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**RECENTLY DECEASED**— Patrick Josip Kujundzic, Elisa Juguan, Clarence Da Gama Pinto, Katka Horgos

**SPECIAL INTENTION**—Maureen Federico, Leon, Tamara, Aria, Preveena and family.

<b>TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</b>	Thank you for your continued support. Thanksgiving \$ 1687 Presbytery \$ 747
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**THE LAITY-** The laity have the right, as do all Christians, to receive in abundance from their spiritual shepherds the spiritual goods of the Church, especially the assistance of the word of God and of the sacraments. They should openly reveal to them their needs and desires with that freedom and confidence which is fitting for children of God and brothers in Christ. They are, by reason of the knowledge, competence or outstanding ability which they may enjoy, permitted and sometimes even obliged to express their opinion on those things which concern the good of the Church. When occasions arise, let this be done through the organs erected by the Church for this purpose. Let it always be done in truth, in courage and in prudence, with reverence and charity toward those who by reason of their sacred office represent the person of Christ.

The laity should, as all Christians, promptly accept in Christian obedience decisions of their spiritual shepherds, since they are representatives of Christ as well as teachers and rulers in the Church. Let them follow the example of Christ, who by His obedience even unto death, opened to all men the blessed way of the liberty of the children of God. Nor should they omit to pray for those placed over them, for they keep watch as having to render an account of their souls, so that they may do this with joy and not with grief.

Let the spiritual shepherds recognize and promote the dignity as well as the responsibility of the laity in the Church. Let them willingly employ their prudent advice. Let them confidently assign duties to them in the service of the Church, allowing them freedom and room for action. Further, let them encourage lay people so that they may undertake tasks on their own initiative. Attentively in Christ, let them consider with fatherly love the projects, suggestions and desires proposed by the laity. However, let the shepherds respectfully acknowledge that just freedom which belongs to everyone in this earthly city.

A great many wonderful things are to be hoped for from this familiar dialogue between the laity and their spiritual leaders: in the laity a strengthened sense of personal responsibility; a renewed enthusiasm; a more ready application of their talents to the projects of their spiritual leaders. The latter, on the other hand, aided by the experience of the laity, can more clearly and more incisively come to decisions regarding both spiritual and temporal matters. In this way, the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfill its mission for the life of the world.

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**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 & Communion Service**  
Monday - 9.15am  
2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of month

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration**  
Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am  
Friday after 9.15am Mass  
First Friday of the Month, 24hour following Mass

**The Sacrament of Baptism**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month during 10.30am Mass.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month 11.30am (after the 10.30am Mass)

**Baptism Preparation:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month prior to Baptism

**Children's Liturgy**  
Every Sunday during 10.30am Mass

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 10am & 5.30pm

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
First Thursday of month 9.15am

**Rosary**  
Wednesday after 9.15am Mass  
Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

**Weddings and Funerals**  
Please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH INFORMATION

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This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading : Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4  
2nd Reading : 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14  
Gospel: Lk 17:5-9

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading : 2 Kg 5:14-17  
2nd Reading : 2 Tim 2:8-13  
Gospel: Lk 17:11-19

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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

Special Collection: Sunday 20 October



## Homily, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

This Sunday's Gospel, (Lk 17:5-10), focused on faith and the positive effect it should have on our daily living. Faith is one of the theological virtues, (virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good CCC 1803), which include hope and love, (1 Cor 13:13). These theological virtues together with the cardinal virtues - prudence, temperance, fortitude, justice, form the seven virtues each person needs to adequately worship God and live in harmony with one's neighbours.

Immediately leading to this week's Gospel passage, Jesus had warned his disciples of the dire consequences of being the source of scandal that will lead to the downfall of other believers, referred to as "the little ones." (Lk 17:1-3). He then urged his disciples to be watchful. Secondly, Jesus gave instruction on forgiveness. He taught that we should rebuke our brother or sister when he/she misbehaves. However, we should forgive them each time they apologise for offending us, (Lk 17:3-4).

The Apostles of Jesus having listened to his teachings on the consequences of being an agent of scandal and on unlimited forgiveness, felt that they needed their faith to be strengthened to enable them to be faithful disciples. The Apostles realised that they were weak and could make mistakes, and being Jews, they were familiar with the Mosaic teaching of an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, (Ex 21:24), and the rabbinic teaching that after the third forgiveness to the offender, one is free to avenge any other harm done to him/her.

When the Apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, he responded by saying that, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Jesus used this expression to underscore that even little faith can accomplish mighty works. We see this manifested in the lives of ordinary men and women who have accomplished extra-ordinary things. The Apostles themselves are prime examples of ordinary people who through the grace of God made a difference in the world. We know that the leader of the Apostles, (Peter), was a fisherman. Yet, it was to the community of believers led by the Apostles that Jesus gave the command after his resurrection 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, (Mt 28).

The Lord strengthening our faith is important because our faith is at times dampened by some catastrophic events either happening in our lives or around us. In the First Reading from the Book of Habakkuk, (Hab1:2-3; 2:2-4), Prophet Habakkuk gave a voice to the turmoil in Israel in the late 7<sup>th</sup> century BC. The breakdown in social justice and the looming threat from the Babylonians, meant that the Israelite society was living in chaos and fear. Hence the cry from Prophet Habakkuk, "How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny, outrage and violence, this is all I see." Habakkuk wept for the Israelite situation and this is known as the Prayer of Lamentation. Habakkuk's cry mirrors the cries of some individuals, families and communities even today, especially those facing starvation or severe drought or war or betrayal.

The Lord assured Prophet Habakkuk that everything was not gloom and doom, there was glitter of hope; and that hope is that the righteous person "will live by his faithfulness." This links us with the Second Reading, (2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14), where Paul asked Timothy to fan into flame the gifts God gave him when he was ordained as the chief shepherd. God's gifts in us should not remain latent but should be rekindled. This will enable us to put ourselves at the service of the Good News according to our state in life.

We are all called to be servants! Even in civil society we talk about civil and public servants. We are all invited to imitate Jesus who did not come to be served but to serve and to offer his life as a ransom for all.

*Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp*

### UPCOMING EVENTS @ SFX

- SUN 6 OCT CHILDRENS MASS 10.30AM  
YOUTH MASS 5.30PM
- THU 10 OCT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING
- SAT 12 OCT AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA
- TUE 15 OCT FR. HUGH RETREAT
- THUR 17 OCT FRIENDSHIP CLUB BUS TRIP  
(WARRIGAL COUNTRY CLUB & LADY LAVENDER CAFÉ)
- FRI 18 OCT FOUNDATION YOUTH GROUP @ SFX
- SUN 20 OCT WORLD MISSION SUNDAY  
(SPECIAL COLLECTION)
- FRI 25 OCT CONFIRMATION
- SUN 27 OCT SVDP ASSIST A STUDENT INFO
- FRI 1 NOV ALL SAINTS MASS  
24 HOUR ADORATION
- SAT 2 NOV ALL SOULS MASS 12NOON
- SUN 3 NOV YOUTH MASS 5.30PM
- FRI 8 NOV MEMORIAL MASS
- SUN 10 NOV CATHOLIC DEAF  
(SPECIAL COLLECTION)
- TUE 12 NOV FINANCE TEAM MEETING 7PM
- THU 14 NOV BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING
- FRI 15 NOV FOUNDATION YOUTH GROUP @ SFX
- SUN 17 NOV BAPTISM REUNION  
SVDP PULPIT PRESENTATION
- THU 21 NOV FRIENDSHIP CLUB BUS TRIP  
(WERRIBEE MANSION & GARDEN)  
PPC MEETING 7PM
- TUE 26 NOV CHILD SAFETY MEETING
- FRI 29 NOV VOLUNTEERS MASS
- SUN 1 DEC 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SVDP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

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A Public Rosary supported by "Australia needs Fatima" will be prayed on Saturday morning October 12th following 9.15am Mass in the Church car park. We all know the devil is instrumental in the attack against Christians and we need the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary. Please make a special effort to pray the Rosary together. Ask others to join us. Please bring a chair if you need to as we will be standing in the car park for some time and could I suggest a hat as the sun was very hot last year. - Blessings. Maureen.



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We pray for the repose of the Soul of

**Clarence Da Gama Pinto**

Who passed away during the week.

Our thoughts and condolences go to his wife Paula and family.

**Rest In Peace**

### ONE DAY PARISH RETREAT WITH FATHER HUGH

Every year Father Hugh Thomas, a Redemptorist - visits Victoria in October to conduct various Marian Movement of Priests Retreats. He has been doing this for many years and has permission from the Archbishop. We are lucky to have Fr. Hugh coming to Frankston to present his one day retreat on **Tuesday, 15 October 2019**. The programme starts with Father Hugh assisting at Mass, then Adoration, Rosary, Marian Movement of Priests cenacles - Readings and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with talks, etc. .. Lunch break, (BYO), and ending at approx. 2.00pm/2.30pm. All Welcome- RSVP to the office.



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