

# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

60 DAVEY ST., FRANKSTON

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2018 - TIMETABLE

### PALM SUNDAY - 25 MARCH

06.00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass - Blessing of Palms  
 08.30 am Mass - Blessing of Palms  
 10.30 am Mass - Blessing of Palms - Solemn Procession  
 05.30 pm Mass - Blessing of Palms

### MONDAY - 26 MARCH

09.15 am Mass  
 07.30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - 2nd Rite

### TUESDAY - 27 MARCH

#### NO MASS

11.00 am *Chrism Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne (All welcome to attend)*

### WEDNESDAY - 28 MARCH

09.15 am Mass  
 09.45 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

### HOLY THURSDAY - 29 MARCH

07.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch & Prayer till 12am

### GOOD FRIDAY - 30 MARCH

09.15 am Stations of the Cross  
 11.00 am *Frankston March of Witness at Frankston Foreshore*  
 03.00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
 05.00 pm *Stations of the Cross in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

### HOLY SATURDAY - 31 MARCH

09.15 am Morning Prayer of the Church

## SOLEMNITY OF EASTER

### HOLY SATURDAY - 31 MARCH

08.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass  
 10:00 pm **Tamil Mass**

### EASTER SUNDAY - 1 APRIL

05.00 am Dawn Mass  
 07.00 am *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*  
 08.30 am Easter Day Mass  
 10.30 am Easter Day Mass  
 05.30 pm Easter Day Mass

Help us prepare for our Easter Services by volunteering your time - Sign Up Sheets in the Foyer this Sunday.

#### VOLUNTEERS needed for:

**Holy Thursday**  
 Night Prayer/Adoration - Altar of Repose between 10pm and 12am (midnight)

**Easter Services**  
 Readers, Offertory procession and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

### 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.**

### Legion of Mary - Lady of All Nations Prasesidium

The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima visit your home for a week to pray for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Please register your interest at the Piety Shop after Sunday Masses or contact Frances - 5971 1924



Frankston Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for. See Church Foyer for more information.



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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 - 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  
 Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

#### Children's Liturgy

Sunday during 10.30am Mass

#### Legion of Mary

Friday: 2pm in Quilter Room

#### Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

#### Divine Mercy

Friday: 3pm in Chapel ( private prayer)

#### Children's Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: 10.30am Mass

#### 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 **Exodus 20:1-17** and Reading **1 Corinthians 1:22-25**  
 Resp .Psalm **Ps 18:8-11** **R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

#### Gospel John 2:13-25 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection : 1st Reading (JB) **2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23**  
 2nd Reading (JB) **Ephesians 2:4-10** & Gospel (JB) **John 3:14-21**

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### Palms/Olive Branches

What will Palm Sunday, 25th March, be without Palms?

Bring your own or if you are able to share olive and/or larger palm branches please let the Parish Office know and we can arrange to collect them in time for the Palm Sunday celebration.

2018  
 4th March



Third Sunday  
 of LENT  
 Year B



**HOMILY FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B**

The first reading taken from the book of Exodus, (Ex 20:1-17), presented us with the Ten Commandments of God. These commandments should be seen within the context of the relationship the Lord had developed with the people of Israel. The Lord called the ancestor of the Jewish people Abraham from the Chaldean city of Ur, in modern day Iraq, and settled him in the land of Canaan. The Jewish people later migrated to Egypt in search of greener pastures. When they were enslaved in Egypt, they cried to the Lord for deliverance. The Lord sent Moses to Egypt to help the Israelites escape from their bondage. The Lord had sent multiple plagues on the Egyptians to force them to let the people of Israel go.

When the people of Israel arrived at Mount Sinai on their way to their homeland, the Lord entered into a covenant with them. The people of Israel were to be a priestly nation, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to worship God, if only they kept the commandments of God. The people of Israel promised to follow God's commandments when they said, "all that God had said, we will do, (Ex 19:8).

The Lord is the one who takes the initiative to relate to us. He said, "I have called you by name and you are mine", (Is 43:1) ; in the same vein, Jesus said, "you did not choose me, no, I chose you and I commission you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last", (Jn 15:16). Hence, it is within this context of the people of Israel's response and our response to God's graciousness that the Ten Commandments of God find their place. The commandments, relate to our relationship with God in the vertical level, and our relationship with our fellow human beings in the horizontal level, (a code of conduct for living in the society). It reminded us that the Lord is the only one to be adored, worshipped and glorified. Hence, we ought to have space for God in our hearts and have a deep-seated reverence for God, (we should revere His name).

The Ten Commandments of God then drew our attention to our relationship with our parents, by asking us to honour them. The Book of Proverbs advised us to, "Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old", (Prov 23:22). It then underscored the need to preserve life and for us not to indulge in activities that would endanger the life of anyone including character assassinations, (be your brother's/sister's keeper). It also invited us to be mindful of the needs of others by respecting their space. We should not take what belongs to others without their permission, (no stealing). It also upheld the sanctity of marriage.

It is within this framework of our free response to God's graciousness that we reflect on the Gospel of today, (John 2:13-25). Jesus went into the temple and drove out all those who were desecrating the house of God by their activities. We read, "Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market."

Jesus' cleansing of the temple drew our attention to the fact that our bodies are temples of God when he responded to the Jews, "destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up." The Gospel told us that the 'sanctuary Jesus was referring to was his body, hence, he also prophesied about his impending death and resurrection.

Our bodies which are temples of the Holy Spirit, (1Cor 6:19-20), need cleansing during this period of Lent. Let us have the same zeal that Jesus had for the mission entrusted to him by the Father, so that we will die with him during this Lent by our acts of penitence, prayer and almsgiving, and rise with him on Easter Sunday! Amen.

*Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp*

**We pray** with loving and trustful hearts for the sick: Robyn, John Rodgers, Michael Grogan, Adrian Gobel, Kevin Churchill 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. **We pray** for our recently departed family and friends: especially Nick Hatzimichalis and we remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Emanuele Alaimo - may they rest in peace in God's heavenly kingdom.



**Anointing of the Sick will take place in all Masses next Sunday - 11 March**



Anointing the sick

**During Lent :**

Weekdays

1. Adoration and Benediction will be offered after 9.15am Mass on Tuesdays.

2. Evening Mass: Wednesday at 7pm.

3. Stations of the Cross will be offered after 9.15am Mass each Friday.

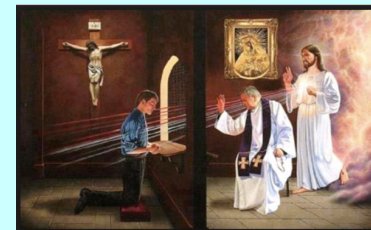
Alternatively: St John's Parish Fridays 7pm  
20 Coral St, Frankston East

Sundays

- 1st Sunday in Lent Commitment Sunday
- 2nd Sunday in Lent Benediction/Adoration after Masses
- 3rd Sunday in Lent Renewal Sunday
- 4th Sunday in Lent Anointing of the Sick
- 5th Sunday in Lent Outreach Sunday

**LENTEN RETREAT**

continues each Wednesday night during Lent (14 & 21 March) at 7pm in St Francis Xavier Church.



**EASTER RECONCILIATION**  
MONDAY 25th March at 7.30pm

**Our St Vincent de Paul Conference is appealing for warm winter clothing and blankets please.**

Your kind donations are to be left in the boxes provided in the church foyer starting this Sunday 3rd & 4th March and 10th & 11th March.



**Thank you on behalf of those we serve.**



**March 8th (Thu) to 10th (Sat)**  
**72 Hours Continuous Prayer for Unity**  
**in our Mary Mackillop Chapel**

We would like to have two people per hour to be in the church while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Sign up sheets are in the Church Foyer.

Mass at other locations:



**Sunday March 11th at 5pm**  
**Parish Mass in St Augustine's Hall**  
**St Augustine's School - Golf Links Road**

**For Your Interest and Diaries**

**St Francis Xavier - Frankston**

- Friendship Group Meeting - Next Wednesday 7th March at 10.30am. Over 50's Welcome .

**Syro Malabar**

*Regular services*

Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass  
First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass

*During Lent*

Every Friday night - 6pm Stations of the Cross

**External**

- ♦ **John Paul College M.A.D. Twilight MARKET on Thursday 15th march 4pm to 8pm. Bring the family .. Bring everyone to this great community event raising money for charities! JPC, 161 McMahan's Road, Frankston. To book a stall, donate or for further information - John Riddle on 9784 0200 or ridj@jpc.vic.edu.au**

- ♦ International Women's Day (8 March 2018) theme is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". This will draw attention to the rights and activism of rural women, who make up over a quarter of the world population and majority of the 43 percent of women in the global agricultural labour force. *We pray for women and men in our Church, that we may highlight the needs of rural women and work relentlessly for justice and equality. Lord, hear us.*

**Sunday Collection 25.02.2018**

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged Church \$ 653 Presbytery \$ 386 Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You**

**Parish Cells Groups**

Are you looking for a way to deepen your relationship with Jesus?

Contact the Parish Office for more details

**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.

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New  Change of Address

I would like Thanksgiving Envelopes