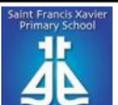


Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 27 June 2021

Please Pray for
OUR SICK - Michael Johnson, Adrian Gobbell, Joan Male, Eddie Beech, Frances Muholland, Vulangga, Len Hanger, Len Crowe, Betty Burns.
RECENTLY DECEASED - Noberto Geronimo, Carlito Macayanan, Lee Neliya Chu, Inday Cabando, Santiago Osvaldo Cuello-Cortes, Eoin (Owen) Mulkeen.
REMEMBRANCE - Archbishop Jesus Dosado, Georgina Pell, Kathleen Bernard, Ms. Donagh, Daniel Paul Lylak, Melanie Hunt, Felisa Neri, John Haugh.
BIRTHDAY - John Andrew.
SPECIAL INTENTION - Camilleri family

Safeguarding Children and Young People:
 Enquires /Complaints: 0426 211 572
Policies:
<https://www.frankstoncatholic.com.au/sfx/policies/>
If you see something, say something

 St John's 9789 9794 Principal Derek Bruitzman	 John Paul College 9784 0200 Principal John Visentin
 St Augustine's 9781 3007 Principal Carrie Rodda	 St Francis Xavier 9783 3424 Principal Stephen Peart


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This Sunday's Readings
1st Reading
 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
2nd Reading
 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel
 Mark 5:21-43

Next Sunday's Readings
1st Reading
 Eze 2:2-5
2nd Reading
 Cor 12:7-10
Gospel
 Mark 6:1-6


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 Regular services :
Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass at SFX
First Sunday of month - 5pm Mass at SJE


 Thank you to all who gave generously to the recent Spiritans collection, we are very grateful.
SFX - \$ 1,275.00 SJE - \$ 760.00
 This money will support the work of the "Spiritan".
 Fr Chinua and Fr Jude

If you would like to participate in Mass at *St Francis Xavier Church* next Sunday, you can book online at www.frankstoncatholic.com.au
 OR send an email to the Parish office and indicate the Mass times, names and phone numbers of those you wish to register for the Mass. You may also call the Parish office.

St. Francis Xavier's Programme

Sunday Masses
 Vigil Mass: 6.00pm Saturday Evening
 Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Weekday Masses
 Tuesday - Saturday 9.15am; 1st + 3rd Mondays of the month

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
 Monday 9.15am; 2nd, 4th + 5th Mondays of the month

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
 Wednesday before 9.15am Mass, Friday after 9.15 Mass
 1st Friday of month until 10.00pm

Reconciliation
 Saturday 10am & 5.30pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass
 1st Thursday of month 9.15am

Rosary
 Tuesdays before 9.15am Mass and Saturdays after 9.15am Mass

St. John's Programme

Sunday Masses
 Vigil Mass: 7.00pm Saturday Evening
 Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Weekday Masses
 Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
 Monday 9.00am

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
 Wednesday before 9.00am Mass , Friday after 9.00am Mass
 1st Friday of month until 12noon

Reconciliation
 Saturday 9.30am & 6.15pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass
 1st Thursday of month 9.00am

Rosary
 Before weekday Mass, (except Wednesday)
 Saturday at 9.30am

OFFERINGS
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Thank you for your continued support

St. John the Evangelist	St. Francis Xavier
Presbytery \$ 650.00	Presbytery \$ 1,063.00
Church \$ 847.00	Church \$ 1,713.00

QR CODE

All participants at Mass are required to sign in at the Church using the QR Code. Please bring your mobile phone with you. For those who do not have one or their mobile phones do not recognise the QR Code, Samsung Tablets have been purchased to sign people in.

Reminder that **wearing of masks is still mandatory** inside the Church. Let us keep on praying for the end of this pandemic.

Dear Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, Expecting Mothers, trying to conceive & any woman who feels this call of God!
You are invited!
 to join us on Thursdays at 10.00am (after Mass) at SFX.
 For more info pls Whatsapp/sms Carol CT 0478 362 049



Anointing of the Sick Mass
This Thursday
 SFX: 9.15am SJE : 9.00am

1st Friday Adoration / Benediction
This Friday
 SFX : until 10.00pm SJE : until 12.00noon



Winners of Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2021

The Combined Catholic Parishes raffle has been drawn. No Parishioner of SFX and SJE won a prize.

- * 1st prize was won by Julie Tiao-Skvortsov (Holy Trinity, Wantirna South)
- * 2nd prize was won by Thuy Pham (St Simon's Rowville)
- * 3rd prize was won by Judy Legg (Good Shepherd, Mulgrave)

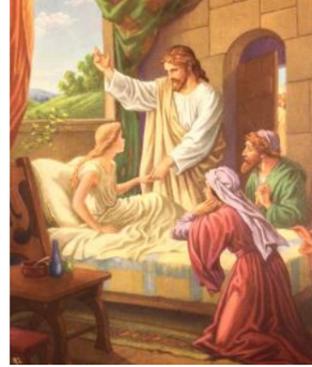
Thank you for participating on the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle for this year.

'Take the Way of the Gospel'

You are invited to take up the invitation from Archbishop Comensoli to pray for our Archdiocese as we begin the journey of **'Take the Way of the Gospel'**. This significant time of discernment begins with prayer and with calling upon the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

Invite anyone and everyone you know to join in this weekly online prayer opportunity for our Archdiocese. To allow for differing availabilities, each week the same session will be run twice:
 Wednesdays 7.30-8.00pm: 30 Jun, 7 & 14 July
 Thursdays 12.30-1.00pm: Jun, 1, 8 & 15 July (repeat sessions)
 For more info email proclaim@cam.org.au

Gospel - Mark 5:21-24, 35-43
Young girl, I say to you, arise.



When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

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



Homily for Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

On this thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we celebrate the Lord who generously gave us life. God created us to live and, it is his desire and intention that we prosper in health of body and mind. So, "death" is totally opposed to God the author of life. This was why Christ accepted death and poverty that we ourselves might live and be rich. In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the aspect of faith and gives us an insight into the way we must perceive death, wealth and health. He gives us a conviction that God is able to act in difficult situations for nothing is impossible to God. Then, how do I look at these three aspects of human life? Death, wealth and health.

Today's Readings speak of the gift of life, both physical and spiritual, that God has given us. They urge and challenge us to be grateful for our health in body and soul and to use God's gifts of life and health responsibly. Hence, just as physical sickness and death is nothing but a physical corruption of the body, eternal life in Christ is the ultimate healing and restoration of the spiritual life that resides in our souls. This is simply achieved through faith in Christ.

The first Reading, taken from the Book of Wisdom, tells us that God gave us life and health, and that it was the jealousy of Satan which produced illness and death. The Reading also suggests that the goal of our lives on earth is to know, to love, and to serve God here with perfect health in body and soul, and to share God's immortal life forever.

In the second Reading, St. Paul asks the Corinthian Christian community to show to their impoverished, suffering Jewish brothers and sisters in Jerusalem the same generous kindness and compassion Jesus showed in healing all who came to him believing. Paul asked the Corinthians to be generous in their contributions to a fund being collected for these suffering, starving brothers and sisters. We see that the generosity of Jesus is central in today's Readings as well: Paul describes Jesus' life, death and Resurrection as "the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Today's Gospel presents us with two miracles of Jesus. These miracles are evidence of the wish and plan of God for us his people. They also demonstrate that while Christ desires that we be freed from all forms of captivities, he equally wishes that we demonstrate a strong faith in order to step into our miracles. In both cases, we see faith in action. The woman demonstrated her living faith with her active action. She waited for twelve years, and when her chance came, she took it in faith. She was not afraid or ashamed of the crowd. Her action and the reaction of Jesus, simply teach us that coming and touching Christ must be a very deliberate action motivated by a living faith. Also, Jairus demonstrated his faith on behalf of his daughter by persistently inviting Christ. Jesus went to Jairus' house and consoled the father saying, "Do not be afraid; only have Faith." The phrase, "Do not be afraid," appears in the Bible 366 times. Both Jairus and the woman never gave up; instead, they waited patiently until the plan of God was fulfilled for them.

These healings teach us that Jesus wills life, full life, for all God's children. The two healings also reveal Jesus as a generous, kind, compassionate God who wills that men and women should live their wholesome lives fully, and they offer us further proof of the Divine power and Infinite mercy of our Savior Jesus. These miracles were worked by Jesus as rewards for the trusting Faith of a synagogue ruler and of a woman with a hemorrhage. In all cases, Jesus brought new life into dark situations.

The stories have several common features. One woman is 12 years old, and the other has suffered for 12 years. Both are called "daughter," and both are in need of physical healing. The girl's father is encouraged to have Faith, and the older woman is praised for her Faith. The two stories illustrate Jesus' power over both chronic illness and death. In each healing, Jesus shows God's marvelous generosity by giving the recipients life and salvation in addition to physical healing.

The Church advises us that we need to accept God's call to health, wholeness and holiness for Jesus accepts us as we are. Hence, let us bring our bodily illnesses and spiritual wounds to Jesus for healing. We should pray for healing which will give us spiritual and physical health in every aspect of our lives, so that we may function in perfect harmony with the Will of God, with the people around us, and with the environment.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus continues to heal us through human instruments in the medical profession, like doctors, nurses, and medical technicians. Hence, when we go to a doctor, we need to offer a prayer to Christ, the Divine Healer, that we may choose the right doctor, who will make the correct diagnosis, prescribe the correct treatment, and give us the correct medicine. Let us not forget the truth that, over, above and beyond the ability and skill of the greatest human healer, Christ still works wonders of healing. Let us also thank God for the great gift of health and use it for helping those who are sick.

We need to continue the healing mission of the Church for as members of the Church, we are not excused from our vocation to be healers. When a friend of ours is terminally ill, the skill of the doctors and their advanced medical tools often become powerless. What the patient needs in such a situation is our care, concern, and prayerful presence, enabling them to experience through us the love, compassion and mercy of Jesus. We do our share of Christ's healing mission by visiting the sick, by praying for their healing, and by boosting their morale through our loving presence, encouragement, support, and inspiration.

We need to have trusting Faith in the mercy and Divine power of Jesus for the main prerequisite of the effectiveness of our prayer is our Faith, Faith in the goodness and mercy of God. Such a Faith is possible only if we remain related to God through prayer, the Sacraments, and a meditative study of the Bible. Every day we should say a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active Faith. Let us keep in mind this wise piece of advice given by St. Ignatius of Loyola: "We must work as if everything depends on us, but we must pray as if everything depends on God." **Fr. Jude CSSp**

Have you just bought a new electronic device?

If so, then your Preloved laptops, iPads, tablets and phones that are still in working order will benefit the less fortunate school children in Nigeria.

Let us open our hearts to these children of underprivileged families as Education is not only a fundamental human right, but a sustainable means to alleviate poverty and bring about positive and lasting change!

You may drop your items to the Parish Office.

We would also accept a cash donation. Thank you!



CHAPTER TWO : A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

56. The previous chapter should not be read as a cool and detached description of today's problems, for "the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts". In the attempt to search for a ray of light in the midst of what we are experiencing, and before proposing a few lines of action, I now wish to devote a chapter to a parable told by Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. Although this Letter is addressed to all people of good will, regardless of their religious convictions, the parable is one that any of us can relate to and find challenging.

"Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Lk 10:25-37). (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti)



Mindfulness & Meditation via Zoom

1hr x 4 Tuesday nights, 7.30pm-8.30pm, 6-27 July 2021'

This is an evening series on the practice of contemplative mindfulness and meditation. It provides input and guidance, encouraging regular practice within a supportive group. The series is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website: www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.