

**Please Pray for**

**Our Sick** - Daniel Kilpatrick, Bernadette, Linda Baxter, Bernard Walshe, John McCreedy, David Fyss, Kennet Lanes, Vivianne Gowan, Brian Brookes, Harry Lord.



**Recently Deceased** - Jacques Garnier, John Goulet, Anne Bouchier, Jake Ingatiman, George Coleclough, Felix Weinman, Patrick Joachim, Daphne Joachim, Helen Boundy.

**In Remembrance** -Peter Watson,Bill Gormley, Roman Neubacher, Erika Roedel, Thelma Hunter, Lydia Stella.

**All Souls in Purgatory**

**Special Intentions** - All Priests and persecuted Priests

Sunday's Readings	Next Sunday's Readings 8/12
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Jeremiah 33:14-16 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> 1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2 <b>Gospel</b> Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> Baruch 5:1-9 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 <b>Gospel</b> Luke 3:1- 6

Feast Days		
2/12 - St Bibiana 3/12 - St Francis Xavier 4/12 - St John Damascene 5/12 - St Sabas 6/12 - St Nicholas 7/12 - St Ambrose		

**Sacrificial Giving**  
*Thank you for your continuing support*


St Francis Xavier	St John the Evangelist
Church \$1,290.75 Presbytery \$752.75	Church - Presbytery -

 **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 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 †


 **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)

 **St John's**  
9789 9794  
Principal  
Derek Bruitzman

 **John Paul College**  
9784 0200  
Principal  
John Visentin

 **St Augustine's**  
9781 3007  
Principal  
Carrie Rodda


 **St Francis Xavier**  
9783 3424  
Principal  
Stephen Peart


**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.

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

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

**First Sunday of Advent, Year C - 1 December, 2024**  
**Parish Theme—Revitalising our Community in Christ**

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**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr Jude Agorchukwu CSSp [jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au](mailto:jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au)  
**Deacon, Ret** Rev. Kevin Pattison [kevin.pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:kevin.pattison@cam.org.au)  
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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; 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**  
Wednesday, before 9:15am Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month 24 hours

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 10:00am and 5:30pm

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2024

**Rosary**  
Tuesday before 9:15am Mass and Saturday after 9:15 am 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

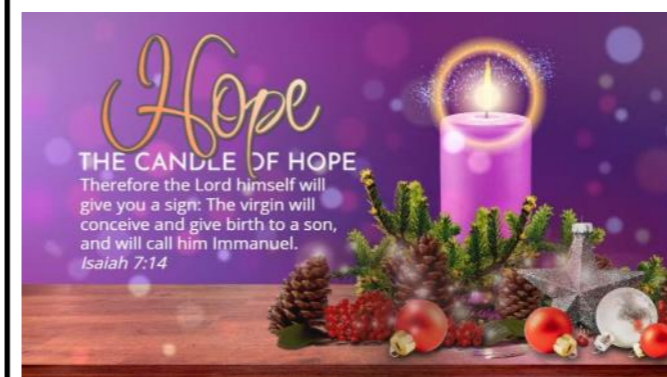
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Wednesday before 9:00am Mass and Friday after 9:00am Mass. 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month until 10:30am.

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 9:30am and 6:15pm

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2024

**Rosary**  
Before weekday Mass, (except Wed), Saturday at 9:30am

**Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**



Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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





## Homily for First Sunday of Advent, Year C

### THEME: ADVENT – A TIME OF JOYFUL HOPE

Advent is from the Latin word ‘adventus’ or Greek word ‘parousia.’ It means coming or arrival. During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in glory as Universal Judge and King at the end of the world, and his immediate birth at Christmas.

One of the symbols of the Advent Season is the Advent wreath which is circular. The wreath reminds us of the immortality of our souls and the eternity of God who has no beginning or end. The four candles which symbolise hope, peace, joy, and love, represent the four Sundays of Advent.

Advent continues the themes espoused in the last weeks of the Ordinary Time, Year B, which include the last judgement and the Second Coming of Christ and gradually pivots to our preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day! With Advent a new Church’s liturgical year begins.

Starting from this Sunday, the Gospel Reading on most Sundays will be taken from the Gospel of Luke rather than the Gospel of Mark which has been read during the past year. The Church’s liturgical year runs on a three-year cycle for Sundays. The synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are read in each year cycle respectively. The Gospel of John is read during Eastertide and on five Sundays in Ordinary Time during Year B to augment the Gospel of Mark which is the shortest of the synoptic Gospels. The Church’s liturgical cycle runs on a two-year cycle on weekdays. Hence, it takes three years for the major biblical themes to be read on Sundays and two years for the same themes to be read on weekdays.

The liturgical colour for Advent is purple except on the third Sunday of Advent when rose may be used. The spirit of Advent is joyful hope: hope for the coming of the Messiah, and the eventual consummation of the world at the end of time when Christ as our Redeemer will hand over the world to God so that God will become all in all.(1Cor 15:28). This joyful expectation disposes us to prayer and to renounce whatever that is contrary to the Gospel of Christ. It also invites us to rededicate ourselves to living out the Gospel values.

Liturgical celebrations during Advent are solemn because we are still in the time of expectation. Flowers in the sanctuary are subdued; Gloria is omitted but Alleluia is sung. The Advent liturgical celebrations lead us to a spiritual preparation for the birth of our Saviour on Christmas Day. Christmas is a spiritual experience that God incarnated into our world to save us. “The Word took flesh and dwelt among us...and from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.” (Jn 1:14-16). It is the Christ in Christmas that is the core of the celebration or commemoration. Without the acknowledgement of Christ, the celebration is empty!

The Gospel Reading on this first week of Advent focuses on Jesus’ ‘Parousia,’ (Second Coming); whereas the second and the third weeks concentrate on John the Baptist, the immediate precursor of Jesus Christ. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, the attention of the Mother Church is turned to Mary the Mother of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the first Reading (Jer 33:14-16), the Lord stated that the days are coming when He will fulfil the promise He made to the house of Israel. That promise was linked to the restoration of the Davidic dynasty. Psalm 132:11 echoed this promise, “Yahweh has sworn to David, and will always remain true to his word, ‘I promise that I will set a son of yours upon your throne.’” Hence, this promise was fulfilled when “a virtuous Branch” grew “for David.” This virtuous branch is no other person than our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who was descended from the line of David.

Today’s Gospel (Lk 21:25-28. 34-36), presented us with a scene at the Second Coming of Christ as narrated by St Luke. This apocalyptic writing stated that the Second Coming of Christ would be preceded by cosmic activities like the darkening of the Sun (solar eclipse). It insisted that the faithful need not be afraid of Christ coming in glory, because he would come to liberate the Lord’s chosen. The Gospel admonishes us not to become complacent but to remain watchful in prayer as we await our redemption.

May the Lord transform our hearts as we await the coming of His Son, who is our Lord and Saviour, and may He also grant freedom to anyone who is held in bondage in the world today. Amen

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



## PARISH NOTICES



### Children’s Choir Practise SFX

11:00am to 1:00pm: 30/11, 7/12, 14/12, 21/12, 24/12

Nine Day Novena to St Francis Xavier starts 24 Nov and ends 2 Dec

Mass will be held on Monday, 25 Nov, at 9:15am as part of the SFX Novena.

### Advent Programme

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick shall be administered in every Mass this Sunday, 1 December, as part of our Advent Programme.

The Southern Sounds Chorus will be singing Christmas Carols on Sunday, 8 December, after the 10:00am Mass at SJE for 20 minutes.

### Advent Reflection - Importance of The Christmas Nativity Scene

Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter on the meaning and importance of the Nativity, with special mention of St Francis of Assisi who established the tradition of our present day Nativity Crib, first displayed at the Italian village of Greccio in 1223.

Let us explore, reflect, and pray on the importance of our Christmas Nativity Scene using the reflections of Pope Francis.

SFX: 9 & 10 December at 7:00pm  
SJE : 11 & 12 December at 9:30am



### SFX SVdP Christmas Appeal

- Donate via envelopes
- Christmas Tree - take a card from the Christmas Tree, purchase a gift and return wrapped with card attached by 30 Nov / 1 December.
- Donate an item from your pantry to theirs, leave in blue tubs in foyer.

Thank you for your generosity



### SJE SVdP Christmas Appeal

Envelopes are available in the foyer.

Please return the envelopes by 30 Nov/1st Dec.



### Please support SFX Fund Raiser

A gold coin donation is much appreciated.

Raffle tickets \$2.00 each or three tickets for \$5.00 are available after all Masses.



Rosary Novena to the Immaculate Conception of Peace

30th November to 8th December at 7:00pm.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88622666967>



### SIMBANG GABI 2024

Nine Days Novena Dawn Mass Monday 16 - Tuesday 24 December at 5.00am at St Francis Xavier’s Church

For more info pls contact : Maina 0401 101 428 or Fe Gillies 0418 592 944

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for “Night Mass”) is a Devotional series of nine day Masses in the anticipation of the Birth of Jesus Christ and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary



### Columban Calendars for 2025

and

### Christmas Cards

are on sale after all Masses

### Anointing of the Sick

There will be no Anointing of the Sick during the First Thursday Mass on 7 December.

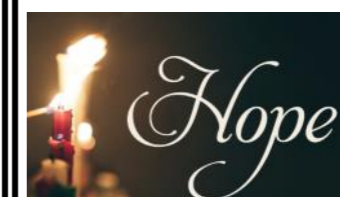
### Church Loan Repayment SFX

Target : \$120,000.00  
Received to Date : \$4,950.00

### Church Renovation SJE

Target : \$50,000.00  
Received to Date : \$5,000.00

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### Advent 1: “Hope”

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

### Reflection

We name the brokenness of the world we live in, and we ask God to restore creation — to shine God’s face upon the world so that God’s righteousness and justice might reign. We long for signs of hope for restoration.