

## Upcoming Events

May 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Jun 3rd Corpus Christ  
 Jun 16th Dinner Dance  
 Oct 28th Fete

**Sunday Collection 20.05.2018** Pledged Thanksgiving

**Church \$ 1412 Presbytery \$ 581** 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

**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.

### Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :

**1st Reading (JB)** (JB) Exodus 24:3-8  
**2nd Reading (JB)** Hebrews 9:11-15  
**Gospel (JB)** Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

## 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

**Youth Groups**  
 (Grades 5 & 6 ) Natasha - tash.dewhirst@gmail.com  
 (Ages 15-25 ) Lyzbeth Grenness - 0438 003 967

**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



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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)

27th May  
 2018

Solemnity of  
 the Most  
 Holy Trinity

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This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40 and 2nd Reading Romans 8:14-17  
 Resp Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22 R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

## Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



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

## Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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## HOMILY FOR SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR B



In other church memorials, feasts and solemnities, like Christmas, Easter and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate what God is to us; or what God has done for the sake of humanity or how God's grace has triumphed in people. But in celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity, we are celebrating what God is in God self, (that is the inner life of God). We are saying thank you to God for being God! The revelation that there are Three Persons in one God is a divine revelation.

The eternal God, the Alpha and Omega, the Omnipotent and the Omniscience God lives in communion with Himself: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, Jesus Christ, commissioned his disciples to go and make disciples of all the nations and baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

This revelation of God as a Trinity took a gradual process. In the past, our ancestors sought for God in shadows, rivers, sun, moon, stars, trees, artefacts and on land. This is known as natural religion. St Paul said that, "since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse", for not believing in God, (Rm 1:20).

God later revealed Himself to the Israelites as the one true Eternal Presence: I AM. With the incarnation and birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the second Person in the Blessed Trinity, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the third Person in the Blessed Trinity, the inner life of the one true and uncreated God became manifest. We read in the Gospel of John that "in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." This Word took flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, (Jn 1:1-14).

God in living in communion with Himself extends that communion with the world by creating the universe, the galaxies, our Milky Way, everything visible and invisible: air, spirits etc. We confess in the Nicea creed that, "I believe in God the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible." God the Father created the universe through the Son and in the Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:1-3, presented us with a rudimentary form of the Trinity. It stated that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, God's Spirit hovered over the waters, and "God said, let there be light". Here we see God the Father, God the Spirit, and God the Word depicted. To restore again the glory of human beings who were created in God's image and whose glory has been distorted by sin, God the Father sent his Eternal Begotten Son through the power of the Holy Spirit to redeem the world. To ensure that we remain in the state of grace God the Father and the Son left their Eternal Holy Spirit with us.

At times we may struggle with our faith or find it very difficult to articulate the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Some priests, bishops and laity have also struggled to understand the Blessed Trinity. This has led to Ecumenical Councils where bishops of the world gathered to look into faith and moral issues in the light of the scripture and tradition. The Council of Nicea held in 325 AD clarified the divinity of the Son, stating that "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial of one Being with the Father." At the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD, the divinity of the Holy Spirit was affirmed. The Nicene Creed was then expounded to include not only a simple statement on our belief in the Holy Spirit but a Holy Spirit that is "the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets."

May our Trinitarian God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you both now and forever. Amen

*Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp*

Thank you for your generosity for The Spiritans Collection last Sunday. We raised \$1005.00.

### 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.**



**Childrens' Mass** Our Children will be actively participating during this Sunday's 10.30am Mass Afterwards, there will be a special morning tea in the Xavier Centre. All Welcome!

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 turned 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.**

**Please Find:**

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (Rejoice and Be Glad) OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD**

@ [Http://w2.vatican.va](http://w2.vatican.va)



**At all Masses this Sunday a member of Frankston's SVdP Conference will speak and encourage you to consider becoming a member of St. Vinnies which is committed to serving our local community.**

We would like your help in offering a hand of friendship to local people in need.

If you would like to consider volunteering with the St Vincent de Paul Society, Frankston Conference, we are holding information sessions next week.

Volunteer sessions in the Xavier Centre are on Monday 28th May at 4pm or Tuesday 29th May at 7.30pm. Please "Come and See"

**Over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd June around the feast of the Sacred heart of Jesus - SVdP Society will hold 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.**

## For Your Interest and Diaries

### St Francis Xavier - Frankston

• **Baptism this Saturday & Sunday:** Welcome to Enry Curt Nanette, child of Endy and Marie and Amelia Irma Grippo, child of Felix and Penny who will be baptised into our worshipping community. Please pray for these children, parents, relatives and friends.

### Youth Groups

(Grades 5&6)Natasha - tash.dewhirst@gmail.com  
Next meeting: 1st June -7pm in Xavier Centre

(Ages 15-25 ) Lyzbeth Grenness - 0438 003 967  
Next meeting: 3rd June Sunday -6.30pm after Mass

### Syro Malabar

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

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

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for** George Hassell, Ettie Whiting, Lea Johnstone, V.T.Esthappan, Maria Verwoert, A.S.Mathew and Leonardo Delos Santos.



### 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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New  Change of Address

I would like Thanksgiving Envelopes