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Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us at

St Francis Xavier.

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- Need Thanksgiving envelopes

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SPECIAL INTENTION -Lea Marinas, James & Family, Bessy Gis, John's Family, Jincy Family, Paul Thottam, Tomy & Jennifer Kuncheria, Gis Family



Please Note! From December 26, 2019 until February 3rd 2020 all special Masses, adorations and anointing of the sick will be in recession.

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 24th December 2019 until Monday 13th January 2020.

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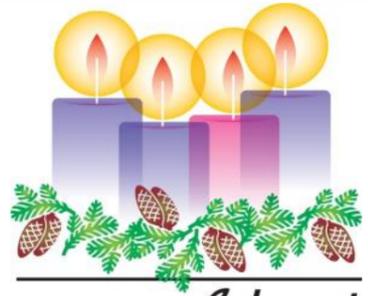
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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

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Principal - John Visentin

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading : Is 7:10-14

2nd Reading : Rom 1:1-7

Gospel: Mt 1:18-24

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

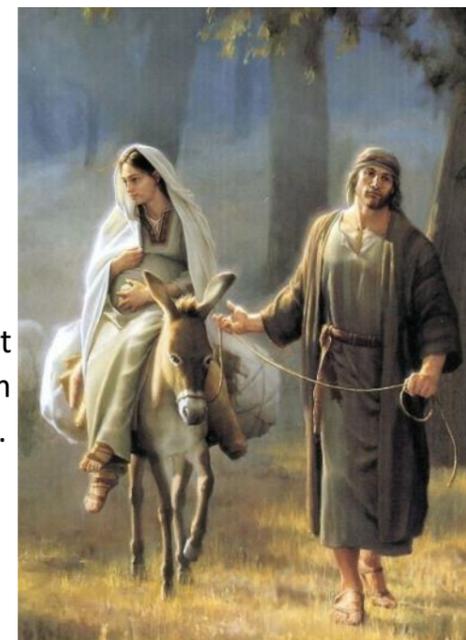
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

*The virgin will conceive
and give birth to a son
and they will call him
Emmanuel,
a name which means
'God-is-with-us'.*

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Christmas Message 2019

Our dear friends in Christ, may the peace, the love and the joy that Jesus Christ brings be with you all during this Christmas season. We recall that at the “appointed time”, (Gal 4:4), God sent his only son to be our redeemer. He was born by the Virgin Mary. That “appointed time”, that moment of grace was set by God, hence, Jesus Christ intervened in our human history at God’s own time and way. May this period be an appointed time for you: a time of grace, wholeness, healing and forgiveness. May it be a time for you to quit any forms of unruly behaviour like living false lives, being revengeful, betraying the trust of a loved one, addictions to drugs, gambling and excessive drinking. May it also be an appointed time for you to mend relationships, to say sorry from the heart to those whose trust you may have betrayed, and for you to accept apologies from those that may have wounded your heart. May your cheek experience the tears of joy that comes with family reconciliation. May this also be the appointed time for you to find God’s favour.

The prophets of old prophesied about the coming of the Messiah. Moses prophesied that the Lord will raise up a prophet like himself and the people will listen to him, (Deut 18:15-19). We learnt through the mouth of Prophet Isaiah that this awaited prophet shall be a sign that God has pitched his tent with us: He is Emmanuel – God is with us (Is 7:7-14). In fact, the Emmanuel is the Messiah, the only begotten Son of God who came that each person may have life and have it to the fullest, (Jn 10:10), and from him, we have all received grace upon grace, (Jn 1:16). With the birth of Jesus Christ our saviour, we now have the belief that no matter what comes our way, that our tomorrow will be better than today.

The grace that we received from Jesus has helped us to do multiple good works in our Parish during 2019. We implemented our Parish theme of Justice and Peace by raising awareness on environmental issues, modern-day slavery, reaching out to those on the margins of the society through the work of St Vincent de Paul Society and Pregnancy Assistance Frankston and hosting the Watoto Children’s Choir from Uganda on 19th July. Jesus said, I was hungry, and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, sick and lonely and you visited me, (Mt 25:31-46).

Other major events that took place in our Parishes during the year included the joint multicultural celebration of the two Parishes’ Feast Days, co-jointly with the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Chinua’s Priestly Ordination on 25th August and the Commemoration of St John’s Parish Golden Jubilee on 10th November.

Our Parish Theme for 2020 is OUTREACH. In the coming year, we intend to continue to implement the vision of Archbishop Peter Comensoli for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. His vision entitled, Reform in the walking has four priority areas – young people, families, the poor and the marginalised.

We intend to implement the Archbishop’s vision by intensifying our ministry to the school families and young adults, increasing our visitations to our Parishioners, and supporting programmes that ameliorate the lives of the poor and marginalised. As a Parish, we will continue to be actively involved in the preparation of the Plenary Council by organising sessions to discuss the collated responses to the question: what is God asking of us in Australia?

Every Parishioner, in one way or another, has contributed to the life of our Parish. Thank you for the gift of yourself to our Parish. You are our greatest treasure. We appreciate your continuous participation in the Parish. Thank you for your financial support, and other voluntary assistance you have given. We pray that God will continue to shower you with his blessings and that you will all have memorable Christmas experiences.

We acknowledge and thank all those who will be participating in our Parish Christmas Liturgical celebrations. Our special greeting goes to all our visitors.

We extend our warmest Christmas greetings to you all. You have touched our lives in special ways, and we hope that our ministry among you is drawing you closer to our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp.
Parish Priest

Fr Jude Agorchukwu CSSp.
Assistant Priest



A time of Hope...

A message from Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne
Christmas 2019



Hello friends,

I love Christmas. It is such a beautiful time of hope. Behind the tinsel, the advertising, the stress and frantic energy of the season, we encounter a profound simplicity in the story of God’s arrival.

We just need to think about Mary and Joseph. They weren’t welcomed into any warm hotel or inn; they weren’t able to put themselves down by the fireplace in someone’s home. They had come from far away and arrived in a place they did not know.

They could be like us after a long journey when nobody welcomes or acknowledges you. You can become quite despondent: no family around you; far from home; and in Mary and Joseph’s case, a child on the way. It can seem like a story of isolation.

And yet, in the midst of a simple stable, a home for working animals, this most precious gift is given to us—a little boy, who against all the odds and in a place of somewhat hopelessness, becomes not merely a symbol of hope but who is hope itself. A hope for us.

He is a real baby, flesh and blood, with all the tears and the smiles of any little baby, and yet he is also the Son of God. *Emmanuel*. God among us.

In the distance, the angels were singing their hymns of hope, and shepherds were learning something about how this hope was coming into their lives. These shepherds—traditionally considered the ‘lowly’ in society—gifted with Hope itself. So, when we look upon this child, we can sense the stirrings of hope within ourselves—hope for new life, new beginnings, and the promise of peace.

He has brought unimaginable joy—joy into his own family who loved him, but also a joy that the whole world needs.

This is not just a story that we might tell each year at Christmas time. It is not just something of the past. Jesus lives now. Jesus lives in us, and Jesus lives for us today.

In today’s world of change and uncertainty, we long for God to step gently into our lives, lovingly and tenderly reaching out to each one of us. So, as we busily prepare our homes for the arrival perhaps of family and friends at Christmas time, I invite you to take the time to prepare your hearts to welcome Him who offers himself to us.

May I wish you a beautiful, joyful and hope-filled Christmas.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



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Christmas MASS TIMES



24 December	Christmas Vigil (Family Mass) 6.30pm
24 December	Christmas Night 9.00pm Midnight Mass At St. John’s Church 20 Coral Street, Frankston East
25 December	Christmas Day Masses 7.00am (Siro Malabar) 8.30am 10.30am 5.30pm
PLEASE JOIN US 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS MASS FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS.	
31 December	New Year’s Eve Mass 9.00pm
1 January 2020	New Year’s Day Mass 9.15am

Merry Christmas



On behalf of Fr. Chinua, Fr. Jude and all the staff we would like to thank you for your continuous support and friendship during 2019. We wish each and every one of you and your families a Very Blessed Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New year.

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