

Please Pray for

Our Sick -Bernadette, John McCreedy, Brian Brookes,

Recently Deceased - David Sinnayah, Shirley Hill, Mary Wise,

In Remembrance - Myrtle Taylor, Ross Monteresso, Melanie Stoops, Ken Black, Kenneth Baldwin, All Souls in Purgatory,

Special Intentions - Bernie Adams, Elizabeth, Emmanuel,

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
 Principal
 Derek Bruitzman

John Paul College
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 Principal
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St Augustine's
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 Principal
 Carrie Rodda

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 27 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

Next Sunday's Read 3/11

1st Reading
 Jeremiah 31:7-9
2nd Reading
 Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel
 Mark 10:46-52

1st Reading
 Deut 6:2-6
2nd Reading
 Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel
 Mark 12:28-34

Feast Days

28/10 St Simon & St Jude
 29/10 St Eusebia
 30/10 St Ethelnoth
 31/10 St Wolfgang
 1/11 All Saints
 2/11 All Souls



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!
 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 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



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.

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
 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
 Monday 9:00am
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday before Mass
Reconciliation
 Saturday 9:30am and 6:15pm
Anointing of the Sick Mass
 First Thursday of month 9:00am
Rosary
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Sacrificial Giving

Thank you for your continuing support

St Francis Xavier	St John the Evangelist
Church \$1,613.15	Church \$785.00
Presbytery \$1,158.35	Presbytery \$586.00



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 †

Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus.

Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



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



Homily for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

The first Reading from the Book of Prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31:7-9), is optimistic. Jeremiah made this prophecy before the fall of Jerusalem which preceded the cream of the people of Israel being exiled in Babylon by king Nebuchadnezzar's army.

Though the people of Israel were facing turbulent times, Jeremiah could foresee that the Lord, who is a father to Israel, would eventually bring them back to the land of Judah after a period of captivity because Israel is his 'first-born son.' "See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back."

The post-exilic restoration of the people of Israel shall be encompassing – the healthy and the sick, the able bodied and those living with disability such as the blind and the lame.

At times in our lives, we may face difficult challenges that when we look around us, all that we see and feel are obstacles and hurdles to overcome. In these stormy moments, we must not lose sight that the Lord does not abandon us even if it appears to us that we are feeling the 'eclipse' of God.

The Gospel (Mk 10:46-52), narrated the miraculous healing of a blind beggar Bartimaeus at the outskirts of Jericho as Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem where his passion, death and resurrection was to take place. As per the story, Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road begging from passersby when he got the word that Jesus was among the crowd which was passing by. He began to shout at the top of his voice, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Many people believed that he was a nuisance to the society and was not significant enough to warrant Jesus' attention, hence, they scolded him to keep quiet. But the more they tried to silence him, the louder he shouted until he caught the attention of Jesus. In referring to Jesus as the 'son of David, he was acknowledging him as the Messiah.

Sometimes, there may be obstacles which may be inhibiting us from excelling in life and we must surmount them if we are to blossom. It may be wanton fear that is holding us back from blossoming, or laziness, or procrastination, or envy, or bad advice. Bartimaeus was able to fight off the barrier (the voices of the crowd trying to silence him), that was stopping him from being graced by Christ. In our spiritual journey we must realize that we are not wrestling "against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Eph 6:12). We must fortify ourselves with Christ so that we can overcome all negative forces that do not mean well for us.

As Bartimaeus shouted he caught the attention of Jesus who invited him to come closer to him. To the surprise of all those who thought that he was 'Mr. nobody', he was recognised by Christ. All of us are sons and daughters of God and are recognised by Him as individuals as the Lord attested through the mouth of Prophet Isaiah, "I have called you by name, you are mine." (Is 43:1). Following the invitation of Jesus, Bartimaeus got up and extricated himself from his cloak and dashed toward Jesus. Though his condition was obvious to Jesus, he none-the-less asked him to declare his desire. Bartimaeus requested that he may see again, thus, underscoring that he was not born blind but may have contracted an illness that caused his blindness. Jesus' asking of Bartimaeus to declare his desire underpins the importance of our professing our faith in Jesus Christ through what we say and how we live.

Once Bartimaeus declared his most heartfelt desire to see again, Jesus granted it to him by stating, "Go; your faith has saved you. And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road". Hence Bartimaeus, within a twinkling of the eye, changed from being a 'Mr nobody' who begged on the roadside to a model of Christian disciple who follows Christ. We have become Christ's disciples like Bartimaeus through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. May we live out daily the commitments of our Baptismal promises. Amen.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



PARISH NOTICES

Friday, 1 November, All Saints Day Mass
SJE 9.00am
SFX 9.15am and 7.00pm

First Friday Benediction and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
SFX 24 hours Sheet in foyer for names
SJE 9.30am - 10.30am

Saturday, 2 November, All Souls Day Mass
SJE 9.00am, SFX 9.15am
Frankston Cemetary Mass at 12.00pm
BYO Chairs.

SFX, SJE
November Remembrance Mass will be celebrated for our Faithful Departed, those we lost between 1 Nov 23 & 31 Oct 24 on Friday, 8 November, at 7.00pm. Please bring a picture of your loved one to place on Altar.

Blessing of the Memorial Walls at both Churches will be after the Sunday morning Masses 3 November.

Parishioners, November Remembrance Mass envelopes, remembering passed relatives, are available in the foyer.

SFX Church Monthly Cleaning Day
Volunteers needed for monthly Church-clean, 2 Nov, 10.30am



Happiness: My idea of Church cleaning is to sweep the room with a glance, and somebody else cleans it.

SJE 2025 Church Ministry
Wanted .. Vigil Mass Readers, [7pm Sat night], Offertory Procession participants needed for Vigil 7.00pm and 8.30am Sunday Masses. Please see Frs Chinua, & Jude.

Funeral Mass for Shirley Hill will be held at St. John's on Thursday, 31 October at 11.00am.

Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers
All Parish volunteers are invited to celebrate a Mass in thanksgiving for and in appreciation of their dedication to the Parish.
SJE Wednesday, 20 Nov at 7.00pm
SFX Friday, 21 Nov at 7.00pm



Anointing of Sick Mass
Thursday, 7 November

SJE at 9.00am
SFX at 9.15am

SJE - Sale of Kitchenware (Pots, Pans etc)

Sunday, 3 Nov, after 8.30am and 10.00am Mass.
Proceeds go to the Parish.



COME AND JOIN US
at St Francis Xavier Parish,
60 Davey St, Frankston Vic.

'Healing Mass' on Friday,
15th November 2024 at 7pm.

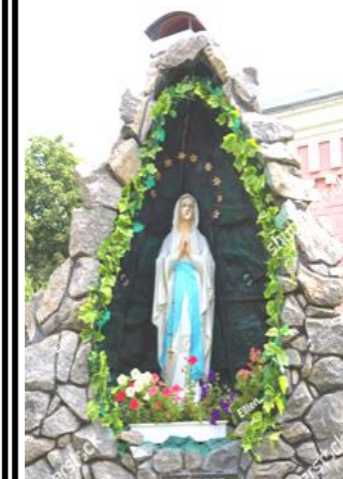
Includes:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration/Benediction, Washing of Hands, Lighting of Candles, Anointing with Holy Oil, Prayers of Healing of the Sick, Family Tree, Intergenerational and Spiritual Warfare.

Healing Mass will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month @ 7pm.
Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 6.15pm.
Confessions @ 6.30pm.

'Heal me, LORD, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise.' Jeremiah 17:14

Awakening to the Divine in Nature
Twilight session at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Facilitated by Peter Hay.
Date : Thursday, 21 November
Time: 5.45 pm to 7.45 pm.
Venue: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert street, East Melbourne
Price: \$40 (Light refreshments provided at 5.30 pm)

Parishioners, the written petitions you place before the statue of Our Blessed Mother in the annex are taken from time to time and prayerfully burnt. The ashes are respectfully placed in the small garden before the statue of Our Lady.



We are so blessed to know and trust her.