

## 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.**

### CHILDRENS LITURGY

Childrens Liturgy resumes on Sunday 15 October

**There will not be Mass at St Augustines, this month, due to School Holidays.**

**Magdalene: A Wanton Saint**, this musical is very inspiring and portrays the powerful grace of God.

Email [Geraline@gmail.com](mailto:Geraline@gmail.com)

Or [cogtheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:cogtheatregroup@gmail.com)

### 100 years of Fatima

*Why Public Square Rosary?*

### PUBLIC REPARATION

Nowadays sin is openly flaunted. Public sins require public reparation. Your public square Rosary becomes an act of reparation for these sins hurled against the Immaculate Heart Of Mary and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### EVANGELISATION.

Many families nowadays no longer know how to pray the Rosary, or even know the benefits of praying the Rosary. Praying the Rosary in public is a great opportunity to share the faith and meet new people

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

**2nd Reading PHILLIPIANS 4:6-9**

**Gospel MATTHEW 21:33-43**

### 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.

Groups Meet: Tuesdays 10am & 7pm- Quilter Room

### 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**

Parishioners - Fr Chinua turns 50 on 13 October. Everyone is invited to get together, which starts with Sunday Vigil Mass, (Saturday, 14 October, @ 6.00 pm) You are Invited to share this celebration of Fr. Chinua's Birthday, please bring a plate to share and BYO. Celebrations to be held in the Xavier Centre.



### 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.

### 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 -

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1st Reading ISAIAH 5:1-7**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION 10/9, 17/9 AND 24/9

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$3703.55  
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$1632.60  
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.



## St Francis Xavier Parish, Frankston

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St Francis Xavier Principal Colleen McGreal 9783 3424

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

(after the 10.30am Mass)

This Sunday 's Readings: **1st Reading** Ezel:18:25-28 **2ND READING** Philippians 2:1-11

### Gospel Matthew 21: 28-32

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



**Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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In the first reading (Ez 18:25-28), the Lord through the mouth of Prophet Ezekiel enjoined on us to stand on the side of integrity until the end of our lives. We should not emulate evil men and women. Each of us has his/her life story. The evil person may have an opportunity for repentance before death calls. One may have a perfect contrition on one's death bed. We do not know the hour and manner of our death. Some people may have the privilege of having a priest at their death bed for last rites. Others may have a sudden death or die when no priest is available or die without calling in a priest for the last rites. We should not wait until death comes knocking before we repent of our sins. We should live with integrity and be mindful of the saying: "make hay while the sun shines".

In today's Gospel (Matt 21:28-32), Jesus told the story of a dad who had two sons. He asked both of his sons to go and work in his vineyard. While the first son who declined his father's request later had a change of heart and went to work at the vineyard, the younger son who acknowledged to his father that he was going to work in the vineyard did not match his promise to his father with action. We ought to remember that action speaks louder than words and we should not only talk the talk, we should walk the walk!

The context of today's Gospel was that Jesus had entered triumphantly into Jerusalem as a king and the promised messiah. When he went into the Temple, he drove out all those who were profaning the Temple by turning it into a market place. The next time Jesus went into the temple to teach, the Chief priests, the teachers of the Law, and the Jewish authorities wanted to know by whose authority he was acting. Jesus promised to respond to their demand if they answered him the question whether John's baptism was a divine or a human act. After a rigmorole, they decided to respond to Jesus that they did not know. Jesus saw in their answer a deception and a calculated attempt to obstruct the plan of God because they knew the truth. They knew that John's baptism was divine but refused to accept it and hence they had become obstructionists attempting at thwarting and derailing God's plan for humanity.

The Jewish leaders are like the younger son in the Gospel of today, they talk the talk but they do not walk the walk. Some of their actions like being self-righteous is at variance with the commandments of God. They claimed to believe in the scriptures, but the scriptures point to Jesus as the messiah. They need to reverse their course and believe in Jesus as their messiah and reduce the burden they lay on people which they were unwilling to lift themselves.

At times, both the members of the church hierarchy and the lay members of the church have behaved like the younger son. Each time we have committed a serious sin, we have betrayed our Christian identity, and hence, behaved like the younger son. Our hearts are saddened by the abuse of children that was perpetrated by some members of the church hierarchy for decades and the various kinds of abuses that have taken place in homes, including some Christian homes. These abuses in homes also include child abuse and domestic violence. Some Christians have become wolves in sheep clothing because of their culpable behaviours.

Jesus, while not condoning the actions of the tax collectors that defraud people or the way of life of prostitutes that demean their body which is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, applauded them for accepting the Good News and amending their ways. They are like the first son that initially said no to his dad but later changed his mind and did what the dad had asked him to do, which was to go and do some work in his vineyard.

Jesus said that he had not come to call the virtuous, but to call sinners to repentance. His arms spread on the cross is for everyone to come to him. Come to Jesus then, and you will experience the fullness of grace, for he came that you may have life and have it to the fullness. Let us stand up for integrity of life for good name is better than silver and gold!

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 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.

**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

**SAME-SEX MARRIAGE UPDATE 29.9.17**

As parishioners will have received the postal survey regarding same-sex marriage, I have obtained Father Chinua's permission to make a few remarks about it today, instead of assisted suicide. If you have not yet responded to the survey this may inform your decision.

You might wonder who is behind this huge push for such changes as the introduction of same-sex marriage and the Safe Schools program. It can't possibly be just the 3%, or less, of the population which is LGBTI and, of course, it's not. The person responsible for introducing the Safe Schools program into Australian schools is a self-confessed Marxist, as are many of the others behind this push, but whose names you don't hear, because they want us to think that it's just harmless gays and lesbians behind it all.

Marxism is a doctrine which failed repeatedly and horrendously in the Twentieth Century, causing untold repression and misery in countries like Russia and China (to name just two of many), where its idea of "compassion for the downtrodden masses" cost the lives of over 100,000,000 of their citizens. And the neo-Marxists (new name, same doctrine), still avowed enemies of democracy and religion, are trying to get hold of our laws and culture through this back-door approach. If we agree to this folly we will seriously regret it because it is not just about loving couples of the same sex, but about getting Marxists into positions to be able to ferociously attack many of the freedoms we presently enjoy.

Not sure? Check out a Canadian named Professor Jordan Peterson, on YouTube.

Article supplied by Michael Long .

**We Pray for:**

Mark Puszka, 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 Tomy Kuncheria and all the souls departed from Thuruthamalil Family, 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.

**Organisational Arrangements**

The Parish will: establish a Child Safety Team. It will consist of the Parish Priest, PPC chair, PPC Secretary and Parish office Secretary, Include Child Safety as an agenda item for each PPC meeting, ensure that the Parish is informed about the Parish's commitment to Child Safety, undertake to organise guest speakers at Sunday Holy Mass, in addition to workshops etc.

**EXPECTATIONS OF OUR PARISH STAFF** At St. Francis Xavier Parish, we expect parish staff to proactively ensure the safety of any child in the Parish environment. All staff members must remain familiar with the relevant laws, the code of conduct, and policies and procedures in relation to child protection and comply with all requirement. We have developed a Child Safety Code of Conduct, [www.cam.org.au/frankston](http://www.cam.org.au/frankston), which recognises the critical role that staff play in protecting the children in order to safeguard them against abuse and neglect.

More information next week.

Life Marriage and the Family. Next Sunday is life, Marriage and family Sunday. The Focus this year is on family meal as an opportunity to share our Faith.

**THANKS GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE FOYER.**

**KNITTING SALE 8th October**  
Knitting Sale next weekend at 8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses

**Anointing Mass 9.15 an Thursday 5th October**

**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