

Please Pray for

OUR SICK - Lorenzo Paolacci, Andrew Coubourn, Kara Kennedy, Kim Lord, Baby Isla, Riley Kemp.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Felicia Christiano, Grant Schade, Shierly Norma Deed, Ernesto Lacustales.

REMEMBRANCE - Juanito Domantay, Roman (Jack) Puzska.

If you would like to have a name published in the bulletin for any prayers please contact Christina/Hani at frankston@cam.org.au or call 9783 3484. No Names will be added past 11am on a Friday.

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

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 St Augustine's 9781 3007 Principal Carrie Rodda	 St Francis Xavier 9783 3424 Principal Stephen Peart

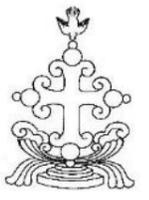

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This Sunday's Readings	Next Sunday's Readings
1st Reading Act 13:14, 43-52	1st Reading Act 14: 21-27
2nd Reading Rev 7:9,14-17	2nd Reading Rev 21:1-5
Gospel Jn 10:27-30	Gospel Jn 13:31-35


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

OFFERINGS
GIVING BACK TO GOD

St. Francis Xavier	St. John the Evangelist
Presbytery \$1,131.00	Presbytery \$536.00
Church \$1,081.00	Church \$727.00

Thank you for your continued support


Anointing of the Sick Mass
This Thursday, 12 May 2022
SFX: 9.15am SJE: 9.00am


Month of May
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. 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
Wednesday after 9.15am Mass; before Mass Tuesday & Saturday

St. John's Programme

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

Weekday Masses
Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am

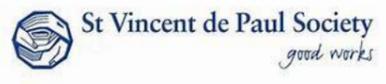
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1st Friday of month until 10.30am

Reconciliation
Saturday 9.30am & 6.15pm

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

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


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.


For the next 3 weekends St Francis Xavier Church and St John the Evangelist Church are conducting annual head count of Church participants.

Cleaners Wanted - Voluntary Capacity!

St Francis Xavier & St John the Evangelist Parishes urgently require Church Cleaners.
Many hands make light work and we encourage Parishioners to consider contributing to keep the Lord's House clean. Please contact the Parish Office on 97833484 if you can offer your services.
Thank you to all who can assist our Parishes!




Cake Stall (Home Bake)
On the last weekend of May (29 May), SFX 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.
Raffle Ticket for SFX's Grotto still available until next week. Don't miss out! Donation is welcome.
Thank you for your support.

Gospel - John 10:27-30
I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:
'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If He calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust Him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or Priesthood.





Homily for Good Shepherd - Vocation Sunday

My dear people of God, this Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a Sunday in which we reflect on Christ as a good shepherd who does not abandon his sheep. On this Sunday too, we reflect on and promote the vocations to the consecrated life, (nuns and brothers who take the vows of celibacy, poverty and obedience), and to the priesthood, following the words of Jesus that, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" (Lk 10:2). In the Gospel of today, (Jn 10:27-30), Jesus Christ described himself as the Good Shepherd whose voice is recognised by his flock. He knows his flock and they follow him to eternal life. Characteristics of a good shepherd include that the flock can decipher his voice and that he is able to protect them. A story is told of raiders who raided some property and made away with lots of flock. When the police, through their investigations, uncovered the paddock where the stolen flock were hidden, they invited shepherds from the area who had reported their stolen flock. Each shepherd could separate his flock from the fold because each flock was able to identify the voice of their shepherd.

Jesus is our good shepherd and we are his flock; he loved us and cared for us to the point of shedding his blood for our justification. For "no greater love than this, that one lays down one's life for one's friends" (Jon 15:13). We are all invited to listen to Christ's voice, and he will lead us to greener pastures.

As we reflect on vocations today, I wish to give a succinct account of my vocation to the religious - priestly life. The letter to the Hebrews had advised that no one should take the priestly honour upon oneself, "except one who has been chosen and called as Aaron was" (Heb 5:4). May I state that to me, a call to the religious and priestly life has been a privilege. I grew up as any other child of my time. I applied to join the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, (Spiritans), after my secondary education.

This journey to the religious - priestly life included nine years of seminary training which included a novitiate, studying philosophy and theology and a pastoral year. The novitiate was a year of prayer in which I learnt more about the life and work of the Spiritan Fathers and Brothers. What attracted me to the Spiritans was their simplicity of life, their ministry among the poor and marginalised people all over the world, and that they live in community. Like the community of the early Christians, their motto is "one heart and one soul". During my formation years through spiritual direction, studies, pastoral experiences and advices from my formators, I was enabled to discern my call to the religious - missionary life. There were moments of doubt and struggle because we are merely the earthly wares that God has allowed to hold the treasure - "the surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2Cor 4:7).

Since my perpetual consecration as a religious in August 1993 and my ordination to the priesthood in July 1994, I have served in various ministries in Nigeria, Papua New Guinea and now Australia. I have found the ministry at times challenging but always fulfilling. It is the ordinary men and women who have been called and equipped by Christ to do extra-ordinary things. For our youths, may I propose to you that, as you discern a possible career for yourselves, let the vocation to the religious or priestly life also be on your cards. The Church needs you! The Archdiocese of Melbourne needs you! The Spiritans needs you!

Today too, we acknowledge the vocation to motherhood as we celebrate Mother's Day. We Congratulate and salute our mothers for their unflinching love and care for their families. Scripture underscored the unconditional love mothers have for their children and families when it rhetorically asked, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast, and have no compassion on the child she has borne?" (Is 49:15). We know that mothers willingly give the last drop of their blood for the good of their families. They willingly sacrifice everything for their families.

Mothers are agents of unity and peace in the family. Dad is the head of the family, but mum is like the soul of the family. The book of Proverbs delineated the worth of a wife and mother when it declared, "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family.... She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy, (Prov 31:10 - 30).

Wives and mothers, the above passage is about you! Do not lose hope when your demanding work is not reciprocated.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we thank our Mums, both living and dead, for their immense contributions to our society. We thank them for being there for us. We pray that the Good Lord will bless all Mums and grant eternal rest to the Mums who are resting in peace.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

O God,
We thank you for the gift of our mothers.
We entreat you Lord to keep on blessing and protecting all mothers.
Give them the grace and strength they need to love and care for their families.
Mothers we thank you for being there always for us
We apologise for the times we have taken your love and care for granted.
May the Lord grant us the grace to be ever appreciative of your invaluable sacrifices for our families and society.
We pray that the Good Lord will fill your hearts with joy and grant eternal rest to all departed mothers. **Amen.**

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.

Mass to Commemorate Those Who Have Died During the COVID Pandemic. Sunday, 22 May 2022 at St Patrick Cathedral.

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 22 May for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic. This Mass will be offered for all the departed who could not be mourned properly or whose lives could not be celebrated suitably because of pandemic restrictions.

Six30 Holy Hour (Every Thursdays at 6.30pm-7.30pm)

For more than 20 years, young people from all over Melbourne have gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday evenings for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We invite all young adults to join us for this weekly evening of prayer.

Chaplaincy Appeal Special Collection

Next Sunday the 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.



PREGNANCY
ASSISTANCE

Dear Parishioners,

Our greetings of good health and wellbeing to you and your families.

PAF is running the Mothers' Day appeal this weekend, to provide support for disadvantaged pregnant women, their babies and families. We would be very grateful for any donation you are able to give towards this collection. You may also donate at the PAF Centre; by cheque or by a direct payment into our account at

WESTPAC BSB: 033 272 ACC: 318726.

If you would like a receipt, then please provide your name and contact details in an email to pafcares@gmail.com. All donations above \$2.00 are tax deductible.

We wish a **Happy Mothers' Day** to all the mothers reading this and may you and your families be blessed abundantly.

Warm regards from the PAF Committee and Volunteers
PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FRANKSTON INC.
14 Young Street, Frankston, Victoria, Australia 3199
Telephone: (03) 9770 6226 Fax: (03) 9770 6227
Email : pafcares@gmail.com. ABN 71 659 195 700
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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.

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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

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