



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 29.04.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving

Church \$ 1077 Presbytery \$ 477 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) 1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading (JB) Ephesians 4:1-13

Gospel (JB) Mark 16:15-20



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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.

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

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit

prayer group :

Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel

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 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48 and 2nd Reading 1 John 4:7-10
Resp Psalm Ps 97:1-4 R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel: John 15:9-17 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday at all masses: Mothers' Day collection for Pregnancy Assistance Frankston

20 May, Pentecost Sunday there will be a 'get-together-cuppa' after 10.30am Mass .. please bring a plate of goodies to share.

The **Annual Spiritan Father's Collection** will be taken up that w/end.

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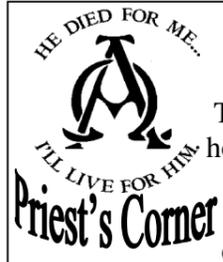
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Homily for Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B Theme

There is No Greater Love Than Laying Down One's Life for One's Friends

The first reading, (Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48), narrates the conversion of Cornelius and his household to Christianity. Cornelius was a Roman soldier stationed in Caesarea and a non-Jew. He was a partial convert to the Jewish religion. He prayed to God, and contributed generously to Jewish causes, but was not circumcised. Circumcision was a prerequisite for a male to become a full convert to Judaism. Cornelius had a vision in which he was asked to send some men to Joppa to fetch Peter who was visiting.

While the men Cornelius had sent to Peter were on their way to Joppa, Peter went into a trance. In his vision, he saw a basket full of different kinds of four-footed animals, birds and reptiles being lowered from the sky, and a voice said to him, 'kill and eat' and he replied that he has never eaten anything unclean. The voice told him that what God has made clean, he had no right to call profane. This scene was repeated three times to Peter.

The Book of Leviticus, Chapter 11: 1-47, listed the clean and unclean animals. The clean animals are edible, while the unclean ones are not. It may surprise many that pigs are among the unclean animals because though it has divided hoofs, it does not chew its cud. However, Jesus had declared every food clean when he said that the foods we eat do not make us unclean, rather, it is the evil thoughts that come out from our hearts that make us unclean, (Mk 7:14-23).

Again, Peter's responses in the vision reminds us of the various prejudices and biases one may have about other cultures. Many Jews believed that they are the only chosen people of God and espoused some superiority complex over other people and cultures. For the Jews, people from other nations are unclean like the unclean animals. Peter alluded to this intolerance when he addressed the people who had gathered at the house of Cornelius. He said, "you know that it is forbidden for Jews to associate with any of another nation or to enter his house. But God has made it clear to me that no one should call any person common or consider him unclean." Thus, the vision Peter had was a rebuke of such a superiority complex.

When Peter arrived at Cornelius' house, he was welcomed by Cornelius, who then talked to him about the vision he had had in which he was asked to send for him, (Peter). Having listened to Cornelius' speech, Peter then addressed the crowd who had gathered in his, (Cornelius'), house. Among other things, he said that he had come to the realisation that God has no favourites but that everyone from any nationality who kept God's commandments was acceptable to Him. As Peter was speaking, a miracle occurred, his hearers suddenly received the gifts of the Holy Spirit though they were yet to be baptised. God wanted to confirm to Peter that Christianity was for everybody and for all nations. Christ has purchased our salvation through his death and resurrection, so no one should deny the gift of salvation to another. The members of Cornelius' family were then baptised.

Jesus said in the Gospel, (Jon 15:9-17), that as the father has loved him so he has loved us. He then invited us to remain in his love. He gave us a new commandment to love one another as he, (Christ), had loved us. Hence, the golden rule of 'do to no one what you will not like done to you' has now been superseded. We are no longer the yard stick for measuring goodness; Christ is. Christ has shown ultimately that he loved us by laying down his life for our salvation. Everyone may not be called to martyrdom, but each person is invited in either little or big ways to be the face of Christ in our communities.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

Next meeting for the Youth Group for 15-25 year olds will be this Sunday 6th May 6.30pm - 8.30pm in Xavier Centre.

During May - the Rosary will be recited at 8.50am prior to daily masses, except Wednesdays when it will be recited following the 9.15am Masses. Parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary together prior to each Mass next Sunday.

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** Friday Pentecost novena begins with weekday Mass
- 14th May** Monday 7pm - 8.45pm - St John's Church 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** Tuesday 7pm - 8.45pm - St John's Church 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** Wednesday 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church 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** Thursday 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church Praise & Worship, Exposition & Benediction Rosary: Glorious mystery Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit Talk: Laity in the Church Speaker: Michael Palmer
- 18th May** Friday 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Celebration, Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit Talk: The Pentecost Experience Speaker: Fr Martin Adichilamackal Prayer for Healing
- 19th May** Saturday 6pm - 8pm - St Francis Xavier Church 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

Renewal of Parish Thanksgiving continues this Sunday.
You are invited to fill in the Time and Talent Sheet. For those who missed out on making their financial pledge last week. The pledge forms are available in the Foyer.

For Your Interest and Diaries

- St Francis Xavier - Frankston**
- Baptism** This SUNDAY Welcome to Noah and Finn Blackhall who will be baptised in our Church this Sunday. Prayers for these children, parents, grandparents and Godparents.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- Southern Stars Social Club** next event Over 28's Party Night is Saturday 19th may at 8pm at St Benedict's Parish Burwood.

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

SICK: We pray for Krzysztof Krol Helen Harrison, Lee Cuthrie, John Hapela, Paul Czubyj, Michael Grogan, Adrian Gobel, Kevin Churchill and John Harrison..

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Rick Van Duppen, Aileen Watson and Michael Hoey.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for Romana Cabanero, Margaret & Frankie White, O'Donovan family members, Annie 'Nan' Williams, Conrad De Sielvie, Roman 'Jack' Puszka and Dean Johnstone.

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