

**Please Pray for**

Heavenly Father, we come before You today to ask for Your healing hand to be upon our friends who are suffering. Restore their health with Your loving care

**Our Sick** - Hannelore Makovec, John Coburn, Leonie Solomon, Bernadette, Amadeo Sacca, John McCready, Brian Brookes, Jose Usebio.

**Recently Deceased** - Mary Wise, Monica Gray, Shirley Fitch, Danilo Geronimo

**In Remembrance** - Alison Gomes, Barbara Giorno, Laraine Parry, Neville Thompson, Shirley Gilbet, Bruno Parolina, Jack Torcaso, Joseph Torcaso, Timoteo Neri, Tirso Neri, Hubert Cavanagh, Salvacion Bell, Olga Soares, Souls in Purgatory,

**Special Intentions** - Walker Family, Bernie Adams, Elizabeth.

**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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**John Paul College**  
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**St Augustine's**  
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**St Francis Xavier**  
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Principal  
Stephen Peart

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 13 October 2024**

Parish Theme - *Revitalising our Community in Christ*



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

60 Davey Street, Frankston 3199.



**ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST PARISH**

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**Sunday's Readings**

**1st Reading**  
Wis 7:7-11  
**2nd Reading**  
Heb 4:12-13  
**Gospel**  
Mark 10:17-30

**Next Sunday's Read 20/10**

**1st Reading**  
Isaiah 53:10-11  
**2nd Reading**  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
**Gospel**  
Mark 10:35-45

**Feast Days**

14/10 St Callistus  
15/10 St Teresa of Avila  
16/10 St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Hedwig  
17/10 St Ignatius of Antioch  
18/10 St Luke  
19/10 Sts John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions



**Sacrificial Giving**

Thank you for your continuing support

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|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>St Francis Xavier Church</b> | \$1,980 | <b>St John the Evangelist Church</b> | \$665 |
| Presbytery                      | \$1,731 | Presbytery                           | \$544 |



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  
**Meetings held** on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 †

**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!*

**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  
Enq: Elizabeth / Parish 9783 3484.

**Our Lady Queen of the Holy Rosary Praesidium, SJE Parish,** meets in Flower Room, Thursday, 1:00pm.  
Enq: Jacinta 0429 090 001  
*All are warmly welcomed!*

**Mothers who Pray for their Children**



You are invited to join us every Monday, at 7:00pm in SFX Chapel.  
You are welcome to bring your children.  
Enq: Bersabe 0415 442 030



**Syro-Malabar Mass**

St Francis Xavier Church - Thursday, 6.00pm

**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, via zoom, is required prior to Baptism.  
Call P/O 9783 3484 for more info & form.

**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**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday before Mass

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 10:00am and 5:30pm

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**

First Thursday of month 9:15am

**Rosary**

Rosary before Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday for month of October

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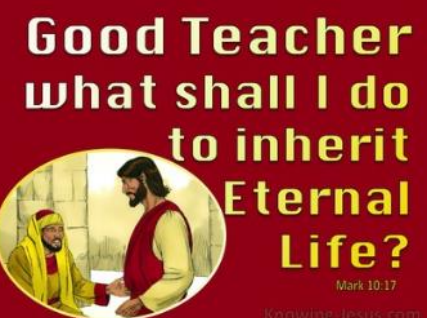
**Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:17-30**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

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







# Homily for Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

## Theme: A Call to Discipleship

The first Reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wis 7:7-11), underscored the importance of the gifts of Understanding and Wisdom. It stated that, "I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing." Understanding and the spirit of Wisdom enables us to pierce into the mystery of the life of God and the ultimate meaning of life. It helps us to decipher what is essential for life and what is not.

In the Gospel (Mk 10:17-27), a man in search of the meaning and purpose of life ran up to Jesus, "knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'" He went to Jesus as a wise teacher who can counsel him. Jesus informed him that true life can be found through the observance of the commandments of God especially those codified in the ten commandments – "You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; honour your father and mother."

The inquirer responded that he had been faithful in keeping the precepts of the Lord's commandments from his youth. Following his response, Jesus gazed at him "and loved him." Jesus was able to see through him as he saw through Nathaniel when he made a comment about him saying, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." (Jn 1:47). To the man who was inquiring about life, Jesus felt that he needed a more radical spiritual life since he was not content with the ordinary, hence he decided to "nudge" him a step up in his journey toward perfection – to be perfect as our "heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5:48).



As a way of helping him move up in the journey of spiritual perfection, Jesus offered the man an opportunity to become his disciple – one of those who would remain in his company and be sent out to evangelise the people by proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Hence, Jesus asked him to "empty himself" as he (Jesus), emptied himself when he incarnated and became human. St Paul stated that though Jesus is God, he emptied himself and became human for our justification. Again, though Jesus was rich, he became poor for our sake to enrich us (2 Cor 8:9). Jesus invited the man who was seeking for life to go and sell his possessions and use the proceeds to do charitable works, in that way, he would build treasures for himself in heaven. He then asked him to become his disciple after he had done that.

This radical demand of Jesus was more than the sacrifice the man who was seeking for eternal life was willing to bear for "he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." The Jews generally considered wealth as a sign of God's blessing. God is the creator and sustainer of all that exists, hence wealth earned genuinely and not amassed through fraudulent means is from God. There is nothing wrong to be wealthy, but at times the Lord, who is the giver of life, may invite us to give up a good for a greater good. In this context, Jesus invited the man to give up his wealth for a closer life with him.

The fact that the man left sad, implied that he knew that the value of his forgone alternative (a closer association with Jesus), was greater than his possession, none-the-less, he was not yet at the point of giving up his wealth.

Jesus' comment that it is hard "for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" is worth a closer consideration. Firstly, some people become rich through embezzlement of public funds or defrauding public or private enterprises or inadequate remuneration of workers or engaging in illicit businesses like outlawed drugs or defrauding people, etcetera. Secondly, some people may become proud due to their wealth and begin to question the relevance of God in their lives. They may start visualising themselves as "alpha and omega", thus usurping the authority of God.

Anyone who uses genuine riches to lift people out of poverty and make the world a better place is equally building treasures for themselves in heaven.

Jesus calls everyone to be his disciple, but not everyone is called to a radical relationship with him. We pray that we may always have the grace to say 'yes' to the call of Jesus. Amen!

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

## PARISH NOTICES



### St Francis Xavier Children's Mass Sunday, 20 October

Parents please bring your children to Church at 10.00am for a short rehearsal before Mass.

Please join us, in the Hall, for a cuppa after Mass.

Children's Choir practise sessions: Sat. 12 Oct, 2pm-4pm & Sat. 19 Oct, 10am-12 noon

St John's urgently needs two Cleaners to vacuum the Church, rostered on 4<sup>th</sup> week of month. Pls call Lee 0423 028 588



Congratulations to Saha and Syed, our two Catechumens, who were received into the Church this Sunday at St John's. Our prayers are with them as they take this momentous step.



### World Mission Sunday 20 October

There will be a collection for Catholic Missions next Sunday.

SFX Communion Service Updates Wednesday, 16 October, 9.15am

SJE Communion Service Tuesday, 15 October 9.00am Friday, 18 October 9.00am



13 October, 2024

### Happy Birthday to Fr Chinua!

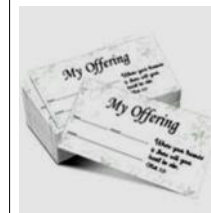


### ST FX CHURCH CLEANING

Please join us in cleaning our Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2024 at 10.30am. All we need is one hour of your time. Many hands make light work.

'Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.' James 2:17

### SFX Parishioners



Thanksgiving envelopes for October '24 - March '25 are available for collection from the foyer. For those who give the Thanksgiving contributions via direct debit and credit card, envelopes have not been provided. Through your generous contributions we have been able to maintain Parish expenses and undertake repairs to the Church. Your support and generosity are deeply appreciated. God Bless you! Fr Chinua



### Safeguarding Children, Young People Safeguarding Essentials Training for Volunteers

Thank you to the group of volunteers from the Parishes of St John and St Francis Xavier who came to complete their Safeguarding Essentials training last Sunday. Safeguarding Essentials training only needs to be completed every three years, whether in a group session or independently online.

For those volunteers who wish to complete the Safe-guarding Essentials online training module independently, just copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

To login, you will need your: unique Working with Children Check ID/VIT registration number, email address.

To register, volunteers will need to select their Parish from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service. The training helps clergy, volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese and Parishes to understand our shared responsibilities to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults from the risk of harm.

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 Safeguarding Committee of SFX and SJE, Fr Chinua CSSp, Fr Jude CSSp, Mary Murtagh, Helen Overend, Christine Wakeling.

### Spring Dinner Dance 26 October



Get your tickets after Mass on Sunday / weekdays or call P/ Office 9783 3484. Make up tables; join fellow Parishioners or friends for a fun-filled evening!

### Continuing *Desiderata*

M. Erhmann

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.