

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
Or cogtheatregroup@gmail.com

100 years of Fatima

Why Public Square Rosary?

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

MULTIPLE GRACES.

"Somebody who says his Rosary alone only gains the merit of one Rosary, but if he says it together with thirty other people, he gains the merit of thirty Rosaries. This the the law of public prayer. how profitable, how advantages this is!" St. Louis de Montfort.

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

Father's Day Appeal raised \$1,287. This money has been sent to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Thank you .

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for this week will be on Wednesday only after Mass.

Rosary will be held before Mass during the month Of October except on Wednesdays.

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 10.00 and 7.00pm

SYRO -MALIBAR NOVENA COMMENCES 19th October 6.00 pm

ALL SAINTS DAY 1st November

ALL SOULS DAY 2nd November

Parishioners - Fr Chinua turns 50 on 13 October.

Everyone is invited to a get together, commencing with Sunday Vigil Mass, (Saturday, 14 October, @ 6.00 pm) You are Invited to attend this celebration of Fr. Chinua's Birthday, please bring a plate suitable for dinner to share and BYO drinks, (alcohol permitted.) Celebrations to be held in the Xavier Centre.



Other Group 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, 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 - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading ISAIAH 25 :6-10 &
2nd Reading Philippians 4:12-14
Gospel Matthew 22:1-4

SUNDAY COLLECTION 01/10/2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$2515
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$801
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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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 - 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
(after the 10.30am Mass)

This Sunday 's Readings: **1st Reading** Isaiah 5:1-7-28 **2ND READING** Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Matthew 21: 33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.





The first reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah (Is 5:1-7), presented us with a poem about someone who loved his vineyard and did the best he could for the vineyard to yield sweet grapes. It read, "My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave." In ancient Israel, vineyards had hedges full of thorns around them to ward off intruders. The tower served both as a security post and as lodging for the workers. The grapes were processed in the wine press. In this poem, the vineyard referred to the people of Israel and the vineyard owner is God Himself.

It was God who called the Jewish patriarch Abraham from the Chaldean city of Ur and made covenants with him and all his descendants. In all the exiles the people of Israel had been, the Lord ensured that they came back to the land of Israel. In this poem as applied to the people of Israel, the Lord was disappointed that despite all He had done for the people of Israel, there were still oppressions, injustices, betrayal, murder and idolatry among them.

The Gospel continued with the theme of the vineyard and drew from the first reading. In the Gospel story, a land owner planted a vineyard, fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. He then leased it to tenants and went abroad. He expected the tenants to make either a monetary payment to him after the sale of the yearly harvest or to give him a percentage of the yearly produce. At the end of the harvest season, he sent his servants twice to collect from the tenants his returns. The tenants maltreated the servants and caused the death of some of them. He eventually sent his son who was his heir, hoping that the tenants would respect him, but contrary to his expectation, the tenants caused the death of the son to usurp the business for themselves.

In this Gospel parable, the vineyard and its occupants referred to the people of Israel and the owner of the vineyard was God and the servants sent to collect the returns were the prophets. Some of them were maltreated and killed. The son that was sent by the land owner in the parable was Jesus Christ. Within the context of the New Testament, the vineyard and the occupants would refer to the church and her members that have been reborn by water and the Holy Spirit through baptism. We should offer our lives then as a living sacrifice to God. Each time we are in serious sin, we are crucifying Jesus again! Jesus is the stone that was rejected by the builders, that became the key stone. Through his life, suffering, death and resurrection, we have been redeemed. From the first reading and the Gospel of today, we can deduce that God cares about us. The planting of the vineyard on a fertile soil is symbolic of God caring for us. God expects us to reciprocate his love by living good lives. He gives us a second chance when we misbehave. The sending of two sets of servants and the son is opportunity for repentance. The readings also point to God's justice. Bad behaviours can lead to negative consequences. At times, we have said or heard others say of someone that he/she has fallen from grace to grass or what a wasted life? Such comments are made when we think that someone has ruined a golden opportunity to make a difference in the community and in the world. Let us not through bad choices, ruin the salvation that has been made possible for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Today, the theme of vineyard that runs through the first reading, the psalms and the Gospel, leads us to the theme of family, meal and faith being championed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Today, the archdiocese is asking us to use family meals as a way of sowing the seeds of faith in our children and grandchildren. I know this will be more difficult for grandparents if their children no longer practise the faith. However, meal times are opportunity to have a conversation: "Food is inextricably linked to our faith and sustenance to the soul. Indeed, all traditional cultures including our own have placed great significance on the deeper meaning of eating together. As the two disciples on the road to Emmaus discovered, when we welcome Christ to our table – as we do with a simple grace before our meal – we participate in something more profound than just eating. When we unite eating with praise and thanksgiving, we more closely unite the present with eternity. In a way, we begin to draw the aroma of heaven into our homes. And although a family meal is no substitute for the Eucharist, the two tables are in a sense linked" (Life, Marriage and Family Sunday Booklet).

May the Lord Bless you all on this Life, Marriage and Family Sunday.
Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for Rita, Len Crowe, Yvonne Curnow, Nicholas, Graeme Purdon, Coral Taylor, John and Maria Barbon, Emily Middleton, Max Janiszewski, Jack Torcaso, Kevin Churchill, Wendi Courtney, Harry & Donna Arnold, 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

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ANTI-EUTHANASIA UPDATE 5.10.17

All members of the Victorian parliament have now received their own copy of the Andrews government's proposed assisted suicide legislation, formally named The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017, so none of them can any longer say that they don't know what's in the Bill. Any members of parliament to whom you expressed concerns or with whom you sought an appointment to discuss those concerns, but who fobbed you off because they had not seen the proposed legislation, could now, quite rightly, be approached again should you decide to do so. However, my experience with Mr. Paul Edbrooke, MLA for Frankston, is that he will neither reply to your letter nor grant you an appointment, as he made up his mind to support the Bill some time ago. I hope by next week to have the names and contacts for those parliamentarians who are known to be undecided on the matter, and who would be well worthwhile for us to "lobby" as the saying goes. Should you wish to take some action immediately, here's the direct contact information for our local parliamentary representatives:

- Mr. Paul Edbrooke, MLA, 140 Young Street Frankston, 3199. Ph: 9783 9822, Hon Gavin Jennings, MLC, 517a Princes Highway, Noble Pk 3174. Ph: 9548 5644 Hon Gordon Rich-Phillips, MLC, Suite 1, 31 Princes Hwy, Dandenong 3175. Ph: 9794 7667, Hon Adem Somyurek, MLC, Unit 2, 24 Langhorne Street, Dandenong 3175. Ph: 9794 0699 Mrs Inga Peulich, MLC, 376 Nepean Highway, Chelsea 3196. Ph: 9772 1366, Ms Nina Springle, MLC, Suite 1, 1174 Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham 3192. Ph: 9584 4013

Michael Long Anti-Euthanasia Co-ordinator

PARISH FUNDRAISING: CAKES/BISCUITS/SLICES/ JAMS/MARMALADE (HOME MADE)

We are asking our Parishioners to donate baked/home made Goodies for the 11th & 12th November which will be sold in a fundraising activity after the Sunday Masses. This Sunday we have a volunteer sign up sheet in the Church Foyer to register your interest in this activity. Please place your name, contact number and which home made goodie you intend to make. Please take home an information sheet and food ingredient's label. **Food donations can be delivered to the Parish Office until 4pm on Friday 10th November and in Xavier Centre (hall) on Saturday 11th November between 9am – 12 noon .** This will allow Cake stall leaders an opportunity to mark the items ready for the cake stalls.

We Pray for: James Sciortino, Mark Puszka, Marlene McBain, Bernardo Omo, Henry Lisinski, K V Paul, Eddie Brennan, Marie Benjamine Dodin, Maria Pasa and Adois Confesor Who have died recently and for P A Thomas, Michael Young, Mary Joseph, 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.



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.

Child Safety and Participation

At St. Francis Xavier Parish, we actively encourage all Children to openly express their views and feel comfortable about giving voice to the things that are important to them. We discuss with our children what they can do if they feel unsafe and enable them to understand, identify, discuss and report on child safety. We listen to and act on any concerns the children or their parents or carers, raise with us. We ensure that children are accompanied by a parent or carer when leaving the sphere of activity any celebrations at St. Francis Xavier's Parish. *More information next week..*

THANKS GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE FOYER.

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

Vatican 11 Liturgical Celebrations

The Church announces the good tidings of salvation to those who do not believe, so that all men may know the true God God and Jesus Christ them He has sent, and may be converted from their ways, doing penance. To believers also the Church must even preach faith and penance, she must prepare them for the sacraments, teach them for the sacraments, teach them to observe all that Christ commanded, and invite them all to works of charity, peity and the apostolate. No 9

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