

Please Pray for

OUR SICK - Craig Dixon, Kim Lord, Bernie Adrien, Emmanuel Okonkwo, Alfredo Fiorenza.

RECENT DEATH - Myrtle Smith, Rosario Limbaring.

REMEMBRANCE - Betty Wyles, Tony Wyles, Libby and Matthew Sullivans, Aloysius & Mary Fernandez, Alison Gomes, O'Donovan Family, Ernest Phillips.

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

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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

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Deut 6:2-6
2nd Reading
Heb 7:23-28
Gospel
Mark 12:28-34

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
1Kings 17:10-16
2nd Reading
Heb 9:24-28
Gospel
Mark 12:38-44

Mass timetable this week from: Sunday, 31st October - Saturday 6th November

SFX

Sunday Mass:

Sunday Vigil, Saturday 30th October, 6pm (Fully Vax)
Sunday, 31st October, 8.30am (Vax status unknown)
- Please book for Mass.
Sunday, 31st October, 10.30am & 5.30pm (Fully Vax)

Weekday Mass - 9.15am

Monday, 1st November - All Saints Day.
8.00am - Vax status unknown
9.15am - Fully Vax
Tuesday, 2nd November - All Souls' Day
9.15am - Fully Vax
7.00pm - Vax status unknown.
Wednesday, 3rd November (Vax status unknown)
Thursday, 4th November - St Charles Borromeo (Fully vax)
Friday, 5th November (Vax status unknown)
Saturday, 6th November (Fully Vax)

SJE

Sunday Mass:

Sunday Vigil, Saturday 30th October, 7.00pm (Fully Vax).
Sunday, 31st October, 8.30am (Vax status unknown)
- Please book for Mass.
Sunday, 31st October, 10.00am (Fully Vax).

Weekday Mass - 9.00am (fully vax & vax status unknown)

Monday, 1st November - All Saints Day.
8.00am - Vax status unknown
9.00am - Fully Vax
Tuesday, 2nd November - All Souls' Day
9.00am - Fully Vax
7.00pm - Vax status unknown.
Wednesday, 3rd November (all welcome).
Thursday, 4th November - St Charles Borromeo
(all welcome).
Friday, 5th November (all welcome).
Saturday, 6th November (all welcome).

Mass will be streamed online this week:

Sunday Mass

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, 30th October, 6.00pm
Sunday, 31st October, 8.30am.

Weekday Mass - 9.15am

Wednesday, 3rd November
Friday, 5th November

Thirty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 31 October 2021



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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



2022 Columban Calendar

2022 Columban Calendars and Christmas cards will be available from St Vinnies commencing Sunday 20/21 November and 27/28 November after Mass.
Calendars: \$ 9. Set of 5 cards: \$ 3



SYRO MALABAR

Regular services :

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

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Thursday 4 November

SFX: 9.15am SJE : 9.00am



1st Friday Adoration / Benediction

This Friday 5 November

SFX : until 10.00pm
SJE : until 12.00noon



Gospel - Mark 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





Homily for Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

In the first Reading taken from the Book of Deuteronomy, (Deut 6:2-6), Moses enjoined the people of Israel to keep their own part of the covenant God made with them at Mount Sinai. He reminded them that it was by keeping the Commandments of God that they would have life and prosper in the promised land.

The main laws given to the Israelites by God are known as the Ten Commandments. The first three laws - I am the Lord your God, you must not have any other gods except me; you must not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; remember and keep the Sabbath holy - are summarised in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 prayer known as the "Shema Israel." "Shema" means listen. The prayer states, "Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart."

This prayer was recited thrice daily by devout Jews, and it was embedded in the phylacteries worn by the Pharisees. Through the covenant God made with the people of Israel at Mount Sinai, he entered into a special loving relationship with them. He was to be their God, providing and protecting them. On their part, the people of Israel were to reciprocate God's magnanimity towards them by being obedient to his commandments.

In essence, they were to be consumed by their love of God; their thinking and behaviour were to be spiced up by their love of God. To love God with one's heart, soul and strength is to love God with one's being. The lyrics of the song 'This is My Desire' captures the essence of the "Shema Israel's" prayer:

*This is my desire to honour You
Lord, with all my heart I worship You
All I have within me I give You praise
All that I adore is in You*

*Lord, I give You my heart
I give You my soul
I live for You alone
Every breath that I take
Every moment I'm awake
Lord have Your way in me. (Hillsong).*

To listen in the context of "Shema Israel's" prayer also implies putting God's commandments into practise. Our love of God flows into our love of our neighbour. St John queried how one can claim to love God, that is not visible to the naked eyes, if one does not love the neighbour that one can see, (1Jn 4:20).

Leviticus 19:18 states that one ought to love one's neighbour as oneself. This is the basis of the golden rule that instructs us to treat others as we would like to be treated.

The rabbis had expounded the Ten Commandments and had added additional laws which confused people about which commandments were the more important. The Scribe in the Gospel of today was genuinely seeking knowledge. He wanted to know the most important of all the commandments. Jesus informed him that the greatest of all the commandments was the love of God and he added that the second most important commandment was the love of neighbour. Thus, Jesus brought the two laws together.

Already, the second part of the Ten Commandments - honour your mother and father; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness against your neighbour and so on - pertains to our relationships with our neighbours. Hence, the love of neighbour is the summary of the second part of the Ten Commandments. Eventually, Jesus will raise the love of neighbour to a selfless love when he asked his disciples to love one another as he had loved them, (Jn 13:34).

Our love of God is not subsumed into our love of neighbour. They are two distinct commandments. One cannot say, "I am taking good care of my neighbour and that suffices for my relationship with God." Neither shall one say that "I am so caught up with my worship of God that I care less about the welfare of my neighbour." Our love of God finds practical action in our love of neighbour while our love of neighbour finds its anchor in our love of God. Jesus had criticised the pharisees who neglected their duties to their parents because of their supposed vow to God, (Mk 7:11-12). Hence, the love of God and neighbour are like two distinct sides of a coin.

It is always better to have a heart that loves than a heart that hates. I do realise that at times hate arises from a betrayal of one's love or trust. It is my prayer that our ardent love of God may continue to manifest itself in our care of our neighbour's wellbeing, and may God bring healing to our brokenness.

Amen!

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

Pastoral Letter

Dear Parishioners,

May the Grace and Peace of Christ be with you. This is a difficult and sensitive time in the Church, we are all sons and daughters of God - the vaccinated and those whose vaccination status is unknown. You are all the flock entrusted to my care, and I am your pastor. Hence, this pastoral letter is the most difficult for me to write. People have different views about getting the Covid 19 vaccination, I am vaccinated, but I do respect each person's decision to be vaccinated or not.

However, the current Victorian road map out of lockdown makes a distinction between religious activities participated by those who are fully vaccinated and those whose participants' vaccination status are unknown. I realise that we have already gone through the pain of not being able to worship together due to the lockdown, none-the-less, I want you to see this temporary distinction between the vaccinated and those whose vaccination status are unknown as a sacrifice we as a church are making as the pandemic is mitigated and all Victorians, vaccinated or not are able once again to walk side by side.

Our Churches shall reopen this Sunday, 31st October and 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B. All the Sunday Masses including the Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday evening), shall be celebrated. For this Sunday, bookings shall be required only for the 8.30am Mass both in St Francis Xavier's and St John's. Booking shall also be required for the 10.30am and 5.30pm Masses at St Francis Xavier Church next Sunday.

In **St Francis Xavier's Church**, the 6.00pm, (Saturday evening), 10.30am & 5.30pm Masses shall be for those who are fully vaccinated, and the **8.30am mass is for those whose vaccination status are unknown**. There is a cap of thirty people for those whose vaccination status are unknown, and density quotient of 4msq for the fully vaccinated. Presently, SFX can accommodate eighty people in Masses for the fully vaccinated.

On weekdays, (except when advised otherwise), Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays shall be for those whose vaccination status are unknown, and Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays shall be for those who are fully vaccinated.

The following Masses shall be life streamed: 6.00pm (Saturday evening), 8.30am Sunday, 9.15am Wednesday and Friday. I intend to review the situation in a fortnight.

If you are unable to get into any Mass, stay in your car and you will be given communion.

In **St John's Church**, the 7.00pm, (Saturday evening), and 10.00am Masses shall be for those who are fully vaccinated, and the **8.30am Mass is for those whose vaccination status are unknown**. There is a cap of thirty people for those whose vaccination status are unknown, and density quotient of 4msq for the fully vaccinated. Presently, our Church can accommodate one hundred and twenty people who are fully vaccinated.

On weekdays, (except on solemnities), we shall be celebrating Masses or Communion services under the category for those whose vaccination status are unknown. The fully vaccinated can participate in the Mass, but the participants shall be capped at thirty. I intend to review the situation in a fortnight.

Monday 1st of November is All Saints Day. Two Masses shall be celebrated in both Churches: 8.00am for those whose vaccination status is unknown and 9.00/9.15am for the fully vaccinated.

Tuesday 2nd of November is All Souls' Day. Two Masses shall also be celebrated: 9.00/9.15am for the fully vaccinated and 7.00pm for those whose vaccination status is unknown.

Please, let us go through this difficult time together, and the Lord will be our strength.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp
Parish Priest
28.10.21