

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.

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



Parish Cells Groups

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

Contact the Parish Office for more details

Memorials this week:
 19 March St Joseph

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :

1st Reading (JB)

Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading (JB)

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel (JB)

Mark 15:1-39 or

Mark 14:1 - 15:47



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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

Friday: 2pm in Quilter Room

Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

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)



2018
 18th March
 Fifth Sunday
 of LENT
 Year B

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Jeremiah 31:31-34** and 2nd Reading **Hebrews 5:7-9**
Resp Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15 R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel John 12:20-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
 Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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.



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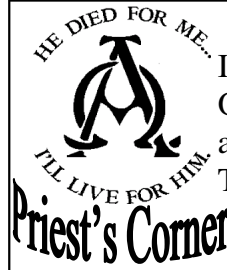
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Homily for Fifth Sunday of LENT, Year B - THEME: A NEW COVENANT

In the first reading from the book of prophet Jeremiah, God promised a new covenant. In the Old Testament, God made series of covenants with people. He made a covenant with Noah after the flood. In that Covenant, God promised that he would continue to be a protector God. The seal of that covenant was a rainbow. God later entered into a covenant with Abraham. In that covenant, God was to make Abraham the father of a multitude of nations. Abraham in his part was to circumcise all the male children born to him or living with him. After the Jews left Egypt, God made a covenant with them at Mount Sinai. He was to be their God and the Jews were to become a consecrated nation, and a people set apart to worship God. The Jews on their part were to keep the commandments of God. Though God kept his own part of the covenant, the Jews often derailed from the covenant by worshipping false gods and engaging in other acts that contravene the covenant. Joshua made a renewal of God's covenant with the people of Israel at Shechem (Jos 24). During the renewal of the covenant, Joshua asked the people of Israel to choose whether they would continue to serve the one true God (Yahweh), who brought them out from the land of Egypt or they would serve the Egyptian or Mesopotamian or Amorite gods. The people responded overwhelmingly that they would serve no other gods but Yahweh when they said, "may God never permit that we ever abandon Yahweh to serve other gods!" (Jos 24:16). The people then brought out all the false gods they were harbouring and destroyed them. However, despite this renewal, the Israelites remained unfaithful to the covenant and this led to their multiple exiles including the Babylonian captivity. Due to the Jewish people's unfaithfulness to the covenant, God through the mouth of prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31:31-34), promised a new and everlasting covenant that will include the whole of humanity not only the Israelites. This new covenant shall be based on heart to heart relationship with God. "Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people." This new covenant was inaugurated in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

The second reading (Heb 5:7-9), recounted the manner of Jesus' ministry while he was on earth. It stated that Christ while on earth, offered up prayer and entreaty aloud and in silent tears to God for our sanctification. It also made clear that Jesus did not shy away from suffering during his public ministry. He embraced whatever experiences that came his way as a means of sanctifying the world. Here, we recall Jesus' challenging experiences in the dessert, the temptations he had during his ministries, the hostilities he experienced from the religious authorities, and his passion and death on the cross. We also recall our own tears, failures, disappointments, worries and betrayals. We unit them with the experiences of Jesus and we pray that Jesus will unite our sufferings and tears to his, so that we might experience consolations in our lives. In the Gospel (John 12:20-30), Jesus used the occasion of the presence of the Greek speaking people (who represent the non-Jewish people) during a Jewish festival to announce that the moment of his glorification, through which he would seal the new covenant that included all of humanity had arrived. For Jesus, his death on the cross was his glorification, for the cross (not a chair) was his throne. He is King because he was obedient to the Father. He said, my food is to do the will of my Father who sent me" (Jon 4:34). Jesus' death is like a grain of wheat that germinates to give new life. Hence Jesus said, "Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown" because when "I am lifted up from the earth, then I will draw all people to myself." That is, he will redeem the world. Jesus urged us not to be afraid, for by his death, he has conquered the world. May Jesus' death and resurrection continue to be a source of renewal for us. Amen.

Fr. Chinua CSSp



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!

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for the sick: Peter Joske, Jan Buckner, Paul Czubryj, 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 Lynne Hubbel and all those who have died recently and we remember those who anniversary occurs at this time: A.J.George Angilivelil, Devasia Chacko, Clotilde Martins, Mary & Aloysius Fernandez, Pierre Henri Rault Snr and Curd Sauzier- may they rest in peace in God's heavenly kingdom.



WORKING BEE scheduled for **Saturday 24th March** after **9.15am Mass**. Please come to decorate the church for Palm Sunday.

Weekdays **During Lent :**
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 during Lent.
Alternatively: St John's Parish Fridays 7pm 20 Coral St, Frankston East

Sundays
5th Sunday in Lent Outreach Sunday

LENTEN RETREAT 21 March at 7pm in St Francis Xavier Church.



EASTER RECONCILIATION MONDAY 25th March at 7.30pm

On Monday **March 19th at 9.15am Mass** we celebrate the feast day of St Joseph, spouse of our Heavenly Mother, Mary. A social Cuppa will follow. God is good. We are truly blest.



M.Sharpe

World Day of Prayer, Frankston Local Committee wish to thank members of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church for their support by attending the service as part of the congregation or actively participating within the service, or by helping with the morning tea.

It was a very successful service with over 50 people from various churches learning about Suriname, praying for the people and their country plus exploring the theme 'All God's Creation is very good'.

The Genesis creation story was effectively portrayed visually. In place of a speaker, the reflective activity focused on the issue of recycling organic and non-organic waste, highlighting that we must all play our part in preserving and caring for God's creation.



Kaylene Vlasveld
Co-ordinator Frankston Local Committee WDP.

"Called to Welcome and Protect" Palm Sunday, 25 March
1.00pm Prayer SERVICE - St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne
1.40pm Depart Cathedral to join:
2.00pm WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES
State Library (cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts., Melbourne)
More information in Church Foyer or contact: 9926 5720

BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to .. **Eliza Papoutsidis**, daughter of Stelios and Leah, & **Paityn Monk**, daughter of Daniel and Kristi, who will be baptised in our Church this Sunday. Please pray for these children, parents, grandparents and godparents.



For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- **Teach, Preach & Reach (TPR) Group-** Sunday, 25 March, at 5.30pm Mass-ALL WELCOME-Join us to share Jesus' love
- St Vincent de Paul Frankston Conference would like to sincerely thank parishioners for their generous donation of blankets, doonas and clothes for our Winter Appeal over the past two weeks. Your generosity is outstanding and you can be assured our needy clients will also be most grateful for the assistance we provide through you donations. Thank you all again and may God Bless you for your generosity.



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

Sunday Collection 11.03.2018

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged Church \$ 881 Presbytery \$ 456 Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You**.....

Foundations Youth Group will be starting soon!

This is a new youth group that is welcome to all Grade 5/6 students of St Francis Xavier, St Augustine's, St John's Frankston and Government Schools.

The first event will be held on 6th of April at Xavier Hall, St Francis Xavier Church, 7:00pm- 8:30pm.

This youth group is run by Natasha Dewhirst, a current parishioner of St John's. If you'd like more information about the event, please feel free to email tash.dewhirst@gmail.com



If you completed Child Safe Standards Training last year - your Certificates are available in Church Foyer this Sunday.

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