

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 MASS 5th NOVEMBER
Fr. Chinua would like to have a children's Mass, we will need assistance with music, projector, reading/prayers, collection, offertory. Contact Maureen 0428 835 445 or 5983 8604

Syro Malibar Community

NOVENA DATES

October

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
27th Friday 6.00pm Church

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 Charasmatic Prayer Group this week (Wed 25th.October - 7.30 pm)

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration
Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am
Friday after 9.15am Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SYRO-MALIBA NOVENA 23rd OCTOBER 6.00 PM
- VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS CHILD SAFETY
- OCTOBER 21st 10.00 am October 24th 10.00AM and 7.00PM
- ALL SAINTS DAY 1st NOVEMBER 9.15 AM
- ALL SOULS DAY 2nd NOVEMBER 9.15 AM and NOON
- MEMORIAL MASS 10th NOVEMBER 7PM
- CAKE SALE NOVEMBER 11/12 November

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.

A Big Thank You -

May I extend my warmest thanks to all who joined in my 50th birthday celebrations last week - for your prayers, well-wishes, gifts and participation at last Saturday's birthday Mass and party.



Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1st Reading Exodus 22:20-26
2nd Reading Thessalonians 1: 5-10
Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

SUNDAY COLLECTION 15/10/2017
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$1520
Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$613
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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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 45:1,4-6 **2nd Reading** Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Matthew 22: 15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Twenty-ninth
Sunday
Year A



King Cyrus or Cyrus the great was an important person in the Jewish history, even though he was a non-Jew. He was a Persian conqueror and emperor. It was under his reign that the Jews could return to Palestine seventy years of captivity in Babylon. Prophet Isaiah had prophesied about him by name about one-hundred and fifty years before his birth. The Lord referred to Cyrus as his “anointed” and stated that, “It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.” In this prophesy of Isaiah, we realise that God can use anyone to achieve his purpose. Another good example of how God can use anyone to achieve his purpose is St Patrick. He was non-Irish and a former slave in Ireland, who escaped, become a priest and went back to Ireland to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. The prophesy of Isaiah regarding Cyrus was fulfilled when in his first year of reign as the emperor of Persia, he issued the following decree:

“Thus speaks Cyrus King of Persia: The Lord the God of heaven, who has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, has ordered me to build him a house in Jerusalem. In Judah. Now, all of you who belong to his people, go there and may the Lord your God be with you” (2Chr 36:22-23). Cyrus was gracious to the Jews in building the temple by offsetting the building cost from his treasury (Ezra 1:4–11; 6:4–5). The Jews were in Babylonian captivity for seventy years as prophesied by prophet Jeremiah, “This is what the Lord says, when the seventy years in Babylon have been completed I will come to you and fulfil my gracious promise to you and bring you back to this place” (Jer 29:10). The first reading, prophesied the coming of Persia as a super power. This came to fruition by the conquest of Babylon by King Cyrus. This conquest led to the liberation of the people of Israel. During the time of Jesus, the people of Israel were under another occupation by the reigning super power – Rome. The reigning emperor then was Tiberius Caesar.

Many Jews were against the occupation of their land by a foreign power and they were also opposed to the coins minted by the Roman government because it was engraved with the head of the reigning emperor Tiberius Caesar. The Jews believed that the commandments of God forbade the making of images and the worshipping of other gods. The reverse side of the coin had an inscription “Tiberius Caesar, august son of the divine Augustus, High Priest”. There were Jews who were willing to physically fight the occupation, these were known as the zealots. However, there were those who supported the occupation and were willing to work with the occupying power, some of them were known as the Herodians. In the Gospel of today the Pharisees who were opposed to the occupation of Palestine by a pagan power connived with the Herodians to entrap Jesus. Do I in what I say or do try to entrap someone?

Palestine under the Roman occupation was a heavily taxed nation. There were three forms of taxes that that were imposed on the people by the Roman administration; a ground tax (1/10 of the produce of the land), an income tax (1/10 of the person’s income) and a poll tax (an equivalent of a daily wage). These taxes were collected by the Publicans like Matthew and Zacchaeus before their conversions. The tax collectors were often hated for two principal reasons. Firstly, they were agents of the occupying power and secondly, they often extort from the people more than the required levies and embezzle the extra funds they obtained illegally. The Pharisees and the Herodian parties asked Jesus if it was “permissible to pay taxes to Caesar?” This question put Jesus in a dilemma. If he answered in the affirmative, he will be accused of supporting the Roman occupation, and if he answered in the negative, he will be accused of insurrection against the Roman government. Jesus’ answer that we should “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”, is a gentle affirmation that we have physical and spiritual needs and both are to be catered for. While we are undertaking our civic responsibilities, we should never shelve our relationship with God. Though our country is a secular society in which everyone is free to practice the faith of one’s choice, however, freedom of religion should however never be confused with freedom from religion in which our society gets rid of anything religious. A society in which one is forbidden to display Christmas decorations in public arena or to say merry Christmas.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp.

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for Wendy and Neil Stevenson, Rita, Len Crowe, Yvonne Curnow, Nicholas, Graeme Purdon, Coral Taylor, John and Maria Barbon, Emily Middleton, Max Janiszewski, Jack Torcaso, Kevin Churchill, Ross Monterosso, 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

Dates are :

Tuesday 24 Oct 10.00 am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 24 Oct 7.00pm - 9.30pm

There will be a further session of Parish Training from the Archdioceses on 2nd November, 7-9.30 pm
Bookings for this session is necessary, sign up sheet available, if you were not able to attend earlier training sessions.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO

THE HOLY LAND AND HOLY PLACES IN ITALY

17 days pilgrimage will take place from 3-19 September 2018 and a 7 days optional extension to Egypt and Jordan is also available. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Emmanuel-tv Dimobi - fremmanueltv@hotmail.com & Fr. Jude CSSp - jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au

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.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR WORLD MISSIONS

OFFERTORY ROSTER VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for more Offertory procession minister, especially for 5.30 pm Mass on Sunday, if you can help please ring Jacqui on 0438 064 839

We Pray for: Sharon White, Washington Sycip and Lucila Salgado who died recently and for Linda Stevenson, Mary Kutty Joseph, V.T.Harry, Robyn Zeuschner, Richard O’Donovan, Maria

Child Safe Standards
 on 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.

What should be Reported.

- ◆ A disclosure made by a child of abuse of any kind
- ◆ Through observance of events that causes a person to form an objectively reasonable belief that a child is being harmed or abused, or at risk of being harmed or abused by either-family or another person
- ◆ By actual witness of an event or incident
- ◆ A lost child, a child injured or a medical emergency during a Parish activity.
- ◆ *More information next week..*
- ◆ -----

24 HOUR ADORATION on Friday October 27th.

Intentions: Promotion of Marriage as ordained by God

Defeat of Euthanasia Bill.

All Saints Day Mass 9.15 am Mass

ALL SOULS MASSES 9.15 AM AND NOON

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