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**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

**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 & Communion Service**

Monday - 9.15am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of month

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration**

Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am  
 Friday after 9.15am Mass  
 First Friday of the Month, 24hour following Mass

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month during 10.30am Mass.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month 11.30am (after the 10.30am Mass)

**Baptism Preparation:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month prior to Baptism

**Children's Liturgy**

Every Sunday during 10.30am Mass

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 10am & 5.30pm

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**

First Thursday of month 9.15am

**Rosary**

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass  
 Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

**Weddings and Funerals**

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**This Sunday's Readings**

**1st Reading:** Joshua 5: 9-12  
**2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Next Sunday's Readings**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 43: 16-21  
**2nd Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14  
**Gospel:** John 8: 1-11

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

*The prodigal son*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."



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# Homily, Fourth, ("Laetare"), Sunday of Lent, Year C

## Reconciled With God Through Christ

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem: Come together all you that love her; rejoice you that have been in sorrow; that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of her consolation.".. On this Fourth ("Laetare") Sunday of Lent the Church encourages us to: "Rejoice and be joyful," because Christ is willing to reconcile us to his Father. So, on this joyful Sunday, she invites us to be reconciled with God, and our brothers and sisters, and come to our senses to return to him and rediscover our true identity, and to realize our waywardness from the path of life which God shows us.

Once a man took ill and was told that the only condition to be healed was to forgive and reconcile with those who have offended him. So, he wrote to his debtors and enemies: "My dear, having realized the power of forgiveness and reconciliation, I have cancelled all the debts you owe me, please let's continue to be friends again and do pray for me!" This is Providence in action. This man's sickness was God's way of mediating grace to his friends. In the same way, through his death, Christ reassures us that our "debt of sin" has been cancelled. The power of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross and his Sacraments mediates grace for us and reconciles us to God.

In today's second Reading, Paul tells us that we are "products of Christ's reconciliation." Christ took the first initiative of reconciling us to God. In other words, owing to sin, we were cut off from God. However, through the sacrifice of Christ we became God's adopted children. So we are all children of the same father by virtue of Christ's sacrifice.

In today's Gospel, through the story of the prodigal son, Jesus reassures us of God's readiness to reconcile with us. The parable of the prodigal son is the story of a loving father. It is also the story of a humbled and repented son. It is the story of reconciliation at its best. It is the story of a life we must live daily. Hence, it does not matter how far we have gone away from God or how terrible our past has been.

What matters is that Christ is willing to reconcile us to his Father, and to restore our lost glory. He beckons us: "Come let us settle the matter, though your sin is as red as scarlet, they will be white as snow" (Is. 1, 18).

Therefore this season we must constantly seek reconciliation with God through Christ. We must humbly rediscover our self and say like the prodigal son: "I have sinned against heaven and earth." We must also say to God, "I am coming home." This is what Paul means when he appeals to us to be reconciled to God. He simply asks us to realize who we are and change our minds like the prodigal son did.

So, we must cast away all shame and pride in order to make peace with God and others through Jesus, the "Universal Sacrament of Salvation." Christ himself has made things easy for us by giving us the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a means of constantly reconciling ourselves to God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation has double edges: Reconciliation with God and reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. One leads to the other. Our reconciliation with God is strongly dependent on our reconciliation with one another.

Therefore this Lent, let us take advantage of this Sacrament instituted by Christ and administered by his Church in order to be reconciled to God and our neighbors. This Sacrament is a blessing to all of us because it mediates God's grace to us. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation let us:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good".

God bless you all. **Fr. Jude, CSSp.**

### EVENTS @ SFX

- WED 3 APRIL SFX FRIENDSHIP CLUB 10.30
- FRI 5 APRIL PETER KEARNEY ASHES TO EASTER @ 7PM
- SUN 7 APRIL MORNING TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS
- YOUTH LED MASS 5.30PM
- SYRO MALABAR 4-6PM
- SAT 13 APRIL WORKING BEE
- SUN 14 APRIL PALM SUNDAY
- THU 18 APRIL HOLY THURSDAY
- FRI 19 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY
- SAT 20 APRIL HOLY SATURDAY
- SUN 21 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY
- SUN 28 APRIL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY @ 1.30PM
- SUN MAY 5 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
- SUN MAY 19 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ST. AUGUSTINE'S
- WED 19 JULY WATOTO CHILDRENS CHOIR



#### COMBINED PARISH FESTIVAL & FR. CHINUA 25TH ORDINATION

WILL TAKE PLACE ON Sun 25 AUGUST AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH STARTING AT 10.30AM. IT WILL BE A MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION WITH MASS, FOOD, DANCES ECT.

#### PALMS WANTED!

As Palm Sunday is fast approaching we are asking if anyone has Palm Leaves/ olive branches that they could donate for our Palm Sunday Services. Please contact the Parish office. Many thanks



#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**SATURDAY April 13th, 10am :**

Working bee in preparation for Palm Sunday.

**Thursday 18th April 7.30pm:**

We need 12 volunteers for " WASHING OF THE FEET".

This is to remind us of the **Washing of the feet of the Apostles by Jesus Christ himself.** A list will be in the foyer from Sunday evening.

**EASTER ROSTERS** for READERS AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & OFFERTORY GIFTS PROCESSION VOLUNTEERS will be available from Sunday Evening.—MS

#### Next Sunday

Is Outreach Sunday, you will be send forth to invite your neighbours to come and celebrate the mystery of the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ with us.

**Stations of the Cross** for this Friday 5th April will be at 8.45am. **NO** Stations of the Cross in the evening due to our Lantern Reflection with Peter Kearney.



#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday 28 April This year our Parish shall be celebrating divine mercy Sunday with Confession, Rosary, Procession and Mass, starting at 1.30pm.

#### STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

There are new envelopes in the Church foyer ready for collection. Thank you to all who are supporting the financial needs of the Parish, and our Priests, your support is greatly appreciated, and for new Parishioners who are not yet contributing through the thanksgiving envelopes/direct debit, and would like to do so, please contact the Parish office. Statements for credit card and direct debit contributors are available anytime on request.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to the organisers of the Lentil Rice and for those of you that brought the Lentil Rice last week. The team was able to raise \$262. Thank you for your support.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Due to the anointing of the sick taking place at all Masses this Sunday. The anointing of the sick will not take place this Thursday 4th of April.

### SUNDAYS OF LENT

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday / 7 April / Outreach Sunday

#### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Tuesday 2 April, Wednesday 3 April & Friday 5th April, 7pm

**Peter Kearney**

Will lead the reflections

**Ashes to Easter**

a prayerful sequence of stories, reflections, songs and hymns on the Friday.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

- St. Francis Xavier Tuesday 16th at 7.30pm
- St. John's Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2019

#### Palm Sunday 14 April 2019

6.00pm	Sunday Vigil Mass—Blessing of Palms—Procession
8.30am	Mass – Blessing of Palms—Procession
10.30am	Mass – Blessing of Palms – Solemn Procession
5.30pm	Mass – Blessing of Palms—Solemn Procession

#### Monday 15 April 2019

9.15am	Mass
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#### Tuesday 16 April 2019

9.15am	Mass
11.00am	Chrism Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne (All welcome to attend)
7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite SFX

#### Wednesday 17 April 2019

9.15am	Mass
7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite SJE

#### Holy Thursday 18 April 2019

7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch & Prayer until 12am
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#### Good Friday 19 April 2019

9.15am	Station of the Cross
11.00am	Frankston March of Witness at Frankston Foreshore
3.00pm	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
5.00pm	Stations of the Cross Syro Malabar

#### SOLEMNITY OF EASTER

#### Easter Vigil 20 April 2019

8.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass
10.00pm	Tamil Mass

#### Easter Sunday 21 April 2019

5.00am	Dawn Mass
7.00am	Mass Syro Malabar
8.30am	Easter Day Mass
10.00am	Easter Day Mass
5.30pm	Easter Day Mass

#### Divine Mercy Sunday 28 April 2019

1.30pm	Confession, Rosary & Procession
3.00pm	Mass