

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 - Allyson Joel, John Coburn, Shirley Hill, Bernadette, John McCready, Brian Brookes.

Recently Deceased - Terence Handerson, Adrian Sannen, Mary Wise.

In Remembrance - Irene Balite, Alf Moss, Anna Loebert, All Souls in Purgatory.

Special Intentions - Mary Lou Lee, 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 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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 20 October 2024
 Parish Theme - *Revitalising our Community in Christ*



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Sunday's Readings	Next Sunday's Read 27/10
1st Reading Isaiah 53:10-11	1st Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9
2nd Reading Hebrews 4:14-16	2nd Reading Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel Mark 10:35-45	Gospel Mark 10:46-52

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

Feast Days

21/10 St Hilarion
 22//10 **St John Paul II**
 23/10 St John of Capistrano
 24/10 St Anthony Mary Claret
 25/10 St Chrysantus & St Daria
 26/10 St Rusticus



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

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
 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

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
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Sacrificial Giving
 Thank you for your continuing support

St Francis Xavier Church \$2,022.90 Presbytery \$1,273.85	St John the Evangelist Church \$665.00 Presbytery \$486.00
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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!

Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'


When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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

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

 3rd Sunday of month **during** Mass, and
 4th 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.

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 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 †



Homily for Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Theme: Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. The Church invites us to reflect on our personal response to Christ's mission. It is a special day to revitalize our faith, and to rededicate ourselves to Christ's mission. It is also, a day to show special solidarity to all true missionaries who have responded to Christ mandate: "Go, make disciples of all nations."

Today, the Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us that: "Every man and woman is a mission. That is the reason for our life on this earth. Each one of us is called to reflect on this fact: 'I am a mission on this earth. That is the reason why I am here in this world.' (Evangelii Gaudium, 273)."

To young people Pope Francis adds: "You too, young friends, by your baptism you have become living members of the Church. Together, we have received the mission to bring the Gospel to everyone. To share in the mission to the ends of the earth demands the gift of oneself. I dare to say that, for a young man or woman who wants to follow Christ, what is most essential is to seek, to discover and to persevere in his or her vocation."

Today's Scripture Readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others and offers Jesus as the best example. They also explain the *servant leadership* of Jesus, pinpointing service and sacrifice as the criteria of greatness in Christ's Kingdom.

The first Reading is a Messianic prophecy taken from the *Fourth Servant Song* in the second part of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The *Servant* in the first Reading intercedes with God for the people, taking upon himself their wrongdoings and accepting the punishment their sins have incurred. This passage speaks of the servant as giving "his life as an offering for sin." The prophecy was realized in Jesus who lived and died for others. Out of love, Jesus, the servant, lived and died so that the unjust might know God's justification. The first Reading about the "Suffering Servant" prepares us to hear today's Gospel teaching on ambition versus humility.

The second Reading, taken from the letter to the Hebrews, tells us that, as God-man and Mediator-High Priest, Jesus has offered a fitting sacrifice to God to ransom us, liberating us from enslavement to sin. In the time of Jesus, ransom was the price paid to free someone from slavery. Sometimes the "ransomer" offered himself as a substitute for the slave, as Jesus did. The Reading also speaks of a High Priest who is able to sympathize with us in our weakness because Jesus has been tested in every way though sinless, and so we can "confidently" hope for God's mercy.

Today's Gospel explains how Jesus has accomplished the Messianic mission of saving mankind from the slavery of sin by becoming the "Suffering Servant." In the context of the selfish request made by James and John for key positions in the Messianic political kingdom Jesus would establish after overthrowing the Roman rule, Jesus challenged his followers to become great by serving others with sacrificial *agape* love: "Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant." Jesus commands us to give ourselves to others in loving and humble service, and so to liberate them, just as we were freed by Jesus' death.

Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that true happiness comes from surrendering ourselves completely in humble service to God through Christ. And all we need is a servant's heart, mind, eyes, and touch. So, "How's your Service?"

The Church challenges us to give our lives in loving service to others, for to become an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others, to seek intentionally the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves. The best place to begin the process of "self-giving" service is in our own homes and in the workplace. In our Parishes we are also called to serve not to be served. We can here apply the famous "ask not" of John Kennedy: "Ask not what your parish, what your Church, your God can do for you; rather ask what you can do for your parish, for your Church and for your God!"

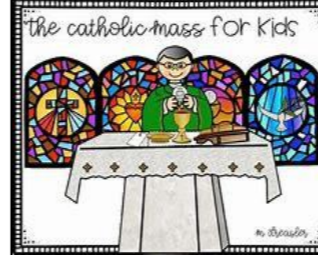
So, through service and sacrifice, we shall find and attain our own salvation. By liberating others, we shall liberate ourselves. By giving peace to others, we shall find our own peace, and, by identifying with others, Christ, shall identify with us.

Mission is service and sacrifice rendered in love for the salvation of all nations. This love comes with patience and docility to the will of God. It begins by transforming the missionary into a great instrument for the salvation of others. So, today, Christ teaches us that to be great is to be ready to serve and to make sacrifices for others.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, the voice of salvation continues to call us to be more faithful to God's mission both in us and in others. It reminds us of the great challenges before us today in God's mission. This includes our changing cultures, societies and lifestyle which must be urgently evangelized and redeemed.

The Good News is that we can overcome these challenges through the spirit of sacrifice, integrity of living, humility and love. So, in the midst of all these challenges, we must find consolation in these words from the letter to the Hebrews: "Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall find mercy and grace when we are in need of help."
Fr. Jude CSSp

PARISH NOTICES



St Francis Xavier Children's Mass today, 10. 30am

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




SFX Parishioners Please collect Oct 24-Mar 25 Thanksgiving envelopes from foyer.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Parish.

SFX Church Monthly Cleaning Day

Cleaners please come on 1st Saturday of the month, starting 2nd Nov, at 10.30am and help clean your Church.

Happiness: A freshly cleaned Church!

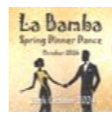


2025 St John's Church Ministry
Wanted - Vigil Mass Readers, [7pm Sat night], **Offertory Procession** participants needed for Vigil 7.00pm and 8.30am Masses.
Please see Frs Chinua, Jude ..

SJE Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday, 26 October, 6.00 pm

SJE....Two Cleaners urgently needed to vacuum the Church, rostered on 4th week of month. Pls call Lee 0423 028 588.

Spring Dinner Dance held at St. John's Primary School Hall, Jayne Street, F'ston East. Dance tickets will be available until Tuesday this week.



Helpers are asked to come and help set-up the hall, etc on Friday, 25 Oct, at 6.00 p.m.

Thank you for your assistance!
Dance Committee




St Francis Xavier & St John's Parishes



Welcome Michelle Murray as Parish Secretary. Michelle will "man" the office on Tuesdays and Fridays.

World Mission Sunday

There will be a collection for Catholic Missions today.



"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

Parishioners, Please return Car Raffle ticket stubs by Friday, 25 October.

Pope Francis has appointed Melbourne Bishop Mykola Bychok CSSR as Cardinal.



Bishop Mykola, Head of the Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul, is the youngest of 21 new cardinals-designate.

Bishop Bychok, who is Ukrainian, relocated to Australia in 2020 after he was appointed as a Bishop by Pope Francis.

Speaking at a press conference at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in North Melbourne Bishop Mykola, the pastor for Ukrainian Catholics throughout Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, explained that the announcement came as a "complete surprise."

It was wonderful to have St John's school children, and St Francis Xavier Parishioners participating in the Public Rosary held last Thursday and on Saturday

Please join us for a cuppa, in the Hall, after the 10.30am Mass to celebrate Fr. Chinua's Birthday.

