

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
60 DAVEY ST., FRANKSTON
HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2018 - TIMETABLE

PALM SUNDAY - 25 MARCH

06.00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass - Blessing of Palms
 08.30 am Mass - Blessing of Palms
 10.30 am Mass - Blessing of Palms - Solemn Procession
 05.30 pm Mass - Blessing of Palms

MONDAY - 26 MARCH

09.15 am Mass
 07.30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation - 2nd Rite

TUESDAY - 27 MARCH

NO MASS
 11.00 am *Chrism Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne (All welcome to attend)*

WEDNESDAY - 28 MARCH

09.15 am Mass
 09.45 am Sacrament of Reconciliation

HOLY THURSDAY - 29 MARCH

07.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch & Prayer till 12am

GOOD FRIDAY - 30 MARCH

09.15 am Stations of the Cross
 11.00 am *Frankston March of Witness at Frankston Foreshore*
 03.00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 05.00 pm *Stations of the Cross in the Syro-Malabar Rite*

HOLY SATURDAY - 31 MARCH

09.15 am Morning Prayer of the Church

SOLEMNITY OF EASTER

HOLY SATURDAY - 31 MARCH

08.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
 10:00 pm **Tamil Mass**

EASTER SUNDAY - 1 APRIL

05.00 am Dawn Mass
 07.00 am *Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite*
 08.30 am Easter Day Mass
 10.30 am Easter Day Mass
 05.30 pm Easter Day Mass

Upcoming Events

CSS Training	8th May
Pentecost Seminar	14-19th May
Pentecost	20th May
Dinner Dance	16th June
Fete	28th Oct

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



Parish Cells Groups

Are you looking for a way to deepen your relationship with Jesus?

Contact the Parish Office for more details

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :

1st Reading (JB)
Acts 10:34, 37-43

2nd Reading (JB)
Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel (JB)
John 20:1-9



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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 - 1st + 3rd Mondays of month

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service

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

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

Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing

after 5.30pm Mass
 4th 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

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

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Isaiah 50:4-7** and 2nd Reading **Philippians 2:6-11**
Resp Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Mark 15:1-39 (or Mark 14:1 - 15:47) Short Form The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
 First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back. 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription, giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.'
 And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others, they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Ebi, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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 25th March

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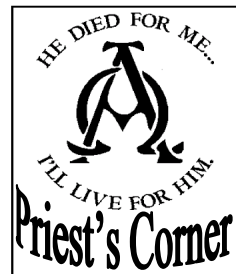
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HOMILY FOR PALM SUNDAY YEAR B

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday in Lent and the beginning of the most Holy Week in the Christian Calendar, when we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Holy Week is a week of no swearing, no quarrels, no hateful or hurtful feelings in our hearts and no gossips. It is a week of love, reconciliation, fairness, kindness and of peace. Palms symbolises peace and victory, hence, the use of palms today portrays Christ as the King of peace. Jesus came to reconcile humanity with itself and he said,

“blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called children of God”, (Mt 5:9). St Paul also informed us that in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our sins against us, and now, he has entrusted to us the task of spreading the Good News of God’s reconciliation, (2Cor 5:19). Though in Christ, God has reconciled the world to Himself, however, the world is still in dire need of the fruits of this reconciliation. Hence, there is a need for humanity to allow the way of life of Jesus to permeate their lives by accepting him as their King, Lord and Saviour!

Today, we are celebrating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish the mission entrusted to him by the Father. This celebration is both joyous and sober. The first part of the ceremony which relates to Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem is joyous and the second part of the ceremony that narrates his passion is sober.

Jesus who is our king, priest and prophet had shied away from drawing attention to himself during his earthly ministry. When he healed the sick, he would instruct them not to reveal his identity to others. Though he was God, he emptied himself and became human for our sake, and being human, he lived a humble life, (Phil 2:6-7). Jesus invites us to emulate his self-emptying by getting rid of unnecessary pride in our lives. He also invites us to come to him with our joys and sorrows, for he said, “come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, shoulder my yoke for I am lowly and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls, (Matt 11:20-30).

Jesus, just as he allowed his glory to become manifest to his disciples at his Transfiguration, today, in his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, he allowed himself to be treated as a King. Angel Gabriel had proclaimed during the annunciation that Jesus was to be born to take over the throne of his ancestor David and that his kingdom will have no end, (Lk 1:32). Jesus consecrated by the Holy Spirit and sent by the Father, entered Jerusalem for the climax of his mission. The Father had attested that Jesus is his son in whom he is well pleased and had asked us to listen to him, (Lk 9:35). In the Gospel of John, in the lead up to his passion, death and resurrection, many people came to the awareness that he was the messiah and believed in him; thus, obeying the instruction from the Father that we should listen to him.

The Gospel of Mark, (Mk 11:1-11), narrates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Even in his moment of glory, Jesus still chose the humble path. He chose to ride on a donkey which espouses humility and peace, rather than on a horse which is more magnificent and projects power, strength and war. His disciples spread their cloak on the donkey and Jesus sat on it. Some people in the crowd placed their cloaks on the road, others cut tree branches and placed them on the road. They chanted with joy and praise, “hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!”

Today as we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us with hearts full of gratitude to God raise our branches with songs of praise to Christ our King. Let us adore and worship Him with our hearts, minds and bodies. Jesus enters Jerusalem to undergo his passion, death and resurrection; may his sacrifices bestow on us grace upon grace, (Jn 1:16).

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

EASTER ROSTERS All Easter Rosters are displayed in the Church foyer this Sunday. Please check your names and initial them. This way I will know you have made a note of your roles. Many thanks for your contributions to our Easter Celebrations. May God Bless You. M Sharpe - Worship Team

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY supporting the HOLY PLACES

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 our recently departed family and friends: especially for all those who have died recently and we remember those who anniversary occurs at this time: Doreen Stubbs, Annette Cobb, Leonardo Frisina, Teresa Mavracici, Kuncheria Tomy, Petronilo Aguda, Valeria Puszka, Varkey George, Mathew Daniel, Rosa Varkey and Ursula Flynn - may they rest in peace in God’s heavenly kingdom.

Attention

Tuesday 27th March
The Priests encourage all parishioners to journey to **St Patrick’s Cathedral in Melbourne to attend the Chrism Mass at 11am.** (There will be no 9.15am Mass here at St Francis Xavier Church)

The **Easter Triduum** (sometimes also referred to as the Paschal Triduum) is the proper name for the liturgical season that concludes Lent and introduces us to the joy of the Easter season. Starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday, continuing through the Good Friday service and Holy Saturday, and concluding with vespers (evening prayer) on Easter Sunday, the **Easter Triduum marks the most significant events of Holy Week** (also known as Passiontide).

You are all invited to our Easter Confessions on Monday EVENING (26th March) at 7pm & Wednesday MORNING (28th March) at 9.45am. The Second Rite will be used in the evening Reconciliation.



FEED THE HUNGRY

HOLY THURSDAY

You are welcome to bring non - perishable food items.

Remembering those less fortunate than ourselves, families are asked to bring a food items (non perishable) to the Holy Thursday service. These will be presented as part of the "offertory gifts." Thank you

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL 30th March: On GOOD FRIDAY **Peninsula Radio free to air** on 98.7fm (**98.3fm in Frankston**) will feature 8am to 11am a Catholic Hour of Devotion on the theme of this event which changed the history of the world forever. **It will be special program for people who** are housebound by illness or circumstance, or even those who are just curious about the history and accuracy of such an important event, but **are unable to attend a Church service.** We hope you can join us. You will be amazed! Queries: Maureen Federico 0410 524 338

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING: 1st APRIL
Move your clock backward one hour

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- **Friendship Club'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

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.** This youth group is run by Natasha Dewhirst, a current parishioner of St John's. If you'd like more information about the event, please feel free to email tash.dewhirst@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit.

New Prayer Group led by Fr Jude
Wednesday 1pm in Frankston Chapel
All Welcome.



If you completed **Child Safe Standards Training (In-house)** last year - your **Certificates are available in Church Foyer this Sunday.**

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