



Open Door (St Francis Xavier)

Frankston is a joint outreach ministry between the caring and communicating communities of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church Frankston and St Paul Anglican Church Frankston. It is administered from St Francis Xavier Parish and been in existence for over 20 years.

Open Door matches elderly, isolated and/or disadvantaged persons, who are suffering pain and experiencing difficulty in attending medical appointments, with caring car owners who are prepared to transport those persons to overcome their difficulty.

Open Door is urgently seeking caring car owners who have at least 4 hours free time during school hours on any day. Please contact 9783 3782.

Any person who prefers to work from home and is prepared to use their phone to match the needy with caring drivers is also invited to phone 9783 3782.

Combined St Francis Xavier & St John's



Picnic at Frankston Botanic Gardens on Sunday May 6th at 12noon. Enter via Cnr. Foote and William Sts.

Upcoming Events

- May 6th Combined Picnic in Park
- 8th CSS Training
- 13th Mother's Day (PAF) Collection
- 14-19th Pentecost Seminar **20th = PENTECOST**
- June 16th Dinner Dance
- Oct 28th Fete

Sunday Collection 22.04.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving
Church \$ 1414 Presbytery \$ 506 Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes.
Thank You 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 reflection following Communion

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :
1st Reading (JB) (JB) Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48
2nd Reading (JB) 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel (JB) John 15:9-17



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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
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
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 **Acts 9:26-31** and 2nd Reading **1 John 3:18-24**
Resp Psalm Ps 21:26-28. 30-32 R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel: John 15:1-8 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. as a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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



2018
29th April
5th Sunday
of Easter
Year B



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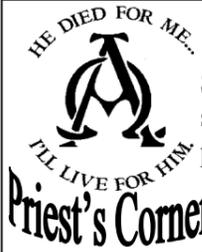
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HOMILY FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B - THEME: TRUE LOVE

St John tells us in the First Reading, (1Jon 3:18-24), that our love for God and for one another should not just be words or mere talk, but something real and active. James underscored the same point when he said that faith without work is dead. So, if our love for God, our family, our neighbour, our community, our church, is not backed up by action, then they are empty. St Paul emphasized that, "If I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing", (1Cor 13:2).

The First Reading and the Gospel of today show us how love can be put into action. We are all aware of how Saul persecuted the early church. He was responsible for a considerable number of Christians being arrested, tortured, and even put to death. However, after Saul's extra-ordinary encounter with the Risen Lord on his way to Damascus, he repented of his ways and converted to Christianity.

Saul, (St Paul), recounted this experience in the First Letter he wrote to the Corinthians, "Last of all he, (Jesus), appeared to me too, as though I was a child born abnormally, for I am the least of the apostles and am not really fit to be called an apostle, because I had been persecuting the Church of God; but what I am now, I am through the grace of God, and the grace which was given to me has not been wasted. Indeed, I have worked harder than all the others - not I, but the grace of God which is with me, (1Cor 15:8-10). After Saul's conversion, the members of the early church in Jerusalem wanted to keep him at arm's length because they were doubtful of the genuineness of his conversion. However, the intervention of Barnabas helped to reconcile Saul with the nascent church, then, united in love, the church with Saul as an apostle, was able to proclaim the message of the Risen Christ especially to the people of non-Jewish heritages.

Jesus said in the Gospel, (John 15:1-8), that he is the vine and we are the branches. Any branch that does not bear fruit is cut away, and the branches that do bear fruit are pruned to make them bear even more. The message Jesus wants to communicate to us by saying that a branch that does not bear fruit is cut away is that God's love for us, or our love for God, or our family, or our neighbour, or our community, or our church, does not imply that unacceptable human behaviours would be condoned indefinitely. God invites us to come to him as we are as the lyric of the hymn 'come as you are' by a Loreto nun, Sr Deidre Brown states:

Come as you are, that's how I want you,
Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven,
Come as you are, why stand alone?

However, the Lord expects that as we come to him, his grace will transform us into better people. Therefore, a time may come for a line to be drawn. The Book of Hebrews reminds us that all children are disciplined by their fathers, (Heb 12:7), as a sign of love. Pruning fruitful branches means acknowledging or exulting good behaviours.

Christ, the true vine, showed us what true love meant by dying on the cross for us. He has invited us to show love to each other and not to stab a member of our family, or community, or church or friend in the back.

We should therefore become a community that lives out the love of Christ by being faithful to our Christian vocation and reconciling conflicts. Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

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

Childrens' Mass Our Children will be actively participating during this Sunday's 10.30am Mass Afterwards, there will be a special morning tea in the Xavier Centre. All Welcome!



Parish Raffle : Win a Car!
This is a great fundraiser for the parish as for every \$2 ticket sold we receive a dividend of \$1.50 per ticket - See Church Foyer

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.



Pentecost Seminar: Monday 14th May – Saturday 19th May St Francis Xavier Church/St John's Church 20 Coral Street

- 11th May** Pentecost novena begins with weekday Friday Mass
- 14th May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St John's Church Monday Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Celebration, Rosary: Glorious mystery Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit Talk: Joy of the Gospel Speaker: Deacon Kevin Pattison
- 15th May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St John's Church Tuesday Praise & Worship, Exposition & Benediction Rosary: Glorious mystery Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit Talk: The Church as Missionary Speaker: Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp
- 16th May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church Wednesday Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Celebration, Rosary: Glorious mystery Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit Talk: Mary and the Holy Spirit Speaker: Sr Mary Olofu S.O.N. Testimonies
- 17th May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church Thursday Praise & Worship, Exposition & Benediction Rosary: Glorious mystery Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit Talk: Laity in the Church Speaker: Michael Palmer
- 18th May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church Friday Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Celebration, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit Talk: The Pentecost Experience Speaker: Fr Martin Adichilamackal Prayer for Healing
- 19th May** 6pm - 8pm - St Francis Xavier Church Saturday Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Celebration, Exposition & Benediction, Rosary: Glorious Mystery, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit, Talk: Sacraments of Initiation Speaker: Fr Jude Agorchukwu CSSp

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 or frankston@cam.org.au **Dates are : Tuesday 8 May 10.00 am - 11.30 pm Tuesday 8 May 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm**

Foundations Grade 5/6 Youth Group is back for the month of May! When? 4th of May @ 7pm - 8:30pm. Where? St Francis Xavier CHURCH HALL. Email tash.dewhirst@gmail.com if you have any questions.

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- Baptism** This SUNDAY Welcome to Danni & Angus MacDonald who will be baptised in our Church this Sunday.
- Mass Count:** Every year the Archdiocese requires us to do a mass count during May. Counters will do this discretely at all Sunday Masses over the four weekends in May.
- Friendship Club's** next meeting is Wednesday 2nd May at 10.30am in Xavier Centre. New members 50+ welcome
- National Senior's** Big Cuppa Cancer Fundraiser will be held Wednesday 9th May at 9.30am in Xavier Centre. Entry: Gold coin donation for cancer research.
- Charismatic Prayer** Group's next meeting will be 2nd May.
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- Eucharistic Adoration** of the Holy Spirit prayer group every Wednesday, in Chapel at St Francis Xavier Church at 1.00pm - All Welcome.
- Heart Women's Conference** 21-23 June 2018 at Ibis Hotel Melbourne - \$199 - More details and registration on 1300 734 880 or heart@TheCatholicGuy.com

Syro Malabar

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

SICK: We pray for John Hapela, Paul Czubyj, Michael Grogan, Adrian Gobel & Kevin Churchill.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Shirley Go, Rafael Benba, Peg Bradley and Dorothy Hoyne.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for Joe Betros, Johanna Bruitzman, Mary Redfern and Sylvia Micallef.

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