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UPCOMING EVENTS @ SFX

- FRI 1 NOV** ALL SAINTS MASS
24 HOUR ADORATION
- SAT 2 NOV** ALL SOULS MASS 12NOON
- SUN 3 NOV** YOUTH MASS 5.30PM
- WED 6 NOV** JESUS HEALS –HEALING MASS 7PM
- THUR 7 NOV** ANOINTING OF THE SICK DURING MASS
- FRI 8 NOV** MEMORIAL MASS 7PM
- SUN 10 NOV** ST. JOHN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
- WED 13 NOV** FINANCE TEAM MEETING 7PM
- THU 14 NOV** BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING
- FRI 15 NOV** FOUNDATION YOUTH GROUP @ SFX
- SUN 17 NOV** BAPTISM REUNION
SVPD 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
SVPD CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
CHILDRENS MASS 10.30AM
- THU 12 DEC** FRIENDSHIP CLUB BUS TRIP
(CHRISTMAS BREAKUP LUNCH @ WARBURTON HOTEL)

Cenacle: A group of people gathering to say the Rosary

Following the inspiration of Fr. Hugh Thomas, a Rosary group will start in the Parish. Commencing on Tuesday 29th October @ 2pm
Venue: 45 Blaxland Avenue, Frankston South.
Marlene can be contacted on 0413 841 850
Come and spend some time to pray to "Our Lady."



St Vincent de Paul Society

If you would like to help us give back to the community please contact **Peter Butler:** 0410 569 357
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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 - 1st + 3rd of month

Liturgy of Word & Communion Service

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

1st Sunday of month during 10.30am Mass.
4th Sunday of month 11.30am (after the 10.30am Mass)

Baptism Preparation:

2nd 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

Parish Child Safety Team:

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This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading : Wis 11:22-12:2
2nd Reading : 2 Thess 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading : 2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14
2nd Reading : 2 Thess 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Christmas Raffle 2019— We would be very grateful for any donations towards our Christmas raffle. Thank you



Homily, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Today's readings call us to conversion of heart. The First Reading, (Wis 11:22 - 12:2), stated that the Lord loves everyone because He is our creator. He is therefore merciful to all and overlooks our sins so that we can repent. "Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord."

The Gospel, (Lk 19:1-10), presented us with the story of Zacchaeus who was a wealthy tax collector. Tax collectors were despised in Israel because they were co-operating with the Romans who were the occupying force, and they were also considered as extortionists because they often collected taxes above what the government had stipulated and used the inflated amount for their personal enrichment.

Last Sunday, Jesus told a parable about a tax collector who went to the Temple to pray. This Sunday's tax collector, like Matthew the writer of the first Gospel, was not fictitious but a real person. According to the narration, Jesus entered Jericho and was walking on a street when Zacchaeus made his appearance. Jesus may have been walking past his area of residence or work, or providence may have brought him to where Jesus was. He was a short man and being disliked, no one in the crowd would willingly make way for him to come to the fore in order to see Jesus. Being anxious to see Jesus, he did the unimaginable thing for a man of his status by climbing a Sycamore tree.

Jesus must have interpreted this action of Zacchaeus as self-emptying, just as himself, who though, was the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, emptied himself and became human, and that was not all, he humbled himself and died on the cross for our justification! (Phil 2:3-8). Again Zacchaeus may be echoing the Pauline sentiment that, "nothing can outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ my Lord, for him I have counted all advantages as disadvantages if only I can gain Christ and be given a place in him", (Phil 3:7-). Thus, he was willing to swallow his pride if only Christ could find a space for him in his heart. His effort was not in vain because when Jesus arrived at the spot where he was, he asked him to come down from the tree because he was going to visit his house that day. Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus joyfully in his house, echoing the desire of the psalmist who longed to dwell in the presence of the Lord all the days of his life, (Psalm 27:4).

The people complained on seeing Jesus in Zacchaeus' house and on the joy in which he, [Zacchaeus], welcomed him. However, once the Lord has touched us, our lives can no longer be the same. Due to the love the Lord has lavished upon us we just want to do something for God. Thus Zacchaeus said he was going to use half his wealth for charity; he was not forced to do this but in his encounter with Christ it dawned on him that, "we are many parts but we are one body and the gifts we have we are given to share". He came to the realisation that being wealthy is not measured by how big our bank deposits were or how extensive our landed property was, but by how many people one lifted out of poverty and how one used one's wealth to make a positive difference in the world.

Secondly, Zacchaeus said that if he had defrauded anyone, he would pay back to the person fourfold. This statement of Zacchaeus may be interpreted in two ways. His use of the word 'if' may imply that he had not defrauded anyone. There is a tendency for people to paint everyone with the same brush. The fact that tax collectors in Israel in Jesus' time over-charged people, must not imply that every one of them was involved in this malpractice. There may be the exception that proves the rule. The name Zacchaeus means clean or pure, hence he may have been the good "cop". It may be interpreted that he had indeed defrauded people - in that case he acknowledged he would make restitution. That is, in paying back the amount he had extorted he would include damages his selfish actions had inflicted on the people affected; hence, he was willing to pay back fourfold. That was a genuine sign of conversion. This made Jesus to assert that, "today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham, for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost."

The people who had complained about Jesus visiting Zacchaeus' house were also called to conversion because they were not willing to give Zacchaeus a second chance; or put differently, they were like the Pharisee in last Sunday's reading who thought that he had an impeccable character whereas he was full of pride and arrogance. If this grumbling mob had had personal introspection, they would have realised that they too, like Zacchaeus, needed the redemption brought to us by Christ.

-Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

FLOWERS



Thank you to all the generous people who are donating to the purchase of fresh flowers for the Church. We are very grateful for your donations. This enables us to have our Church looking beautiful for our Lord.



St. John the Evangelist Church 50th Anniversary

St. John the Evangelist Church, Frankston East, will be commemorating, on **Sunday 10th November** at 10.00 am, the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Parish. All past and present Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the celebratory occasion, and if you know any former Parishioners, please let them know. Mass will be followed by a BBQ.

JESUS HEALS

Sponsored by Shalom Media Australia. You are welcome to join this Healing Mass and Experience the healing touch of Jesus for body, mind and soul.

Wednesday November 6th

Retreat Director Rev Fr. Jilto George CMI
Will be here at St. Francis Xavier.

Time: 7.00– 9.30 pm

Contact persons:

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SCRIPTURE DIARIES 2020

Please inform the office if you wish to order a Scripture diary for 2020. They are \$10 each. We will only be placing ONE order. Cut off date for ordering will be Sunday 17th November 2019

MEMORIAL MASS

As November is the month of remembrance, you are invited to our Parish Memorial Mass to pray for your family members, Parishioners and friends who have passed away in the last 12 months.

Mass will be held on **Friday 8th November at 7.00pm**
Please bring a photo of your loved one to the Mass, light refreshments will be served.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Assist a Student

The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our North to get the school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. It costs \$70 to assist one student for ONE YEAR.

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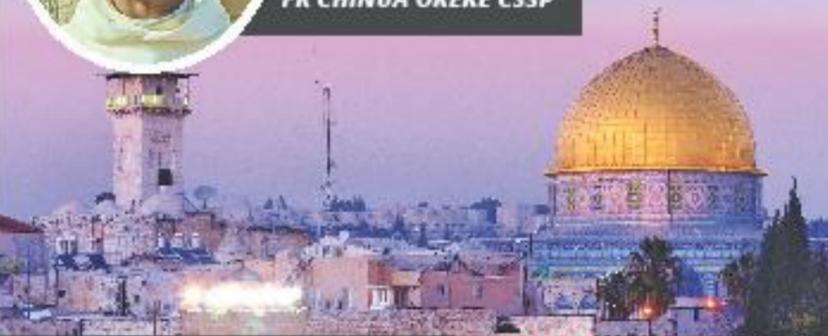
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