

For your Interest and Diaries

Rosary will be recited before Mass during the month of October, except on Wednesdays.

Columban Calenders are now available in the Piety Shop. \$9.00

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Childrens Liturgy resumes this Sunday.

Syro Malibar Community

NOVENA DATES

October

19th Thursday 6.00pm Church
20th Friday 6.00pm Church
21st Saturday Friday 5.00pm Chapel
22nd Sunday 6.30pm Chapel
23rd Monday 6.00pm Church
24th Tuesday 6.00pm Church
25th Wednesday 6.00pm Church
26th Thursday 6.00 PM Church

Knitting Stall, thank you for your support, we made \$450, which is a great result.

Friends, on Friday November 10th at 7.00pm "Memorial Mass" will be celebrated for those families and friends who have passed away this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to remember and pray for our deceased loved ones who have died between November 2016 and October 2017. Please write the names of your loved ones in the in the register in the Church Foyer.

There is no Charismatic Prayer Group this week (Wed 25th. October - 7.30 pm)

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKSGIVING MASS 17TH OCTOBER 7.00 PM

CONFIRMATION : OCTOBER 18TH. 7.00 PM

SYRO-MALIBA NOVENA 19TH OCTOBER 6.00 PM

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS CHILD SAFETY

OCTOBER 21st 10.00 am October 24th 10.00AM and 7.00PM

BLESSING OF MEMORIAL WALL ALL MASSES: 4/5 NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS DAY 1st NOVEMBER 9.15 AM

ALL SOULS DAY 2nd NOVEMBER 9.15 AM & 12 NOON

MEMORIAL MASS 10th NOVEMBER 7PM

" In order to keep the Holy Altar of the Lord adorned with candles, flowers etc we are earnestly appealing for two more people to attend the flowers in preparation for Sunday Masses. We have a few wonderful helpers but need more. No experience or cost required. If you can help in any way, perhaps once a fortnight, even, that would be great. Please ring the parish office and leave your phone number and we will be in touch. A husband and wife team would also work well. Many thanks (Worship Team)."

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 - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading ISAIAH 45 :4-6

2nd Reading Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

SUNDAY COLLECTION 08/10/2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$1,347

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$602

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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St Augustine Principal Jan de Koning 9781 3007

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 - 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 25:6-10 **2ND Reading** **Philippians 4:12-14,19-20**

Gospel Matthew 22: 1-14

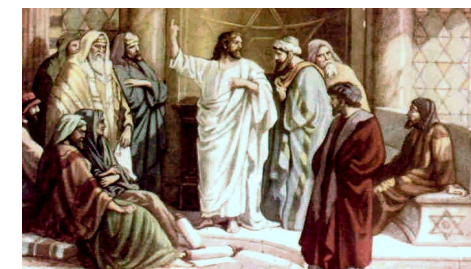
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, We recently wrote to you sharing our concern at the plan to introduce assisted suicide and euthanasia in Victoria. Since then, leaders of Christian Churches and other religions have united in publicly expressing their opposition to such laws. Indeed the Australian Medical Association and the World Medical Association maintain that doctors should not be involved in either of these practices. In spite of this, the Victorian Government has now introduced a bill to the parliament that uses the euphemistic term "assisted dying". We need to be clear: this law will change the criminal code to permit doctors and other health professionals to become actively and deliberately involved in the premature death of patients. Many proponents of this change in the law are motivated by compassion. While it is never easy to face the end of life of a loved one, assistance in our time of dying is something that we should all want for ourselves and for others. However, this should not involve dispensing and administering medications intended to kill people. Never Safe - No safeguards" can ever guarantee that all deaths provided for under the proposed laws will be completely voluntary. Whether because of carelessness, error, fraud, coercion or even self-perceived pressure, there will always be a risk. Victoria abolished the death penalty because we learnt that in spite of our best efforts, our justice system could never guarantee that an innocent person would not be killed by mistake or by false evidence. Our health system, like our justice system, is not perfect. Mistakes happen. To introduce this law presuming everyone will be safe is naïve. We need to consider the safety of those whose ability to speak for themselves is limited by fear, disability, illness or old age. **Government endorsed Suicide** - Endorsing suicide as a solution to pain or suffering sends the wrong message, especially to the young. Suicide is a tragedy for the person who takes their own life, but it also seriously affects their family and community. It would be plain wrong to legally endorse any form of suicide when governments and community groups are working so hard to persuade others that there are always better options available than taking their own life. **More Care – Not Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide** - This bill comes at a time when not all Victorians have equal access to the highest standards of care that we can provide. The care of our elderly is failing in some critical ways and elder abuse is a growing, although often hidden, phenomenon. Surely these matters - not assisted suicide - should be the focus of our Government's attention. There is clear evidence that most people who seek assisted suicide do so from fear of what lies ahead - not because they are experiencing unmanageable pain. Anxiety about being a burden influences many people. It will be a tragic injustice if people opt for state-endorsed suicide because access to adequate emotional, psychological, spiritual and physical care is not available. For many people this is the reality. The Catholic community does so much to care for people through our network of hospices, hospitals, aged care facilities and other services. We are grateful to the Catholic community and all people of goodwill who serve the frail, elderly, sick and the dying. We ask everyone to continue to journey with those who are dying: visit them, ensure they have appropriate care, support them, offer appropriate pain relief and, most of all, remain close to them. We ask Victorians to continue to love and care for those who are sick and suffering rather than abandoning them to euthanasia or assisting them to suicide. Our ability to care says much about the strength of our society. **The Damaging Consequences** - We have a window into the consequences of this proposed law when we look to places that have taken this path already. Access to assisted suicide and euthanasia in the jurisdictions with similar laws has seen increasing numbers of people use the option and pleas to expand the eligibility criteria persist. We must, therefore, urge our elected representatives to resist this "first step". **A Time for Action** - At this critical moment, we ask the Catholics of Victoria to make their voices heard. Our democracy works best when its citizens speak up. We know many of you have contacted your local representatives and we thank you for that. We encourage those of you who have not done so, to write a short letter to your representatives in the next week to courteously, but clearly, share your concern. While we support many of the positive recommendations recently made about improving end of life care and welcome a healthy discussion of death and dying, given the ethical and practical reasons why this bill will be harmful to all Victorians, we cannot endorse it. We encourage you to earnestly pray, individually, in your families, parishes and associations, both for our politicians and that this bill does not become law. We agree with the editorial in the Herald Sun on Saturday 23 September that endorsed the need for more accessible, quality palliative care and urged parliamentarians to vote against the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill. We make the same recommendations to Victorian politicians of all parties. For more information on this issue visit www.cam.org.au/euthanasia Sincerely in Christ, Signatories:

Most Rev Denis J Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne
 Most Rev Leslie R Tomlinson DD, Bishop of Sandhurst
 Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSsR, DD Bishop of Ballarat
 Most Rev Patrick Michael O'Regan, DD Bishop of Sale

+ Denis J Hart + Pat O'Regan
 + Paul Bird

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

Dates are : Saturday 21 Oct 10.00 am - 12.30 pm
 Tuesday 24 Oct 10.00 am - 12.30pm
 Tuesday 24 Oct 7.00pm - 9.30pm

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
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 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: Amor Llorico, Martin Bauch, Milagros Aguda, Patricia Caping, James Sciortino, 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 Linda Stevenson, P A Thomas, Michael Young, Mary Joseph, Tomy Kuncheria and all the souls departed from Thuru-thamalil Family, Elizabeth Nassuato, Gerudio Alicaba, Geoff Saleeba, Paul O'Brien, Nell and Greg Fysh, Russell Sawley, Aurelio Carriero, 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.

Reporting and Responding

Our Parish records any child safety complaints, disclosures or breaches of the Child Safety Code of Conduct and stores the records in accordance with security and privacy requirements. Our Parish complies with legal obligations that relate to managing the risk of child abuse under the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 (Vic) the Crimes Act 1958 (Vic) and the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust Report.

More information next week..

St. Jude's Church langwarrin invites you to St. Jude's Feast Day, Tuesday, 24th October 2017. 6.30 pm Rosary, Mass. 7.00 pm Holy Mass, Novena and Benediction

Vatican 11 Liturgical Celebrations

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 super. The liturgy in its turn moves the faithful, filled with "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 set them on fire. No 10

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