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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) Genesis 3:9-15**  
**2nd Reading (JB) 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1**  
**Gospel (JB) Mark 3:20-35**



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**Other Groups/Activities:**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
 meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 4.00pm in the Xavier Centre. **Donations/Assistance:** 9769 6060  
**Membership:** 0410 569 357, 9781 4761, 9783 3976  
**Furniture Donations:** 1800 621 349

**Charismatic Prayer Group / Prayer Line / Ministry of Healing :** Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103

**Friendship Club (Seniors)** - 1st Wednesday of month in the Xavier Centre at 10.30am. Bus trips on 3rd Thursday of month. Contact: Marie - 9775 8737

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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)

3rd June  
 2018

Solemnity of  
**Corpus Christi**  
 Year B

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Exodus 24:3-8** and 2nd Reading **Hebrews 9:11-15**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 115:12-13. 15-18** R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

**Gospel: Mark 14:12-16. 22-26** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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

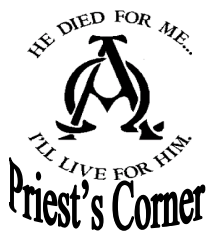


Most Holy and Almighty God, we thank you and praise you for giving us the most precious body and blood of Your only son, Jesus Christ. Through the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion we are able to nourish our bodies and souls. We thank you for having made Yourself our food and for uniting us with You in this beautiful Sacrament.

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### HOMILY FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

On Holy Thursday, during the mass of the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we celebrated among other themes, the institution of the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Jesus while he was having his last supper with his disciples, took bread, said the blessing and broke it and gave to his disciples and said to them, "this is my body". He then took a cup filled with wine and said the blessing and gave it to his disciples and said, "take this all of you and drink, for this is the blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you" (Mk14:22-26). He then added, "do this in memory of me" (Lk 22:19-20).

Due to the centrality of the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in the economy of salvation, the church has singled it out for a commemoration today. The Eucharist is the summit around which the other sacraments revolve, because it is the sealing of the new covenant with Christ's blood. Jesus during his earthly ministry performed many mighty works through which he made the kingdom of God present to the people. He healed the sick, raised the dead, gave hope to the distressed and fed the hungry. However, only once did he say to his disciples, "do this in memory of me", and it was after he instituted the sacrament of his body and blood.

In today's first reading, after Moses had read the Book of the Covenant to the people and the people responded that, "We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey." Moses sprinkled the people with the blood of a bullock as a sealing of the covenant God had made with them. The second reading reminds us that unlike in the Old Testament when priests offered animals to purify the people, Jesus had offered not the blood of animals but his life for our justification and sanctification. We read that, "The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God" (Heb 9:11-15)

At mass, after the words of consecration have been said by the priest, we believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine have become the body and blood of Christ, and hence, objects of our adoration because of the presence of Christ in them.

The solemnity we are celebrating today, also includes a thanksgiving to God for providing us with physical food and drink which are essential for healthy living. During the Eucharistic celebration, before the Eucharistic prayer is said, the priest offers the bread saying, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life" (Roman Missal).

He then offers the wine saying, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink" (Roman Missal).

The two citations above, underscored the importance of thanking God for the natural foods and drinks that he has provided for us, for without wheat or corn or rice or grapes, we will not have the bread and wine to be transformed by the power of prayer into the body and blood of Christ. Moses had reminded the Israelites that they should be forever grateful to God for he provided them with food and drink during their sojourn in the desert (Deut 8:14-16). The offering prayer for the bread, acknowledges that the bread is both the fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it then pleads that it may be transformed into our bread of life. The offering prayer for the wine acknowledges that the wine is both fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it then asks that it be transformed into our spiritual drink. The two offering prayers, acknowledge God as God of creation who is benevolent to us (humans).

The sacrifice of Jesus on the altar during Eucharistic celebration, re-enacts Jesus' sacrificial offering on the cross except that on the altar, he is not physically bleeding as on the cross. The Eucharistic sacrifice on the altar also includes ourselves because the water mingled with the wine represents humanity, while the wine represents Christ.

As we celebrate the solemnity of the body and blood of Christ, let us approach the table of the Lord with joy and reverence, for it is Christ the saviour of the world who has invited us to a feast and it is him that we partake of in the Eucharist. As we joyfully and reverently approach the table of the Lord, let us join Dan Shute in singing

**Table of Plenty:**  
Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.  
O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

Message from Parish Office:

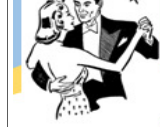
Please check the Church Foyer for internal mail. CSS Training Certificates, PAF Receipts, Rosters etc

Corpus Christi Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
There will be an Eucharistic procession around the church immediately following the 10.30am Mass.

We have got a team of Coordinators for our parish fete. Stay tuned for further information about the parish fete.



### 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.**

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**Next Anointing Mass will be 9.15am Thursday - 7th June**

*St John's Parish will be farewelling Sr Anita on Sunday 17th June at 10.00am Mass at St John's Church, 20 Coral Street. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of "goodies" to share. Thank you Sr Anita for your care for the whole Frankston Area over many years.*



**This Sunday of 2nd & 3rd June around which is the feast of the Sacred heart of Jesus - SVdP Society will be holding their annual Winter Appeal. Collection boxes will be in the church foyer for donations of non-perishable food items, clothing and blankets. Cash donations can also be made. Thank you on behalf of the many people we assist.**

**SICK: We pray for** Faye Reidy, Salih Basic, Peter Freese, Ivana Barbir, Irene Sinclair, Ross Monterosso, John Harrison, Krzysztof Krol, Helen Harrison, Lee Cuthrie, John Hapela, Paul Czubyryj, Michael Grogan, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel and Kevin Churchill.

**RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for** Maria Arlette Ricaud, Jean Marcel Lapiere, Flora V. De La Torre, Vilma Aguda, Rebecca Hollowich, Greoria Macaraig and Sr. Stanislaus

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for** Michael Young, Oliva Mabag, Cirilo Juguan, Margaret Butland, Rosette Friggieri, Aldo Nassuato, Maria, Rosa & Sonia Ioviera, Stephen Puszka, John Thomas Freeman and Ian Dash .

### For Your Interest and Diaries

#### St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- **Baptism this Saturday & Sunday:** Welcome to Willow Mae Zun Corcoran, child of Matthew & Brylee, Marie and Freya Elizabeth Sullivan, child of Ciaran & Madeline who will be baptised into our worshipping community. Please pray for these children, parents, relatives and friends.
- **Friendship Group's next meeting is 6th June at 10.30am in Xavier Centre.** All 'over 50's' welcome.
- **Pregnancy Assistance Frankston (PAF)** - raised \$ 852.60. Thank you for all your generous donations which goes to supporting local families. PAF is a ministry that serves expecting and new mothers providing a vision and practical assistance for paths other than abortion.
- **Chaplaincy Appeal** - raised \$ 580. Thank you for your support.
- **Project Compassion** - raised \$ 1,342. Thank you for your support.

#### Youth Groups

- (Grades 5&6)Natasha - [tash.dewhirst@gmail.com](mailto:tash.dewhirst@gmail.com)  
Next meeting: 6th July - 7pm in Xavier Centre
- (Ages 15-25 ) Lyzbeth Grenness - 0438 003 967  
Next meeting: 3rd June Sunday -6.30pm after Mass



### St Francis Xavier Parish Prayer

O God, eternal Lord of all things: You created humanity in your image and likeness and so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him might have life and have it to the fullest.

Grant that, in imitation of the servant of Christ, Saint Francis Xavier, who carried the good news of salvation to many people we may courageously proclaim your Word and be the salt of the earth and light of the world.

**Amen.**

#### 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.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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New  Change of Address   
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