfied. The joy of the late comers to the Kingdom of God shall not diminish in any respect the joy and the contentment of early comers! Indeed, rather than diminishing the joy of early comers, it will increase it for happiness shared is always happiness multiplied.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp.

**We pray** with loving and trustful hearts for Yvonne Curnow, Nicholas, 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 Czubryj, Salih Basic, Greg Davine, Gloria Re-subal 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.

**TRAINING FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS**

You are **ALL** invited to a Training Session, in Xavier Centre, St Francis Xavier Parish, 60 Davey Street, for the purpose of learning about the new Victorian Child Safe Standards; embed them in the Parish, and create a Child Safe and Child Friendly environment.

**All volunteers: readers, flower arrangers, Eucharist Ministers, gardeners, cleaners, etc. are required to attend.**

To assist in planning, please add your name to sheets in foyer stating preferred day and time of attendance - or if preferred please email your date/time to Parish Office [frankston@cam.org.au](mailto:frankston@cam.org.au)

Dates are : Saturday 21 Oct 10.00 am - 12.30 pm  
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Your Child Safety Team

*Over the coming weeks we shall be posting articles From Vatican 11*

**VATICAN 11: LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

Therefore the Church announces the good tidings of salvation to those who do not believe, so that all men may know the true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, and may be converted from their ways, doing penance. To believers also the Church must ever preach faith and penance, she must prepare them for the sacraments, teach them to observe all that Christ has commanded, and invite them to all the works of charity, piety, and the apostolate. For all these works make it clear that Christ's faithful, though not of this world, are to be the light of the world and to glorify the Father before men. 10. Nevertheless the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows. For the aim and object of apostolic works is that all who are made sons of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's supper.

The liturgy in its turn moves the faithful, filled with "the paschal sacraments," to be "one in holiness"; it prays that "they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith"; the renewal in the Eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and man draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire  
(Vatican 11:Liturgy no 9,10)

**We Pray for:**

Marlene McBain, Bernardo Omo, Henry Lisinski, K V Paul, Eddie Brennan, Marie Benjamine Dodin, Maria Pase and Adois Confesor Who have died recently ,and for Elizabeth Nassuato ,Gerudio Alicaba, Geoff Saleeba, Paul O'Brien, Nell and Greg Fysh, Russell Sawley, 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.



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:

**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 well being 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:**

- Promoting models of behaviour between adults and Children and young people based on mutual respect and consideration.
- Ensuring thorough and rigorous practices are applied in the recruitment, screening and ongoing professional learning of staff.
- Ensuring that Parish personnel have regular and appropriate learning to develop their knowledge of, openness to and ability to address child safety matters.

*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