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RECENTLY DECEASED- Kevin Churchill, Rob Smith, Sheila Lock, Tony Pisano, Chris Geehman,



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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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 - 1st + 3rd Mondays of month

Liturgy of Word & Communion Service

Monday - 9.15am
 2nd + 4th + 5th 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

1st Sunday of month during 10.30am Mass.
 4th Sunday of month 11.30am (after the 10.30am Mass)

Baptism Preparation:

2nd 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 Augustine 9781 3007
 Principal - Jan de Koning
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 Principal - Stephen Peart
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 Principal - John Visentin

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading Sirach 27:4-7
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel Luke 6:39-45

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

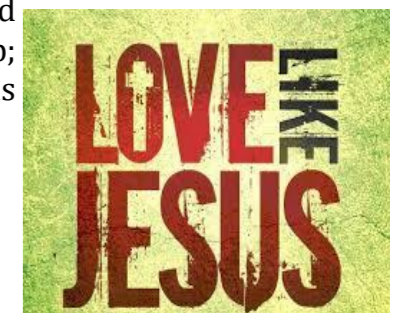
Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Homily - SEVENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The first Reading from the first Book of Samuel, (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23), narrated an incident between King Saul and David, in which, following the Old Testament's morality of 'an eye for an eye, tooth for tooth', David should have eliminated King Saul. Saul was envious of David because he was a rising star having fought and killed Goliath. He, (Saul), did not want David to be in competition with his son Jonathan who would succeed him as the King of Israel. Saul had attempted to pin David to the wall with a spear, but David dodged the spear and fled.

King Saul and some of his soldiers went in search of David. David and his men accidentally came into an area where King Saul and his men had camped, and to their surprise they found them sound asleep. David's nephew, Abishai, who was full of youthful exuberance, asked David for permission to eliminate Saul saying, "Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice." But contrary to all norms and expectations that one has the right and freedom to destroy one's enemies, David restrained Abishai from killing Saul, saying, "Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" David took King Saul's spear and water pitcher as a proof to him that he, (David), would have eliminated him if he had chosen to. What David did was extraordinary when compared with the pattern of behaviour that was prevalent during his era.

David's sparing of the life of King Saul, who was out to do him in, is the link between the first Reading and the Gospel of today, (Lk 6:27-38). The Gospel continues Jesus' sermon on the plain. Last week we listened to The Beatitudes which challenged our world view on true happiness. Jesus' teaching this week that we should love our enemies and do good to those who hate us or curse us is also contrary to our natural impulse, which tends to commensurate with those that are good to us and to extract vengeance from those that have wronged us.

How feasible is it for us to love those that irritate us or want to harm us since self-preservation is our natural instinct? How can victims of rape or armed robbery love the perpetrators? How can victims of child abuse love the culprits? How can the bullied love the aggressor? How can a soldier love an adversary in battle? Does the love of enemies exclude the need of repentance by the offender? Does the love of enemies and doing good to those who hate us exclude punishment for the perpetrators?

We realise that just as the Beatitudes needed explanation, Jesus' teachings on love of enemies and doing good to those who hate or curse us need to be contextualised. To grapple with the intention of Jesus on these teachings, we should have at the back of our minds that good begets good and evil begets evil. As often as we seek revenge, we will be caught up in a spiral of violence, whereby we are being consumed with negative energies. Jesus is inviting us to hate the sin but not the sinner. These teachings of Jesus can be seen in the lives of great people like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr who, in the face of colonial brutality in India and racism against the blacks in the United States of America, advocated for conscientious objection, (non-violence), against the perpetrators rather than arms conflict. The Geneva Convention, which prohibits the killing of combatant soldiers once they surrender in battle, is also influenced by this Jesus' teaching.

The love of enemies and doing good to those who hate us does not exclude the need for the perpetrators to reform their lives, or for them to face the consequences of their wrong choices which might include incarceration as a way of moulding them into better human beings. Hence, Jesus in teaching us to love our enemies, wants us to attune our minds to the mind of God who is compassionate to both good and bad people alike; thus, we should hate the sin and not the sinner!

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER GROUPS

Legion of Mary

Tuesday: 5.00pm in Quilter Room

Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

Cell Groups

in Quilters Room

Tuesday: 10.00am (Maureen)

Tuesday 7.30pm-9.30pm (Chris)

Thursday: 7.30pm (John)

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit

prayer group :
Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel

Divine Mercy

Friday: 3pm in Chapel (private prayer)

Charismatic Prayer for Healing

3rd Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,

Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm Mass.

Teach,Preach,Reach (TPR),

Adoration & Healing

After 5.30pm Mass

4th Sunday of month

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit

prayer group :
Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel

National Seniors

Last Wednesday of the Month

8.15-12Noon

Bridge Club

Monday 6.00pm-11pm

Wednesday 6.00pm -11pm

Thursday 8.00am -4.30pm

Open Door

1st Monday of the Month 11-12.30

Quilters room

GROW

Monday 1-4pm Quilters room

Friendship Club

1st Wednesday of the Month

10.30am —12Noon

Knights of the Southern Cross

1st Wednesday in April, July & October

10-12am in Quilters room

Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicle

Club

2nd Thursday of the Month 8.00-10.00pm

Youth Group Jr

Grades 5,6 &7

Time TBC

Youth Lead Mass

First Sunday of the Month

5.30pm followed by light refreshments

Epilepsy Support Group

2nd Saturday of the Month

1.00pm-4.00pm

Syro Malabar

Thursday 6.00pm-10.00pm

1st Sunday of the Month 4.00pm-6.00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st & 3rd Monday 4.00pm-5.30pm

Morning Tea

Every Thursday 10.00am-11.00am

Quilters room

1st Sunday of the Month after 10.30am



Kevin Churchill,

a long time Parishioner at St. Francis Xavier, sadly passed away last week.

We would like to offer our love and prayers to Annie and the Churchill family at this difficult time.

May you find strength in God.

Friendship Club

March 21st- bus trip is going to:

Coal Creek Korumburra

Morning tea and Lunch Included

Bus leaves at 8.30am, Price \$40

Contact: Marie 9775-8737 or

Mary 9783-8296



John Paul College

OPEN DAY

Thursday 7th March,

2pm or 5pm

Enquires: 9784-0200



THANK YOU

The family of Rob Smith would like to thank you all for all your prayers and kindness during their recent bereavement.

May he rest in peace.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS @ SFX

TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Plenary Council Meeting

10am and 7pm

Barbeta Room

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

- World Day of Prayer @

Uniting Church, Frankston

10.30am

- 24 Hour adoration

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

Plenary Council Meeting

10am and 7pm

Barbeta Room

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH

Ash Wednesday

Mass 9.15am and 7pm

2pm @ St. Augustines P.S

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

Stations of the Cross

9.45am

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