

Please Pray for

Our Sick - Flor O'Brien, Maryann Nava, Kay Nyhuis, Elvie Williams, Esther Dias, George, Shirley Hill, Leila Galvez, Lindsay Churchill, Terry Henderson, Mauricio Bonozzoni, Kerry Lee Neu.

Recently Deceased - Gudelia Galvez, Anica Jurica.

In Remembrance - Joe Betros, Maria Barbon, Mathieu Zwaan, Frances Burns, Walter Burns, M.C. John, Janet Le Hunt, Val Martin, Marie Keble, Carmen Fernandez, Mary & Menino Fernandez, Peter Watson, Ruy Martins.

All the suffering Souls in Purgatory, All Aborted Babies.

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

For the mothers dying in childbirth in PNG.

Reparation for the sins of abortion

Sunday's Readings

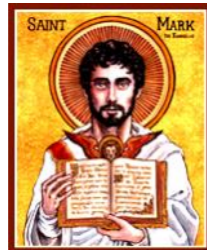
1st Reading
Acts 4:8-12
2nd Reading
1Jn 3: 1-2
Gospel
Jn 10:11-18

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Acts 9:26-31
2nd Reading
1Jn 3: 18-24
Gospel
Jn 15:1-8

Feast Days

22/04
23/04 St Adalbert; St George
24/04 St Fidelis of Sigmaringen
25/04 Anzac Day
26/04 St Mark
27/04 St Louis Grignon de Montfort



OFFERINGS

Giving Back to God

Thank you for your continuing support.

St Francis Xavier
Church \$1,096
Presbytery \$840

St John the Evangelist
Church \$818
Presbytery \$650



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 1st & 3rd Mon 4:00pm-5:30pm
SJE Vinnies - John Murtagh: 9781 3520
Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Tues 10:00am-11:30am



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 †

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 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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Derek Bruitzman

John Paul College
9784 0200
Principal
John Visentin

St Augustine's
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Principal
Carrie Rodda

St Francis Xavier
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Principal
Stephen Peart

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.
1st Wednesday of month: 10:30am in Xavier Centre.
Bus Trips: 3rd 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 at The Village Baxter Saturday, 10:30am
Enquiries: Frances 0424 325 431
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
3rd Sunday of month **during** Mass, and
4th 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 **this 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!



Forth Sunday of Easter , Year B - 21 April 2024

Parish Theme - *Revitalising our Community in*



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
60 Davey Street, Frankston 3199.

ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST PARISH
20 Coral Street, Frankston East 3199.

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Monday - Friday
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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 - Friday 9:15am; 1st + 3rd Mondays of the month

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
Monday 9:15am; 2nd, 4th + 5th Mondays of the month
Saturday 9.15am

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
Wednesday before 9:15am Mass
1st Friday of month 24 hours

Reconciliation
Saturday 10:00am and 5:30pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass
1st 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
1st Friday of month until 10:30am

Reconciliation
Saturday 9:30am and 6:15pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass
1st Thursday of month 9:00am

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

Holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.
The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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



Homily for Forth Sunday of Easter, Year B

To-day we have the trifacta: the fourth Sunday of EASTER, the gospel of the Good Shepherd and VOCATIONS, and next Thursday ANZAC DAY. What should be the focus? What can be the link between the three themes? **It is that of generous sacrificial service.** It is the acceptance of a belief that goes beyond the individual. It is the recognition of the best in our world amongst the worst.

Our Easter prayers and readings provide us with the opportunity to reflect on the call to serve the message of Jesus, and remember the fallen and the reality behind ANZAC DAY. So fittingly we have this image today of the shepherd prepared to lay down his life for others. The shepherd standing with his flock, even in the face of adversity.

So how do we view the witness of Jesus? His service until death.

Jesus is the model for all good shepherds, but He is more. He is the Son of God who laid down his life for us. He is the Good Shepherd **for every** moment of our lives. **For each of us** there is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. A love that can be compared to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father. **"My own know me just as the Father knows me."**

Jesus emphasises that, in giving his life for his sheep, he is doing so of his own will. His death is to be the living proof that "the greatest love a person can show is to give one's life for one's friends". This is the proof that Jesus truly is the Good Shepherd.

On the face of it, the life and mission of Jesus seemed an utter failure. Even Jesus' friends and admirers must have shaken their heads in sorrow as they saw him die on the cross. Jesus himself said "It is finished." But, for him, the words had a completely different meaning. His death was about life. Jesus is that Good Shepherd who calls us to life.

Sometimes we don't hear that call amongst life's distractions, but he will be there walking with us. At the moment of our death, in the midst of the tinnitus of life, we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident.

On this Vocations Sunday we remember that we, as the baptised, are all called to service, whether as single people, married, members of religious orders, or those who have receive the sacrament of Holy Orders, (deacons, priests and bishops).

Jesus is the model for all pastors ever since. On this day, the call to the priesthood has to be treasured for its generosity, uniqueness and its essential nature to the life of the Church. We are a sacramental people; we are a Eucharistic people. Without the Eucharist where would we be!!!

This year eight men started training for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne; two more for the other Victorian dioceses. Our seminary now has 35 seminarians. The vocation to the priesthood is a unique call. It is a call received by the individual, nurtured by the family and parish, and sustained by our prayers. Whilst the number of deacons slowly continues to grow, they are not a substitute for priests. Deacons stand beside them.

Jesus is our Shepherd. We can rest on his shoulders. We need more who share more fully in his priesthood. Whenever we have a Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service we remind ourselves of our need by praying for vocations. The Melbourne Vocations Office has an on-line platform to pledge prayers for vocations.

www.pledgetoprayer.com.au It is in the bulletin. To-day is the day to pray.

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Kevin Pattison

PARISH NOTICES

SFX

1. Please join us today for morning tea after 10.30am Mass.
2. Next **Saturday, 27 April** - Communion Service at 9.15am.



Congratulations on a well deserved retirement Deacon Kevin

Thank you for all your hard work and your dedication to our Parishes. Wishing you all the best. A farewell cuppa on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May 2024 after 10am Mass at St John's. Everyone is invited. Please bring plate to share.



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:
motherswhoprayerfortheirchildren.com.



ANZAC DAY THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 9.00 / 9.15AM MASS " WE WILL REMEMBER THEM" TO HONOUR THE FALLEN YOU MAY LIKE TO WEAR A RED POPPY, AN AUSTRALIAN TRADITION

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

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.

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



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
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

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: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357
(Email) 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

All Welcome

Parking available off Lansdowne Street



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