

Please Pray for

OUR SICK - John Huges, Zoe Brookes, Baby Isla, Lara Moyle, Aleyamma Antony, Lorenzo Paolacci, Andrew Coubourn, Kara Kennedy, Kim Lord, Riley Kemp, Jacqui Williams.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Frank Kellar, Anne Grimshaw.

REMEMBRANCE - Candelaria Salac, Erlinda Lee, Elisa Juguan, Macaria Mabag, Isidro Mabag, Maria Miguel, Gerry Collins, Francesco Cannizzo.

SPECIAL INTENTION - Bernie Adams, Hill 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
97899794
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
Act 14: 21-27
2nd Reading
Rev 21:1-5
Gospel
Jn 13:31-35

Next Sunday's Readings
1st Reading
Act 15:1-2, 22-29
2nd Reading
Rev 21:10-14,22-23
Gospel
Jn 14:23-29

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

OFFERINGS GIVING BACK TO GOD		Thank you for your continued support	
St. Francis Xavier	St. John the Evangelist		
Presbytery \$1,560.00	Presbytery \$547.00		
Church \$2,894.00	Church \$672.00		

Month of May and Public Rosary
As we are aware, the month of May is the month of our Lady; we are reciting Rosary daily before weekday Masses/Communion services (Monday to Saturday morning).
St John the Evangelist Church is conducting a Public Rosary on Friday, 27 May at 2.30pm to Honor our Blessed Virgin Mary. **All welcome**

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5th Sunday Easter Risen to love one another!

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
1st Friday of month until 10.00pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am & 5.30pm

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

Rosary
Monday to Saturday before Mass for the month of May

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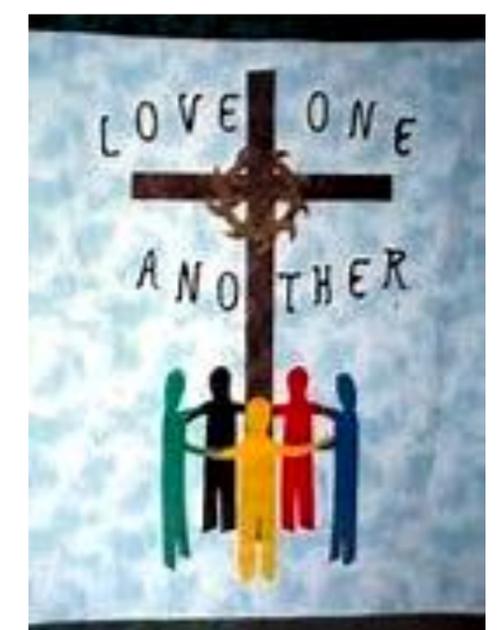
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Gospel - John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



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

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

New Members Appeal and Blanket and Clothes Appeal.

If you would like to help give back to the community please contact : **For Donations: 1800 621 349**
For Assistance call 9769 6060

SFX Vinnies Peter Butler: 0410 569 357
Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Mon 4.00pm-5.30pm
SJE Vinnies Mary Murtagh: 9781 3520
Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Tues 10.00am-11.30am

National Seniors
Come to our meetings and meet new friends.
Last Wednesday of the month - 10.00am - 12.00 Noon.
Morning tea and a Speaker each month. Contact Parish office for more information.

FRANKSTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB
Fun & Friendship for All. New Members Most Welcome.
1st Wednesday of month @ 10:30am in Xavier Centre.
Bus Trips: 3rd Thursday of month. (Going to **Phillip Island Vietnam War Museum** on Thurs, 19May, Bus leave at 9am)
Contact : Marie 0409 194 888 or Mary 9783 8296.

Please Note! For the next 2 weekends St Francis Xavier Church and St John the Evangelist Church are conducting annual head count of Church participants.

Holy Spirit Novena

Novena to the Holy Spirit
Novena to the Holy Spirit starts next Saturday, 28 May. We shall be having Adoration and Benediction as part of the Novena to the Holy Spirit.

Cake Stall (Home Bake)

On the last Sunday, 29 May, **St Francis Xavier** is holding a fundraising **Cake Stall** for the Blessed Virgin Mary Grotto.
We are asking our Parishioners to donate baked/home made Goodies which will be sold after the weekend Masses
If you are able to contribute, please put your name down on the sheet provided in the foyer and take home an information sheet and food ingredient's label. For more information please contact Parish office 9783 3484.
Last week to get the **Raffle Ticket** for SFX's Grotto. Don't miss out! Donation is welcome.
Thank you for your support.

Thank you to John and Ann ..

John re-sited and mounted, on beautiful wood, a new Tabernacle in St John's Church.



Homily for Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C

On this fifth Sunday of Easter we continue glorifying the Risen Christ. Gradually Christ approaches his Ascension into heaven. Hence, he promised us a place with him in his kingdom if we persevere in our faith and have love for one another.

In today's first Reading, Paul encourages us to remain faithful in our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. He reminds us that: "We all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God." In other words, our suffering as Christians is the stepping stone to our victory. If we do not lose our faith during times of persecutions and hardships we shall be victorious. Therefore love for the word and love for one another must sustain us as we march towards the kingdom of God.

Through the vision of John in today's second Reading, God gives us a glimpse of that kingdom which Paul spoke of in our first Reading. It is a place of renewal where all our lost glory would be restored. The New Jerusalem is the reward of all Christians who bear an authentic witness to the risen Christ. It is the hope of all who endure persecutions for the sake of Christ and his Good News. It is the hope of those who maintain their faith in Christ.

It is a place of comfort and consolation where the Risen Christ: "... Will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness." Through this vision, we are once again encouraged and assured that God himself has a place for us in his kingdom. It is his wish that one day we too shall be with him in his eternal kingdom where he promised to make all things new for us. However, before then we must endure the pains of this world.

Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practise of Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." (Jn 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, selfless, self-giving, unconditional, *agape* love.

Christ gives us a new commandment that will help us to overcome this world and march into the New Jerusalem. Through this, Christ reminds us that the only way we can overcome the tribulations and persecutions of this world is by remaining united in love. In times of trials and persecutions, love is the greatest virtue that sustains every Christian community. The early Christian community understood this very well. They obeyed Christ's command and were successful in their missions. So their admirers commented thus: "See how they love one another."

This Gospel Reading reminds us that any Christian community or family which is united in love will never lose its focus or faith in God. This is the love that Paul described in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthian Christian community. This love cares, it does not exploit the other, it endures and forgives, and it empathizes and sympathizes with the other. This love may be blind but it still remains very prudent, sensible, reasonable and godly.

The love that Christ talks about here is an identification mark. He says: "... By this love everyone will know that you are my disciples." In other words, it is what defines us as true disciples of Christ. This love of Christ encourages us to have a true renewal of Christian life which means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment. Only those who love sincerely can enter the New Jerusalem which the Risen Christ promised his people. This love is a mark of the newness of life which Christ brings to all his people this Easter season.

Finally, the Church advises us to love others in our daily lives as Jesus loved us in the ordinary course of our lives. This means that we should love others by allowing ourselves to be moved with pity for them. We love others by responding to their everyday needs. We can show love by materially sharing with those who have less. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving others in every possible way, no matter how small. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, by challenging rather than condoning. We love others by responding to the call of God in our lives and by walking in the footsteps of Jesus. We love others by making sacrifices for them. This is how the world will know that we are *Disciples of Christ!*

Fr. Jude CSSp



This parish of St Francis Xavier belongs to the parishioners. Australians have contributed to the building of our Church and extensions for many many years and we continue to do so.

We are truly blest to have two dedicated priests to celebrate THE HOLY EUCHARIST and profess the WORD.

The physical practicalities of day to day responsibilities for the smooth running of all services is up to us.

- eg. 1, The washing of linen used daily on the Altar ie purifiers and hand towels. We need more volunteers for this (**Rostered once a month**)
- 2. Leaders for Communion Services Usually 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month **Rostered**
- 3. Senior Altar servers for weekday morning Masses. "Setting up and assisting priest" **Rostered**
- 4. Helpers for collections at Sunday Masses. Just pick up 2 collection bags before Mass.
- 5. When attending any Mass checking windows are closed and locked before you leave the church.
- 6 Picking up papers from the church floor as you leave and placing in bin at door.

At this present time we have a small number of parishioners taking responsibility and we need your help.

CHURCH CLEANERS If you can help please contact office. NO you not required to be cleaning at early hours of the morning but at a time convenient and agreed upon. **Rostered PLEASE CONTACT OFFICE TO OFFER YOUR ASSISTANCE** . Thank you. Thank you.

Maureen Sharpe Worship Team Parish Pastoral Council "

AUDITIONS NOW OPEN for 'Call of Guadalupe'

an Australian-grown Catholic Musical!

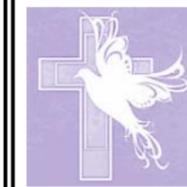
Our Musicals have gone around Australia & overseas. You are welcome to be involved in this splendid Show on stage in November. A great opportunity to DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS in the Performing Arts. Learn how to act, sing or help backstage with FREE Drama & Singing Classes starting Sat 4th June in the Burwood & Chelsea area. Go to www.cogtheatre.org For audition details: contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or Von 0423 886 984 or Geraldine 0413398528.

Young Adult of the South

Get together with other young people from the local area for Mass, dinner, and a conversation with *Bishop Anthony Ireland*. This will be an awesome opportunity to meet other young Catholics from across the southern region and share with Bishop Ireland your hopes, dreams, and expectations for the future of the Church.

When : **Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 6:00pm – 8:30pm**
Where : **St Kevin Church**,
120 Hallam Road, Hampton Park.

Remembering those we have lost
Mass to Commemorate Those Who Have Died During the COVID Pandemic.
Sunday, 22 May 2022 at 11.00am
at **St Patrick Cathedral.**



We are taking names for **Confirmation** for Year 6 Students
Please Contact Parish office to register your child name at 9783 3484 or email us at frankston@cam.org.au

Chaplaincy Appeal Special Collection

This Sunday, 15th of May
To support our Chaplains in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centers.



Legion of Mary

SFX - Fridays 10.45am in Quilter room
SJE - Thursday 1.30pm in Flower room
Commitment required.

In The Footsteps of Mary Mackillop (An Australian Pilgrimage)

Lead by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne
18 - 29 October 2022

For more info, booking and enquiries:
Please call (02) 8912 4818
Email : national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au
[www. Marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.Marymackillopplace.org.au)

Reconnect, Renew and Reimagine Catholic Community and Mission at the **Alive in the Spirit Online Conference**

26th – 28 May 2022
Inspiration and Formation for everyone engaged in the life of our Church
See keynote speakers, workshop information and register at www.aliveinthespirit.com.au.