

## Upcoming Events

May 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 \$ 2663 Presbytery \$ 1326** 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

**3rd Collection - Special**  
 Will be taken up as a leaving collection after Mass

### Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :

**1st Reading (JB) (JB) Acts 2:1-11**

**2nd Reading (JB) Galatians 5:16-25**

**Gospel (JB) John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

**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 weekend.

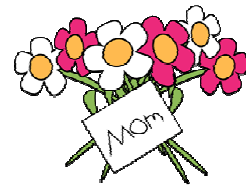
### Mother's Day Prayer

O God,  
 We thank you for the gift of our mothers,  
 we entreat you Lord to keep on blessing and protect-  
 ing all mothers.

Give them the grace and strength they need  
 to love and care for their families.  
 Mothers we thank you for being there always for us.  
 We apologise for the times we have taken your love  
 and care for granted.

May the Lord grant us the grace to be ever  
 appreciative of your invaluable sacrifices for  
 our families and society.

We pray that the Good Lord will fill your hearts  
 with joy and grant eternal rest  
 to all departed mothers. Amen.



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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 - 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of month

### Liturgy of Word and Communion Service

Monday - 9.15am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,  
 then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm  
 Mass:

### Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass

4<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month during the Masses.  
 (Saturday Evening Mass inclusive)  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 11.30am (after  
 the 10.30am Mass)



13th May 2018

The Ascension  
 of the Lord  
 Year B

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading 1st Reading Acts 1:1-11 and 2nd Reading Ephesians 4:1-13  
**Resp Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9 R.** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

### Gospel: Mark 16:15-20 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them,  
 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation.  
 He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not  
 believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be  
 associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they  
 will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands,  
 and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay  
 their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up  
 into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while  
 they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them  
 and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

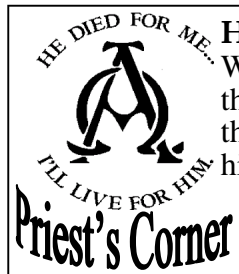


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Renewal of Parish Thanksgiving. For those who missed out on making their financial pledge or filling in a Time and Talent Sheet last week. The forms are available in the Foyer.



### Homily - Ascension of The Lord, Year B

We read in the first reading, (Acts 1:1-11), that, "as he, (Jesus), said this, he was lifted up while they, (disciples), looked on, and the cloud took him from their sight". This is the third time that the phrase 'lifted up' was used to describe what would happen to Jesus or what was happening in his life. Jesus had said in the Gospel of John that, "when you have lifted up the son of man, then you will know that I am He", (Jon 8:28), and again, "when I am lifted up from the earth, then I will draw all people to myself", (Jon 12:32).

In the above contexts, Jesus used the phrase, 'lifted up' to describe the manner of his death on the cross for the salvation of the world. 'Lifted up', as used in the first reading of today, referred to Jesus' glorification, for it stated that while Jesus was 'lifted up', "cloud took him from their sight". In the bible, cloud and smoke symbolise theophany. The people of Israel were led by a pillar of cloud on their way to the promised land from Egypt, (Ex 13:12); during the covenant between God and the Israelites at Mount Sinai, smoke covered the mountain, (Ex 19:18); and at Jesus' transfiguration, Jesus and his disciples were covered by cloud, (Mk 9:7).

With Jesus Christ's ascension, he is now seated at the right hand of the Father as we profess in the Creed. This underscores the authority of Christ as the Lord of lords and the King of kings. It is the same Jesus that incarnated in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary for our salvation, that has now ascended to glory. St Paul said in his letter to the Philippians that because Christ accepted death on the cross, God has exalted him and given "him the Name which outshines all names, so that at the Name of Jesus all knees should bend in heaven, on earth and among the dead, and all tongues proclaim that Christ Jesus is the Lord to the glory of God the Father", (Phil 2:6-11). Jesus' authority is above every principality, power and authority in this world and in the next.

In the Gospel of today, (Mark 16:15-20), Jesus instructed his disciples to, "Go out to the whole world" and "proclaim the Good News to all creation." Jesus had taught his disciples that after they had received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day, that they would be his witnesses from the land of Israel to the entire world. Hence, now is the time of the Church, this is our time to make a difference in the world by being Christ's witnesses in our families, our neighbourhoods and our country. We are now the face of Jesus in the world.

Though Jesus has ascended to the Father, he has however, not abandoned us. He promised to be with us until "the end of time." He continues to be with us in the Sacraments. Jesus is the Sacrament of God par excellence because he is God incarnate, in Him, God has become our Emmanuel; a God that walks with us and shares in our joys and sorrows. He sanctifies us and brings healing and wholeness to our lives. He is present with us through the Seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony and Holy Orders. Where he, our head, has gone, we, his body, hope to be. We trust in his promises when he said:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that that where I am, you may be too.

Today, we also celebrate Mother's Day. We salute and congratulate our Mothers for their unflinching love and care of their families. Scripture underscored the unconditional love mothers have for their children and families when it rhetorically asked, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast, and have no compassion on the child she has borne?", (Is 49:15). We know that mothers willingly give the last drop of their blood for the good of their family. They willingly sacrifice everything for their families.

Hence, we acknowledge and thank our Mums, both living and dead, for their immense contribution to our society. We thank them for being there for us.

We pray that the Good Lord will bless all Mums and grant eternal rest to those who have gone before us.

**Happy Ascension of the Lord! Happy Mother's Day!** Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



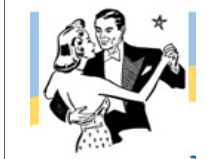
During May - the Rosary will be recited at 8.50am prior to daily masses, except Wednesdays when it will be recited following the 9.15am Masses.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May

St Francis Xavier Church/St John's Church  
20 Coral Street

**11<sup>th</sup> May** Pentecost novena begins with weekday  
Friday Mass

**14<sup>th</sup> May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St John's Church  
Monday Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Celebration,  
Rosary: Glorious mystery  
Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit  
Talk: Joy of the Gospel  
Speaker: Deacon Kevin Pattison

**15<sup>th</sup> May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St John's Church  
Tuesday Praise & Worship, Exposition & Benediction  
Rosary: Glorious mystery  
Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit  
Talk: The Church as Missionary  
Speaker: Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

**16<sup>th</sup> May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church  
Wednesday 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

**17<sup>th</sup> May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church  
Thursday Praise & Worship, Exposition & Benediction  
Rosary: Glorious mystery  
Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit  
Talk: Laity in the Church  
Speaker: Michael Palmer

**18<sup>th</sup> May** 7pm - 8.45pm - St Francis Xavier Church  
Friday Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Celebration,  
Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit  
Talk: The Pentecost Experience  
Speaker: Fr Martin Adichilamackal  
Prayer for Healing

**19<sup>th</sup> May** 6pm - 8pm - St Francis Xavier Church  
Saturday 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



### Pregnancy Assistance Frankston (PAF) -

we invite you to support our Pregnancy centre through our annual Mothers' Day appeal envelope collection **THIS WEEKEND**

Your donations help support new mums with baby clothing, prams, cots, nappies and baby blankets, etc.

**SICK: We pray for** Krzysztof Krol Helen Harrison, Lee Cuthrie, John Hapela, Paul Czubyryj, Michael Grogan, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel, Kevin Churchill and John Harrison.  
**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for** Eric Crowe, Lydia 'Lily' Robertson, Stanislaw Wolkow, Rosa & George, Gaudiasa Gamutin, Clotilde Martins and Dean Johnstone.

### For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- **Mass - Prayer for Healing** - 5.30pm Sunday, 20 May  
Come and experience the healing of the Lord Jesus during Mass and afterwards through personal prayer ministry. Let Jesus heal the affects of broken relationships, of physical suffering, of anxiety and depression. Praise and Worship lead by the One Accord music ministry begins at 5.15pm.
- **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.
- **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

### 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.**

### 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