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**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

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**Secretary:** Christina Williams & Bethany Plowright



**This Sunday's Readings**

**1st Reading:** - Jeremiah 17:5-8  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
**Psalm** 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**Next Sunday's Readings**

**1st Reading** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
**2nd Reading** - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
**Gospel** - Luke 6:27-38

**GOSPEL**

Luke 6:17, 20-26

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**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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**St Francis Xavier** 9783 3424  
 Principal - Stephen Peart  
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## Homily - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The First Reading, (Jer 17:5-8), underscored the importance of putting our trust in God's providence rather than on human strength. It pronounced blessing on those who allow God's providence to pilot their lives, "a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream." Just like the tree which is planted beside the water gets nourishment from the water, so would the one who places one's trust in the Lord receive nourishment from the Lord. On the reverse side of the spectrum, Prophet Jeremiah announced a curse on those who rely solely on human strength; thus, deifying human ingenuity. This category of people considers God irrelevant in their lives and think in their minds that they can rely solely on their intelligence to achieve greatness without reference to God, who is their creator and provider. "A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wasteland."

The First Reading is not demeaning human ingenuity or achievements, nor is it against one seeking help when in need. It however repudiates any theory or political policy that extols human progress without any reference to the creator - God.

The Gospel, (Lk 6:17,20-26), presents us with the beatitudes. Beatitudes mean fortunate or happy or favoured. These beatitudes also appeared in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter five, within the context of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. There are similarities and dissimilarity between the Matthean and the Lucan accounts. In the Lucan account, immediately preceding the narration of The Beatitudes, Jesus had spent the whole night in prayer with his disciples on a mountain which culminated in his selection of twelve of them to be members of his inner circle known as apostles. Having nominated his apostles, he came down with them to a level ground where they were accosted with more of Jesus' disciples and "a large crowd of people who had come from all parts of Judea and Jerusalem and from the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon," (Lk 6:17).

Jesus then addressed the beatitudes and the woes to his disciples in presence of the crowd. Hence for Luke, Jesus' addressing of the beatitudes and woes to his disciples on the plain field where he stood shoulder to shoulder with them attest to the fact that God has become our Emmanuel: 'he has pitched his tent among us.' Whereas the Matthean account where Jesus delivered the beatitudes to the crowd from a mountain showed him to be the new Moses - a teacher, a law giver and the fulfiller of Old Testament prophecies.

Again, while the Lucan account contains four beatitudes and four woes, (unfortunate, unhappy, unfavored), the Matthean narration contains eight beatitudes and no woes.

The beatitudes challenge our world view because those we would naturally regard as unfortunate were referred to as fortunate - the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted. And those we might consider as fortunate and happy are referred to as unfortunate - the rich, the well feed, the happy and the famous.

'The poor' as referenced in the Lucan beatitude refers to the economic poor; those from a low socio-economic background. The beatitude does not extol poverty as something we should not make effort to pull ourselves out from. It is also not a latitude for employers to be sapping their workers under the guise that they will be considered as fortunate. Not at all! The message of the beatitudes needs to be contextualised. The beatitudes warn us against putting all our hope on riches, behaving as if wealth is an end. There may be a tendency for the rich to think that he/she has no need of God. Proverb 3:9-10 articulates this propensity when it stated, "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the bread that is my portion. Otherwise, I may have too much and deny You, saying, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal."

Ultimately, the yearning of the poor which includes all those who are awaiting the coming of the Lord shall be satisfied in God's Kingdom, where there will be no more tears or death or sorrow or crying or pain.

Today, as we commission the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and our Parish Schools' Staff, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit has endowed the members of the Church of Christ with different gifts which include apostles, prophets, teachers and so on. The members of the Parish Pastoral Council help me in the pastoral care of our Parish by giving me constructive advice. They represent different aspects of our Parish life which include worship, education, hospitality and outreach.

Teaching is a vocation for which those who are called should regard themselves as fortunate. To teach in a Catholic school means that you have been called to become evangelisers. Through what you do and say, you proclaim the Word of God. What the ordaining prelate says to the Deacon at his ordination when he hands the bible to him is also relevant to the teachers:

"Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practise what you teach." Teachers ought to be good role models to students. Since children learn more through observation, ensure that your actions are congruent with your words.

For our year four students who are committing themselves to follow the Parish Sacramental Programme, we pray that through this programme, they may come to understand better their Catholic faith and grow in it. We thank their parents and guardians that have signed up to be their prop throughout the duration of this programme.

**Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp**

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ SFX

- Monday 18th Feb  
GROW 1-4pm Quilter Room
- Tuesday 19th Feb  
Legion Of Mary 5pm  
Plenary Council Meeting  
10am & 7pm Barbeta Room
- Wednesday 20th Feb  
Charismatic Prayer Group  
7.30pm in Chapel.
- Thursday 21st Feb  
Morning Tea 10.00am-11.00am  
SFX friendship Club bus trip  
Syro Malabar 6.00pm-10.00pm
- Friday 22nd Feb  
New Parishioners welcome Mass 7pm
- Monday 25th Feb  
GROW 1-4pm Quilter Room
- Tuesday 26th Feb  
Plenary Council Meeting  
10am & 7pm Barbeta Room
- Wednesday 27th Feb  
National Seniors  
8.15-12Noon
- Thursday 28th Feb  
Morning Tea 10.00am-11.00am  
Syro Malabar  
6.00pm-10.00pm

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Beginning this Sunday at 10.30am Mass. It is a great way for children to be a part 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!

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Father Chinua would like to invite any Parishioners who have joined our Parish in the last 3 years to attend a special Welcome Mass and Blessing on Friday, 22nd Feb. at 7pm, followed by supper. It is a great opportunity to meet other Parishioners and grow our Community spirit. For catering purposes please let us know if you and your family are able to attend.

### SFX CAR BOOT SALE

The car book sale which was planned for Saturday 23 Feb. has been postponed until further notice.

## Peace & Justice

**"THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER"**  
this year will focus on  
**SLOVENIA**

The program will take place on Friday March 1st at the Uniting Church, 16-18 High Street, Frankston commencing at 10.30am with morning tea, followed by prayer and story telling of life in Slovenia at 11am.

The morning is supported by several local churches. As Catholics it would be a great opportunity for us to show our support and share prayer time with members of different faiths, and extend our Christian "Love thy neighbour."

The morning concludes at approximately 12noon. Last year several of us attended and enjoyed the service very much.—MS



John Paul College  
**OPEN DAY**  
Thursday 7th March,  
2pm or 5pm  
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### **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.

## THANK YOU



*We would like to take a moment to give thanks and appreciation to the time and effort the SFX flower ladies make in filling our Church with Beautiful fresh flower arrangements every week.*

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★ **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** ★  
★ This Sunday marks the start of the journey for the Year Four ★  
★ Students to undertake their commitment to receiving the Sacraments ★  
★ of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. They are required to ★  
★ participate in Sunday Mass every week for 5-6 weeks leading up to ★  
★ the reception of each Sacrament as part of the preparation to receive ★  
★ the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Eucharist. You will see many ★  
★ new faces on the pews and we extend a warm welcome to them and ★  
★ hope they find a new Spiritual growth from joining our Parish. ★  
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### **Parish Pastoral Council / School Staff commissioning**

We welcome and congratulate the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the St. Francis Xavier and St. Augustines Primary School's staff at their annual commissioning.  
May God Bless them in their ministries.