

## Queen of Heaven Prayer (Daily: 1.4.18 to 20.05.18)

Leader: Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia

**All: For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.**

Leader: Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

**All: Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

**All: For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Sunday	8th April
ANZAC Day	25th April
CSS Training	8th May
Pentecost Seminar	14-19th May
Pentecost	20th May
Dinner Dance	16th June
Fete	28th Oct

## Other Groups/Activities:

**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

**Knitting Group** - Contact Yvonne - 5976 8480.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 4.00pm in the Xavier Centre. **Donations/Assistance:** 9769 6060

**Membership:** 0438 573 694; 9770 5570; 9783 3976

**Furniture Donations:** 1800 621 349

**Parish Cuppa:** First Sunday of month after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre.

**Other Cuppas:** Every Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the Quilter Room and every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre.

**LOCAL RADIO:** Every Sunday morning at 8.00 am Peninsula Radio Rpp 98.7 fm presents **THE CATHOLIC HOUR!** For further information contact Maureen Federico 9787 6540

**Mass for Expectant Mothers** The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 27 May at 11.00am.** Registrations can be made online at:

[www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587. Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May.

Frankston Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for. See Church Foyer for more information.



**Sunday Collection 25.03.2018** Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged Church \$ 1180 Presbytery \$ 594 Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You**

### Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :

**1st Reading (JB) (JB) Acts 4:32-35**

**2nd Reading (JB) 1 John 5:1-6**

**Gospel (JB) John 20:19-31**



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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 -Resumes 10th April

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

### 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)

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Acts 10:34, 37-43** and 2nd Reading **Colossians 3:1-4**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23 R.** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

### Gospel: Vigil Mark 16:1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone - which was very big - had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### Gospel: John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ**



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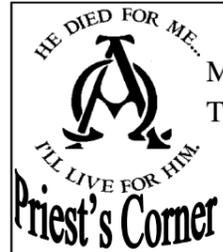
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**EASTER MESSAGE**

My dear people of God,  
The Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!



The resurrection of Jesus Christ is central to our Christian faith, for if Christ had not risen from the dead, then, our faith in him would have been in vain (1 Cor 15:14). The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the dominant message proclaimed in the early church. Jesus during his ministry had prophesied about his resurrection. He stated that, "the Son of man was destined to suffer grievously, and to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again." (Mark 8:31)

By his resurrection, Jesus triumphed over evil and over any situation that holds us in bondage. We recall the joy the Jews had when they escaped from their place of slavery in Egypt and also eluded the Egyptian army that chased after them. After they had miraculously crossed the Red Sea and arrived at Mount Sinai, they sang a song of Joy in praise of God:

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!  
Horse and rider has thrown into the sea!  
The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.  
this is my God and I extol him,  
my father's God and I give him praise (Ps 15:1-2)

Our hearts too like the Jews in the desert are full of Joy, because Jesus' resurrection assures us of our redemption. Since Jesus has set us free through his suffering, death, and resurrection, we ought to examine our consciences as individuals and as a church to find out if there are people we ought to set free. We apologise for all forms of child abuse that had been perpetuated by members of the church, whether the abuse was by a church personnel or parents or relations or friends of the family. We acknowledge that such negative behaviours by some members of the church faithful are inimical to the Good news proclaimed by Christ and the freedom won for us by Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. We ask for forgiveness from all those who are feeling betrayed or hurt by the church.

The resurrection of Jesus marks a new beginning. God had prophesied through the mouth of Prophet Isaiah that He was going to do something new:

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland. So, my chosen people can be refreshed (Is 43:19-20)

Hence, this is a time of a new beginning; a time to reconnect with the church if you have distanced yourself from her. Easter is also a time of the Lord's jubilee when those held in bondage (like in jubilees of old) are set free. Just as Jesus has set us free from our sins, so are we invited to expunge all forms of oppressiveness from our lives. Are you oppressive to your spouse? Are parents oppressive to their children? Are children hostile to their parents? Are siblings hostile to each other? Are you oppressive to your friends? Are employers oppressive to the employees? Are employees holding their employers in hostage? Are governments oppressive to their citizens? Are citizens holding their governments hostage? Have we allowed pride, greed, revengefulness, envy, laziness, gambling, alcohol, illicit drugs, money, wealth, cigarette, sports and poverty to hold us in bondage? Let us allow the light of the risen Christ to shine into our lives, dispelling the darkness of sin and addictions, healing our hurts and bringing back joy and hope into our lives. Jesus can transform your life for he said, "come to me all you who are burdened and heavy laden, I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28). As you approach the throne of God's mercy that Jesus Christ has won for you through his resurrection may you receive grace upon grace! Amen. Happy Easter!

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp Parish Priest

The Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart, has released his Message for Easter for 2018. To view the video : <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/News>



**We pray** with loving and trustful hearts for the sick: Peter Joske, Jan Buckner, Paul Czubyryj, Robyn, John Rodgers, Michael Grogan, Adrian Gobel, Kevin Churchill and for all our Parishioners, friends and family who are not doing so well at this time, that they will recognize the hand of our Merciful and Loving God in difficult times. **We pray** for Fr Robert Coghlan PE and all our recently departed family and friends and we remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Domnic Harry, Catherine Alaimo, Giuseppe Quatrini and Peter Cipressi - may they rest in peace in God's heavenly kingdom.



*We take this opportunity to wish you all A VERY JOYFUL EASTER AND THE BLESSINGS OF THE RISEN CHRIST. May the risen Christ fill your hearts with the Easter Joy and Peace, the Peace that the world can not give. The Resurrection is the centre of our faith. As Christ rose from the dead, and killed sin and death, let us rise above all that hinders us from our faith and travel towards everlasting life in Christ.*

Frs. Chinua, Jude & Neil.

**Blessings and thanks** to all those who so generously contributed to preparing and celebrating the liturgies of Holy Week and this Easter Sunday. Cleaners, Set up/Pack up crews. Readers, Extra Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Candlestick polishers, Computer operators, Font cleaners, Liturgy preparers - computer and print, Collectors, Offertory processors, Musicians, Altar Linen cleaners, Flower arrangers and not to forget the Wonderful Palms display last Sunday.



**Liturgy means "the work of service of the people".** We really do see this happening during our Parish Celebrations for the benefit of all.

**New sets of Thanksgiving Envelopes are ready for collection in the Church Foyer**

If you contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card and need a statement of contribution - please contact the Parish Office

**From the 15th April 2018 there will be two collections per Mass.**  
1st Collection - Church/Stewardship  
2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests

**The Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle - Volunteers Required**

We will be participating in the above raffle again this year. Tickets will go on sale after Easter and we are seeking volunteers to sell tickets after each of the Sunday Masses. This is a great fundraiser for the parish as for every \$2 ticket sold we receive an approximate dividend of \$1.50. Please contact the parish office if you can assist with selling tickets after Mass. (Raffle tickets will be on sale next Sunday until 6 May 2017 - Prizes include 3 cars.)

**- WATCH THIS SPACE - Dinner Dance 16th June & Parish Fete 28th Oct.**

Tickets will be on sale soon Are you interested in helping?

**For Your Interest and Diaries**

**St Francis Xavier - Frankston**

- ALL are welcome to please join us for morning tea after 10:30am mass on Easter Sunday. There will be treats, activities and gifts for the children .
- St Francis Xavier Friendship Club has DressCircle Tickets for Beautiful the Carol King Musical on Wednesday 20th June - Cost \$80 - to be paid in full by 4th April. Contact mary 9783 8296 or Marie 9775 8737 asap. The Group's next meeting is Wednesday 4th April: 10.30am in Xavier Centre
- Legion of Mary's next meeting is Tuesday 10th April: 2.00pm in Quilter Room
- Charismatic Prayer Group's next meeting will be Wednesday 11th April at 7.30pm in Chapel.
- Project Compassion boxes and envelopes may be returned via the basket at the left of the Altar.
- Sunday 10.30am Children's liturgy is in recess until 22 April

**Syro Malabar**

Regular services

Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass  
First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass

**Foundations Youth Group will be starting soon!**

This is a new youth group that is welcome to all Grade 5/6 students of St Francis Xavier, St Augustine's, St John's Frankston and Government Schools. **The first event will be held on 6th of April at Xavier Hall, St Francis Xavier Church, 7:00pm- 8:30pm.** If you'd like more information about the event, please feel free to email [tash.dewhirst@gmail.com](mailto:tash.dewhirst@gmail.com)

***Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit.*** New Prayer Group led by Fr Jude **Wednesday 1pm in Frankston Chapel All Welcome.**

**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