

**Queen of Heaven Prayer** (Daily: 1.4.18 to 20.05.18)

Leader: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia  
**All: For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.**  
 Leader: Has risen, as he said, alleluia.  
**All: Pray for us to God, alleluia.**  
 Leader: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
**All: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia**  
 Leader: Let us pray.  
**All: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Upcoming Events**

ANZAC Day 25th April  
 Combined Picnic in Park 6th May  
 CSS Training 8th May  
 Mother's Day 13th May  
 Pregnancy Assistance Frankston (PAF) Collection  
 Pentecost Seminar 14-19th May  
 Pentecost 20th May  
 Dinner Dance 16th June  
 Fete 28th Oct

**Other Groups/Activities:**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
 meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 4.00pm in the Xavier Centre. **Donations/Assistance:** 9769 6060  
**Membership:** 0410 569 357, 9781 4761, 9783 3976  
**Furniture Donations:** 1800 621 349  
**Charismatic Prayer Group / Prayer Line / Ministry of Healing :** Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103

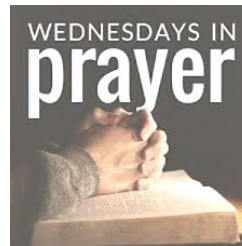
**Friendship Club (Seniors)** - 1st Wednesday of month in the Xavier Centre at 10.30am. Bus trips on 3rd Thursday of month. Contact: Marie - 9775 8737

**Parish Cuppa:** First 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.

**LOCAL RADIO:** Every Sunday morning at 8.00 am Peninsula Radio Rpp 98.7 fm presents **THE CATHOLIC HOUR.** ! For further information contact Maureen Federico 9787 6540

**Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit**

New prayer group led by Fr Jude every Wednesday, in Mary MacKillop Chapel at St Francis Xavier Church at 1.00pm



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

**Sunday Collection 15.04.2018** Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged Church \$1736 Presbytery \$ 652. Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You**

**Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :**

**1st Reading (JB) (JB) Acts 9:26-31**  
**2nd Reading (JB) 1 John 3:18-24**  
**Gospel (JB) John 15:1-8**



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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**

Tuesday: 2pm in Quilter Room

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel. Next meeting will be 2nd May

**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)

2018  
 22nd April  
 4th Sunday  
 of Easter  
 Year B

Anzac Day - 25 April



This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Acts 4:8-12** and 2nd Reading **John 3:1-2**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29 R.** The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

**Gospel: John 10:11-18** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up Your Holy Church, we implore You to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make You better known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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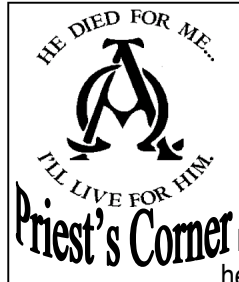
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Priest's Corner

**HOMILY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD/VOCATION SUNDAY)**  
 My dear people of God, this Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day in which we reflect on Christ as a good shepherd who does not abandon his sheep, and we also reflect on and promote the vocations to the consecrated life, (nuns and brothers who take the vows of celibacy, poverty and obedience), and to the priesthood, following the words of Jesus that, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" (Lk 10:2). In the Gospel of today, (Jon 10:11-18), Jesus Christ described himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Characteristics of a good shepherd include that he knows the smell of his sheep; the flock can decipher his voice and he is able to protect his flock.

A story is told of raiders who raided a property and made away with lots of flock. When the police, through their investigations, discovered the paddock where the stolen flock were being kept, they invited shepherds from the area who had reported their flock stolen. Each shepherd could separate his flock from the fold because each flock was able to identify the voice of their shepherd. I had a personal experience of a flock listening and adhering to the voice of their shepherd while I was on pastoral experience in Gwagwalada, Nigeria, in August 1992. On this fateful day, about midday, I had to walk past some cattle grazing beside the road as I returned to my residence. As I approached the cattle grazing beside the road, I had a premonition that something terrible was about to happen, hence, I stopped for a while at the edge of their grazing area, before I continued my walk to my residence. As I walked past the grazing cattle, suddenly, a bull stopped grazing and stared at me. I kept walking but consciously observing its behaviour. Suddenly, it started running ferociously towards me. I took off on my heels. It was grass land and trees were far and few in between. The shepherd suddenly noticed what was happening and gave a loud call to the bull. When I looked back again, it was like a magnate had held the bull to the ground; it stood still; I made the sign of the cross because I knew it was almost over for me but for the voice of the shepherd.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd and we are his flock, he loved us and cared for us to the point of shedding his blood for our justification. For "no greater love than this, that one lays down one's life for one's friends" (Jon 15:13). We are all invited to listen to Christ's voice and he will lead us to greener pastures.


As we reflect on Vocation Sunday today, I wish to give a succinct account of my vocation to the religious - priestly life. The letter to the Hebrews had advised that no one should take the priestly honour upon oneself, "except one who has been chosen and called as Aaron was", (Heb 5:4). May I state that to me, a call to the religious and priestly life has been a privilege. I had seven siblings. I grew up as any other child of my time. I applied to join the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, (Spiritans), after my secondary education. This journey to the religious - priestly life included nine years of seminary training which included a novitiate, philosophical and theological studies, and a pastoral year. The novitiate was a year of prayer in which I learnt more about the life and work of the Spiritan Fathers and Brothers.

What attracted me to the Spiritans was their simplicity of life, their ministry among the poor and marginalised people all over the world, and their community living. Like the community of the early Christians, their motto is "one heart and one soul". During my formation years through spiritual direction, studies, pastoral experiences and advices from my formators, I was enabled to discern my call to the religious - missionary life. There were moments of doubt and struggle because we are merely the earthenware that God has allowed to hold the treasures - "the surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2Cor 4:7).

Since my perpetual consecration as a religious in August 1993 and my ordination to the priesthood in July 1994, I have served in various ministries in Nigeria, Papua New Guinea and now Australia. I have found the ministry at times challenging but always fulfilling. It is the ordinary men and women that have been called and equipped by Christ to do extra-ordinary things. For our youth, may I propose to you that, as you discern a possible career for yourselves, let the vocation to the religious or priestly life also be 'on the cards'. The Church needs you! The Archdiocese of Melbourne needs you! And the Spiritans need you!

*May Christ our Good Shepherd who leads us to the truth,  
 raise up religious and priests after his heart. Amen.* Fr Chinua Okeke CSSP.

**St Francis Xavier & St John the Evangelist Parishes**  
**Combined Dinner Dance 16 June 2018 7.00pm to 11.00pm**  
 St John's School Hall, Jayne Street, Frankston East Good music and great entertainment! Two Course meal - BYO refreshments - \$40 per head - tickets on sale now **Make up your own tables**  
**Tickets will be available after Masses Or from the Parish Office.**  
**If you cannot attend - please consider a donation towards our fundraiser.**



**The Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle** Permit No: 10849/17-CCPR  
 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes: Suzuki Baleno GL 1.4ltr Auto - each to the value of \$ 17,490 x3  
 4th & 5th Prizes: Coles/Myer Gift Cards \$1000 x2 6th-14th Prizes: Coles/Myer Gift Cards \$ 500 x9  
**This is a great fundraiser for the parish as for every \$2 ticket sold we receive a dividend of \$1.50 per ticket.** Raffle books (including unsold tickets) must be returned to the Parish Office with payment by Sunday 6th May. Thank you for your participation and support. Parish - Frankston (Ph: 9783 3484)




Combined St Francis Xavier & St John's picnic at Botanic Garden on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12noon.

Regular collections per Mass.  
**1st Collection - Church/Stewardship**  
 Will be taken up after Prayer of Faithful  
**2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests**  
 Will be taken up after Communion  
**THIS SUNDAY**  
**3rd Collection - Chaplaincy Appeal**  
 Will be taken up at end of Mass at Exit Doors

**Renewal of Parish Thanksgiving will be on Sunday 22 + 29 April & 6 May**

**PENTECOST SEMINAR**  
 You are all invited to a Pentecost seminar to prepare ourselves for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday 20th May. The Seminar will be held from the 14th - 19th of May from 7.00pm - 8.45pm. More Details in next week's bulletin.



**Child Safe Standards Training FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS who have not attended a previous training session**

You are 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, 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 : Tuesday 8 May 10.00 am - 11.30 pm  
 Tuesday 8 May 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

**YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF**  
 We are commencing a new Catholic Youth Group for young people from the ages of 15 to 25.  
**JOIN US FOR A PIZZA NIGHT**  
**WHEN?** First Meeting: Sunday 22 April 2018  
 Time: 6:30-8:30 Place: St Francis Xavier Hall  
 Contact: Lyzbeth on 0438 003 967 for more details.



**Parish Fete Planning Committee**

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th April in Xavier Centre at 7pm . All Welcome.

**For Your Interest and Diaries**

**St Francis Xavier - Frankston**

- Sunday 10.30am Children's liturgy is in recess until 22 April
- On Wednesday April 25th at 9.15 am Mass we remember the Anzacs. and thank God for the FREEDOMS we have today because of their sacrifices. You are invited to bring photos or memorabilia you may have of anyone who fought for our country Australia, and New Zealand, to place beside the Altar. Thanks and blessings Maureen.
- Charismatic Prayer Group meeting on 25th April -ANZAC Day has been cancelled. Next meeting will be 2nd May.
- A HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE to Holy Land and Holy Places in Italy (3<sup>rd</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2018) plus Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan (20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2018); or Only Holy Places in Italy (3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2018); or Only Holy Land (12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2018). Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel tv and Fr Jude CSSP For more info/itinerary, Contact: [fremmanueltv@hotmail.com](mailto:fremmanueltv@hotmail.com), 0417999553, (08) 93413131; (08)93413079, or [jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au](mailto:jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au); 0400759391, (03) 97899672

**Syro Malabar**

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

**SICK: We pray for** John Hapela, Peter Joske, Jan Buckner, Paul Czubyryj, Michael Grogan, Adrian Gobel and Kevin Churchill.

**RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for** Alberto Matienzo and Aniceta Esmaque.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for** Jos Gobel, Carmen Fernandez, Sylvia Micallef, Robbie Sinclair and Ivor Williams.

**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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