

Please Pray for

Our Sick - Maryann, Teena, Michael, Harry Lord, Maria Siketa, Dhillan Paige Puddy, Julie Nolan, Flor O'Brien, Maryann Nava, Kay Nyhuis, Elvie Williams, Esther Dias, Shirley Hill, Lindsay Churchill, Terry Henderson, Kerri-Lee Neu, Greta, George, Mauricio Bonozzoni.

Recently Deceased - Margaret McKenzie, Maureen Wainright, Pat Pace.

In Remembrance - Alan Williams, Leticia Olaya, Marc Anthony Olaya.

Special Intentions - Tina, Sr.Anita, Conolly, Kathy, Elizabeth, Barbara and Family, Conversion for Dylan, Emmanuel.

Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
2nd Reading
1Jn 4: 11-16
Gospel
Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Acts 1:1-11
2nd Reading
EP 4: 1-13
Gospel
Mk 16:15-20

Feast Days

06/05 St Dominic of Savio
07/05
08/05
09/05 St Louise de Marillac
10/05
11/05 St John of Avila

OFFERINGS

Giving Back to God

Thank you for your continuing support.

St Francis Xavier
Church \$1,474
Presbytery \$1,116

St John the Evangelist
Church \$644
Presbytery \$568



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)



St John's
9789 9794
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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 **Pentecost Sunday, 19th May 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!

Sixth Sunday of Easter , Year B - 5 May 2024
Parish Theme - *Revitalising our Community in Christ*



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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 - 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 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 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I

have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

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





Homily for Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Theme : Love One Another as I Have Loved You

The first Reading (Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48), narrated the conversion of Cornelius and his household to Christianity. Cornelius was a Roman soldier stationed in Caesarea and a non-Jew. He was a partial convert to the Jewish religion (Fearer of God). He prayed to God, and contributed generously to Jewish causes, but was not circumcised. Circumcision was a prerequisite for a male to become a full convert to Judaism. Cornelius had a vision in which he was asked to send some men to Joppa to fetch Peter who was visiting.

While the men were on their way to Joppa, Peter went into a trance. In his vision he saw a basket full of different kinds of four-footed animals, reptiles and birds being lowered from the sky and a voice said to him, kill and eat, and he replied that he has never eaten anything unclean. The voice told him that what God has made clean he had no right to call profane. This scene was repeated three times to Peter.

The Book of Leviticus chapter 11: 1-47 listed the clean and unclean animals which was the basis of the Jewish culture's food code. The clean animals were edible, whereas the unclean ones were not. It may surprise many that pigs and rabbits were listed among the unclean animals because, though pigs have divided hoofs, they do not chew their cud whereas the rabbits chew the cud but do not have divided hoofs. However, Jesus had declared every food clean when he stated that what we eat does not make us unclean before God, rather, it is the evil thoughts that come from our hearts like theft, murder, sexual immorality, envy and pride which make us unclean. (Mk 7:14-23).

Peter's responses to the vision he had was reminiscent of the various prejudices one may have about other cultures. Many Jews believed that they were the only chosen people of God and thus, espoused some superiority complex over other peoples and cultures. For the Jews, people from other nations were unclean like the unclean animals. Peter alluded to this intolerance when he addressed the people who had gathered at the house of Cornelius. He said, "you know it is unlawful for Jews to mix with or visit someone of another race; but God has made it clear to me that I must not call anyone profane or unclean." Thus, Peter's vision was a rebuke to such a superiority complex.

When Peter arrived at Cornelius' house, he was welcomed by Cornelius, who then talked to him about the vision he had in which he was asked to send for him. Having listened to his speech, Peter then addressed the crowd who had gathered in the house of Cornelius. He confessed that he had come to the realisation that God has no favourites but that everyone from any nationality who kept God's commandments was acceptable to Him. As Peter was speaking a miracle occurred; his hearers suddenly received the gifts of the Holy Spirit though they were yet to be baptised. God wanted to confirm to Peter that Christianity was for everybody and for all nations. Christ has purchased our salvation through his death and resurrection, so no one should deny the gift of salvation to another. The members of Cornelius' family were then baptised.

Jesus said in the Gospel (Jn 15:9-17), that as the father has loved him so he has loved us. He then invited us to remain in his love. He gave us a new commandment to love one another as he had loved us. Hence, the golden rule of 'do to no one what you will not like done to you' has now been superseded. Each individual is no longer the yard stick for measuring goodness; Christ is. Christ has shown ultimately that he loved us by laying down his life for our salvation. Everyone may not be called to martyrdom, but each person is invited in a little or big way to be the face of Christ in one's community.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



PARISH NOTICES

MONTH of MAY

In the month of May, Rosary shall be recited before weekday Masses and before the 8.30am Mass on Sundays. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament shall be at 8.30am weekdays (Tue-Thurs and Sat, after Mass on Fridays) throughout the month.

PENTECOST NOVENA

Starts on Friday, 10 May and ends on Saturday, 18 May. Novena prayers will be said after the Rosary each day.

PENTECOST REFLECTION

You are invited to a Pentecost reflection in preparation for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day 19th May 2024. The reflection shall include talk, Eucharistic celebration / Benediction and Rosary.

SFX - May 13th -15th from 7.00pm -8.15pm

SJE - May 16th & 17th from 9.00am -10.15am

During the month of May, we are conducting our annual head count of Church Participants.

Funeral service for **Maureen Wainwright** will be held at **St John's on Thursday, 9 May 2024 at 12.00noon.**



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.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE (12-27 Sept 2024):
Europe Pilgrimage and Tour (*Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland*)

Spiritual Director: Fr. Emmanuel-tv.

Contact Us ASAP For Details: Mobile Number: 0438783641; 0417999553; 0473246029; 0420643949; 0420356428; 0478733578; **Tel: (08)93413079;**

Email: holyspiritp@gmail.com;

fremmanueltv@gmail.com



Learn to Pray - Learn to Live

Everyone is most welcome to join in the *Prayer and Life Workshops*

following Fr Ignacio Larrañaga's Way - Franciscan Capuchin at St John the Evangelist Parish on Mon, 13 May '24 at 12.30pm.

For more information pls contact:

Ana Templin 0407 871 050 or Fr Litoy Asis 0404 261 228



Joint picnic

You are invited to a Joint picnic for Parishioners of St Francis Xavier's and St John's the Evangelist at George Pentland Botanical Garden **this Sunday (today), 5 May starting at 12noon.**

Please bring a plate to share.

Parents - Please keep an eye on your children and watch what they eat.



Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal

This Sunday (5 May) is the Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal (Previously held during the month of August). Please donate to Catholic Care. Your compassion & generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Austin Cooper OMI (1931 - 2023) Priest, Scholar & Friend - A Symposium



On Friday, 10 May 2024 10.00am - 4.30pm
Knox Room, Catholic Theological College,
278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne
Registration: Face to face \$60 | Online \$30
For more info see flyer in the foyer
or call 9412 3333

To book scan the QR code or Go to
<https://www.trybooking.com/CQJCP>

PILGRIMAGE – SAINTS OF ITALY, MARIJA BISTRICA & MEDJUGORJE

from Tues, 1 Oct 2024 to Tues, 22 Oct 2024.

For more info call: **EDMAN / RADHA ANTHONY**
at **0424 437 251** and/or email:
edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com

The Diocesan Committee of the Guild of St Stephen

warmly invites all Altar Servers to participate in Guild of St Stephen Annual Mass on Friday, 24 May 2023 at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place, Melbourne
For more info call Fr. Joel Peart on 0410 273 705



PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE
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Dear Parishioners,
Pregnancy Assistance Frankston is having a Mothers' Day Collection on Sunday 12th May. This has been our main fundraiser since in May 2009 and your generosity in the past has been a blessing towards our volunteer run outreach to pregnant women who we support in many ways before and after their babies are born.
For further information or if you would like to consider volunteering at PAF, you may visit our website www.pregnancyassistancefrankston.org.au ; ring us on 9770 6226 or drop into the centre at 14 Young Street, Frankston to be welcomed and shown around.
Thank you all for your support from us all on the PAF team