

**Please Pray for**

**Our Sick** - Elvie Williams, Esther Dias, George, Shirley Hill, Leila Galvez, Kerry Lee Neu, Lindsay Churchill, Terry Henderson, Mauricio Bonozzoni, Anicca Jurica, Kerry Marshall, John Marshall, Michael, Teena, Pat Pace, Don Buchanan, Chris Kelly, Maria Siketa, Harry Lord, Carolyn Marshall, Sandra Marshall, Allison Joel, Nicole Bigotto.

**Recently Deceased** - Gudelia Galvez, Anica Jurica.

**In Remembrance** - Val Martin, Marie Keble, Carmen Fernandez, Mary & Menino Fernandez, Peter Watson.

All the suffering Souls in Purgatory, All Aborted Babies.

**Special Intentions** - Sr.Anita, Conversion for Dylan Conolly.

For the mothers dying in childbirth in PNG.

**Reparation for the sins of abortion**

**Safeguarding Children and Young People Reporting Abuse or Safety Related Misconduct**  
All reports are to be directed to: **Safeguarding Unit** 9926 5621 / email: [safeguardingunit@cam.org.au](mailto:safeguardingunit@cam.org.au) or contact Victoria Police directly. Remember! Always call 000 if a child or adult is in immediate danger. **Safeguarding Policies:** [https:// www.frankstoncatholic.com.au/sfx/policies](https://www.frankstoncatholic.com.au/sfx/policies)

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9789 9794  
Principal  
Derek Bruitzman

**John Paul College**  
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Principal  
John Visentin

**St Augustine's**  
9781 3007  
Principal  
Carrie Rodda

**St Francis Xavier**  
9783 3424  
Principal  
Stephen Peart

**Third Sunday of Easter , Year B - 14 April 2024**

Parish Theme - *Revitalising our Community in Christ*

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Sunday's Readings	Next Sunday's Readings
<b>1st Reading</b> Acts 3:13-15,17-19	<b>1st Reading</b> Acts 4:8-12
<b>2nd Reading</b> 1Jn 2: 1-5	<b>2nd Reading</b> 1Jn 3: 1-2
<b>Gospel</b> Lk 24:35-48	<b>Gospel</b> Jn 10:11-18

**Syro-Malabar Mass**  
SFX - Thursday at 6.00pm

**Confidential Prayer Request Line**  
Call: Margaret 0417 535 028 - Kerry 0413 212 057

**Frankston Friendship Club**  
Fun & Friendship for All. New Members Most Welcome.  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month: 10:30am in Xavier Centre.  
Bus Trips: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month  
Contact : Suzy 0419 367 778 or Mary 0427 783 829

**Legion of Mary**  
**Our Lady of All Nations Praesidium, SFX Parish,** meets in Quilter Room Saturday, 10:30am  
Enquiries: Elizabeth / Parish 9783 3484.  
**Our Lady Queen of the Holy Rosary Praesidium SJE Parish,** meets in Flower Room Thursday, 1:00pm  
Enquires: Jacinta 0429 090 001  
*All are cordially invited!*

**The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month **during** Mass, and  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month **after** 10:00/10:30am Mass.  
Baptism preparation attendance is required, prep via Zoom, prior to Baptism. Call P/O for more info & form.

**Parishioners of St Francis',** please join us for Morning Tea every 3rd Sunday after 10.30am Mass.  
Next morning tea is **next Sunday, 21st April 2024** after 10.30am Mass.  
**Please Bring a plate to share.**

**Adoration of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group**  
If you hunger to know, love and serve God more, then join our **Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group** at 1:00pm each Wednesday in the Chapel for Adoration, Prayers and songs followed by Bible study.  
*All welcome!*

**We are a Child-Safe Community .. Safeguarding Unit Tel: 9926 5621**

**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; 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month

**Liturgy of Word and Communion Service**  
Monday 9:15am; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration**  
Wednesday before 9:15am Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month 24 hours

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 10:00am and 5:30pm

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month 9:15am

**Rosary**  
Tuesday before 9:15am Mass and Saturday after 9:15am Mass

**St. John the Evangelist 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 at 8:30am and Friday after 9:00am Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month until 10:30am

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 9:30am and 6:15pm

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month 9:00am

**Rosary**  
Before weekday Mass, [except Wed], Saturday at 9:30am

**Witnesses ( written by Tom Shuman)**  
We are witnesses, to the love God has poured into us. We are witnesses of God's love, sharing it with each person we meet. We are witnesses to everyone we encounter, little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family.

OFFERINGS	Thank you for your continuing support.
Giving Back to God	
<b>St Francis Xavier</b> Church \$1,423 Presbytery \$1,161	<b>St John the Evangelist</b> Church \$677 Presbytery \$537

**Vinnies good works** Assistance : 9769 6060  
If you would like to help or volunteer in the good works of the Society, call office 9769 6060.  
**SFX Vinnies** - Geraldine Stanistreet 0438 120 142  
**Meetings held** on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon 4:00pm-5:30pm  
**SJE Vinnies** - John Murtagh: 9781 3520

**Welcome, Thank You** for worshipping with us at **St Francis Xavier** and **St John the Evangelist** Churches.

Please let us know if:

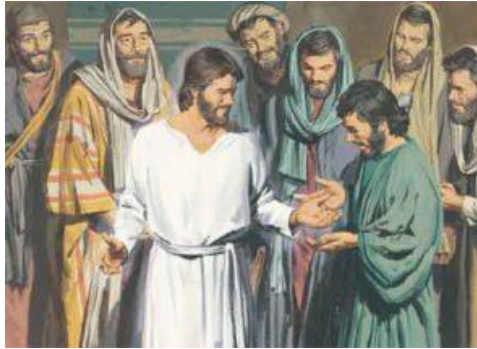
- You are new to the Parish
- Recently changed your home address
- Need Sacrificial Thanksgiving Envelopes

Please fill in your details and drop it in the collection bag or hand it to the Priest.

Name/Tele: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

† Many Blessings †

**Holy Gospel according to Luke 24: 35-48**



They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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





# Homily for Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

## Context Connection

The Gospel for this Sunday begins with two disciples' finishing their story of meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus. (You might want to read Luke 24:13-35 to gain a better understanding and context for this story.) After their encounter with Jesus, these two disciples return to Jerusalem and begin sharing their amazing experience with other disciples, when suddenly Jesus stands in their midst and greets them with his now familiar words, "Peace be with you."

In using his common greeting, Jesus is saying: "Hey, it's me. Don't be frightened, for I am not a ghost but rather your friend, Jesus. Just touch my hands and feet, examine me, and you will really know it is me. A ghost does not have flesh and bones. I died and have risen." Give close attention to verse 39, in which Jesus stresses that indeed he, Jesus, the one and only, stands before them.

To further prove that he is the Risen Jesus, and not a ghost, Jesus asks for something to eat and the disciples give him some fish. He eats it. No ghost could eat real food! At this, the disciples' disposition moves from being terrified to being in utter amazement and filled with joy. Jesus, their teacher, is again with them.

Why does Luke recount the story of the disciples' touching and examining Jesus's hands and feet and of Jesus's eating fish in this passage? Luke wants his readers, us and all those before and after us, to know that the resurrected body of Jesus is real. He does so for our sake, to help our belief.

Once Jesus reconnects with his disciples and they understand that Jesus really is standing before them, they are receptive to a new way of understanding Jesus's teachings. What Jesus now says about the Law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms has new meaning, for Jesus's words have been fulfilled through his death and Resurrection. Jesus helps his disciples understand everything they learned both before and after they had met him. What they know in their heads as knowledge, they now know in their hearts, because it has come true in Jesus, and because they definitively know that Jesus is the Messiah. Because of the events of the last three days, they know and understand more fully that the Messiah is destined to suffer and rise from the dead.

Confident that his disciples now comprehend the significance of the past three days, Jesus tells them they are, and will be, his witnesses now and into the future. They are witnesses of Christ in our day, and so are we when we act as witnesses of these events to other people.

These events—Jesus' Passion, death, Resurrection, and appearances—in their deepest meanings, reveal God's heartfelt wish to again be united with all peoples through the forgiveness of sin.

## Tradition Connection

These passages from Luke are reflected in the Nicene Creed that we pray each Sunday as a faith community:

**“For our sake he [Jesus] was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”**  
*(Roman Missal, p. 562)*

We believe Jesus's Resurrection is the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament and of those given to us during Jesus's earthly life. By his death, Jesus liberated us from sin, and by his Resurrection, Jesus opened to us a new way of life because he had restored God's grace in us. Jesus restored the intended relationship between God and humankind from the time of Creation. Now we, as a faith community, can look forward with confidence that we too will experience a like resurrection. See also Paul's explanation of resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15:20-24.

## Wisdom Connection

Luke stresses a very important point in this passage. This person who appears in the midst of the disciples is truly Jesus, the same Jesus they had lived with and learned from over the past three years. There is, however, an evident transformation because of his resurrected state. Jesus is apparently not bound by time or space. And today, as believers, we experience him as present to his followers in the world in the same way he was present to the disciples on that first Easter evening. Do we recognize the presence of Jesus when we encounter it? (<https://www.liturgia.com.au/App/Overview>)



## PARISH NOTICES

SFX — A reminder to parents to bring their children by 10am to the Church for quick rehearsal before the Children's Mass next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

### Good Shepherd Sunday, 21 April 2024 (Forth Sunday of Easter)

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

#### A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

#### A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

#### Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'.

I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at

[www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au)

this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

### ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

**COME & SEE!** An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday, 4 May 2024 from 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

**For more information:** The Vocations website for the Archdiocese is available. The links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

#### Watch: Melbourne's Deacons

<https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0> Watch: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>.

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate **webpage** <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

**Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate** (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

### Prayer for Life

Saturday 27 April 2024 at 9.00am  
At St Patrick's Cathedral

Celebrant: Fr. James Baptist

Followed by a Rosary Procession to the edge of the 150m zone from the abortion centre in Wellington Pde.

#### All Welcome

Parking available off Lansdowne Street  
Please vacate carpark by 11.30am.



## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE and VULNERABLE ADULTS

Updating Working with Children Check details  
Clergy, employees and volunteers are required to

keep all WWCC details up to date, including:

- name
- date of birth
- residential address
- telephone numbers
- contact details of the parish organisation with which they are engaged,

e.g. Parish of St Francis Xavier **or** Parish of St John the Evangelist  
60 Davey St  
Frankston, VIC, 3199  
[Frankston@cam.org.au](mailto:Frankston@cam.org.au)  
Phone: 9783 3484

The update of the WWCC can be made in one of the following ways:

A. WWCC details can be updated through the Update Your Details function of the Working with Children Check website: <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/login.doj?next=mycheck>

#### OR

B. It is also possible to add the details of an organisation through the Service Victoria App- Update your Working with Children Check details.

#### PRAYER

#### Father of hope

*strengthen our task of creating a safe and supportive environment for all people.*

*Grant us wisdom to make decisions that specially protect children and the vulnerable.*

Thank you from the Safeguarding Committee of SFX and SJE, Fr Chinua CSSp, Fr Jude CSSp, Mary Murtagh, Helen Overend, Christine Wakeling



### Mothers Who Pray for Their Children Australian conference Saturday 27 April 2024 8.30am-5.30pm

Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre  
576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Immerse yourself in a day-long program, beginning with adoration and Holy Mass.

Gather for enlightening talks from local, interstate and international speakers.

Mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and spiritual mothers, come and secure your place for an enriching day of spiritual growth and community connection!

For more information, visit:

[motherswhoprayfortheirchildren.com](http://motherswhoprayfortheirchildren.com).

### NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and have had limited or no employment.

A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate much-needed funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon ([frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or [adam-kaali@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-kaali@hotmail.com)).