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**REMEMBRANCE**- Sheila Ruby O'Donovan, , Peter Crowe, Charles Dela Rama, Peter Hilliard, Paul Hilliard  
**RECENTLY DECEASED**- Rob Smith, Frank Gianini, Tony Pisano



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

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**Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Agorchukwu CSSp**

**Honorary Associate: Fr. Neil Fryer (Ordinariate OLSC)**

**Secretary: Christina Williams & Bethany Plowright**



**This Sunday's Readings**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
**Psalm** 137:1-5, 7-8  
**R.** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises

**Next Sunday's Readings**

**1st Reading** - Jeremiah 17:5-8  
**2nd Reading** - 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
**Gospel** - Luke 6:17, 20-26

**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 during School terms.

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 10am & 5.30pm

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**

First Thursday of month 9.15am

**Weddings and Funerals**

Please contact the Parish Office.

**Rosary**

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass  
 Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**Parish Child Safety Team:**

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**Parish Schools:**

**St Augustine** 9781 3007  
 Principal - Jan de Koning  
**St Francis Xavier** 9783 3424  
 Principal - Stephen Peart  
**John Paul College** 9784 0200  
 Principal - John Visentin

**GOSPEL—Luke 5:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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



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## Homily - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The First Reading, (Is 5:1-6), narrated the call of Isaiah as a prophet of the Lord. Isaiah saw a vision of the Lord where the Temple was filled with smoke and the angels of the Lord sang “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.” Isaiah felt grossly unworthy of the vision he had seen because he realised that he was a sinner. “I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.” An angel took a live coal from the altar and touched his lips and informed him that his sins has been cleansed. Then as the voice of the Lord cried out, “Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?”, Isaiah responded, “Here I am, send me.” Isaiah was sent by God to bring His word of conversion and consolation to the people of Israel who were facing an assault from the Assyrian Empire.

In the Gospel, (Lk 5:1-11), Jesus continued to proclaim the Good News about the Kingdom of God, and a large crowd followed him because they were hungry to hear the word of God. As he arrived at the Lake of Gennesaret, he got into a boat by the bank of the lake to avoid being crushed by the crowd. The boat happened to belong to Simon Peter. Jesus asked Peter to pull a few meters away from the bank so that he might sit on the boat as he gave his sermon.

After giving his sermon, he asked Peter to “Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.” Peter, who was an expert fisherman, was initially reluctant to follow the command from Jesus, because he and his companions had had sleepless night on the lake and had caught nothing. On second thought, he unenthusiastically followed Jesus’ instruction and put out into deep water.

To his utter amazement, they netted so much fish that their net was tearing. They had to signal to their friends in the other boat to come and help them. When their friends arrived, they were able to fill the two boats to sinking point with the fish they had netted. Peter immediately understood that this phenomenon was not an accident but that a miracle had just taken place. In the presence of the Divine, he immediately acknowledged his inadequacy as he knelt and said to Jesus, “Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.”

Prophet Isaiah and Peter acknowledged their sinfulness in the presence of the Divine. As Peter lamented about his weaknesses, Jesus gave him words of encouragement and informed him that he has been chosen to become a fisher of people. He was to use the skills of a fisherman to channel people to Christ, especially the Jewish people.

Paul in the Second Reading, (1Cor 15:1-11), was a persecutor of the Christians before he encountered Jesus in a special way. Paul had a theophany on his way from Jerusalem to Damascus to arrest the Christians. That singular experience transformed him from a hater of Christ to an apostle of Christ. For Paul, “everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him,” (Phil 3:5-11). Though he was unworthy of God’s grace because of his persecution of the Christians, none-the-less, Christ still chose him as his ambassador because of his, (Christ’s), graciousness. Paul was commissioned as an apostle to the gentiles.

Like Prophet Isaiah, and Saints Peter and Paul, God calls us in spite of our inadequacies but we are not indispensable to Him. As Christ’s ambassadors let us join in our Parish Mission of spreading the Good News of God’s Peace and Justice.

**Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp**

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ SFX

Tuesday 12th Feb

Legion of Mary 5pm

Wednesday 13th Feb

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit  
Prayer Group 1.00pm in Chapel.

\* Charismatic Prayer Group 7.30pm in Chapel followed by Prayer for Healing.

Sunday 17th Feb

First communion Commitment Mass /  
Commissioning Mass Followed by  
Sausage Sizzle after 10.30am Mass  
\*Charismatic Prayer Group  
Praise and Worship 5.15pm  
Mass 5.30pm

Tuesday 19th Feb

Plenary Council Meeting  
10am & 7pm Barbeta Room

Thursday 21st Feb

SFX friendship Club bus trip  
Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Friday 22nd Feb

New Parishioners welcome Mass 7pm

Saturday 23rd Feb

SFX Car Boot Sale 10am

Tuesday 26th Feb

Plenary Council Meeting  
10am & 7pm Barbeta Room

## Friendship Club

This months bus trip is going to:  
Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm, then off to  
Lunch at Steeples in Mornington.  
Bus leaves at 9.00am, Price \$35  
Contact: Marie 9775-8737  
Mary 9783-8296

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Father Chinua would like to invite any Parishioners who have join our Parish in the last 3 years to attend a special Welcome mass and blessing on Friday the 22nd Feb. at 7pm, followed by supper. It is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and grow our community spirit. Please let us know via the sheet in the foyer and calling the Parish Office, if you and your family are able to attend for catering purposes.

## 2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Fr. Chinua would like to invite any children in Grade 4 or older who attend government schools to enroll in the Parish Sacramental Program in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please contact the Parish office for an application form.

In 2019 the Parish Theme is

## Peace & Justice

This theme is the basis of all our events we hold this year. Some of the areas we will be focusing on is Modern Day Slavery, environmental issues, Supporting the Watoto Children's Choir and our continued support and collaborative work with St. Vincent de Paul Society. If there are any organisations or causes that relate to Peace and Justice that you think we could include; please speak with Fr. Chinua.

## SFX CAR BOOT SALE

On Saturday 23rd February @ 10am, we are having our car boot sale. If you would like to book a car space, it is \$25. Please enquire at the office.

## Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

Be in the draw to WIN 1 of 3 CARS & more!! Tickets are just \$2 each. Tickets will be for sale before and after each Sunday Masses and you are more than welcome to also help sell some tickets. Please register and collect your book of tickets at Mass or from the Parish Office. This raffle helps support our Parish. **GOOD LUCK!!!!!!**

## Liturgy of the word for Children

Beginning this Sunday at 10.30am mass for the year. It is a great way for children to be apart of the Church community and learn the teachings of the Gospel in a fun and age appropriate way. We hope to see many little Parishioners every week!

## Commitment Mass for First Holy Communion Candidates And Commissioning Mass for

### Parish Pastoral Council/Parish School Staff

On Sunday 17th February we are having a sausage sizzle after the 10.30am Mass for this years FHC Candidates of St. Francis Xavier and St. Augustines Primary School as well as their parents, family and friends. We will also be combining the Commissioning Mass for the Parish Pastoral Council and teachers for the 2019 school year.

### We are hoping for a great community celebration!

If anyone could assist in the BBQ it would be very much appreciated, there is a volunteer form in the foyer.

**Thank you**

## PLENARY COUNCIL

A new opportunity to have your say is coming up. For all those who didn't make it to the last round of discussions you are invited to come along this year and contribute to the Catholic Church's future direction. Please indicate on the sheet provided in the foyer your preferred time and date from the choice of Tuesday 19th Feb. 10am or 7pm or Tuesday 26th Feb. 10am or 7pm.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Council is meeting again on the 21st of Feb. If anyone has any issues they would like to Council to discuss please put it in writing and leave it in the box located in front of the Parish Office. All matters will be dealt with in strict confidence, if so desired.

## Requim Mass for ROB SMITH

Rob, a long term parishioner sadly passed away last week. Our prayers go out to wife Yvonne and family during this difficult time. His funeral will be held at St. Francis Xavier Parish on Friday 15th February at 11.30am.