

Please Pray for

Our Sick - Janice Garac, Allyson Joel, Bernadette, Hannelore Makovec, John McCready, Brian Brookes, Harry Lord.

Recently Deceased - Erlinda Natividad, Jo White, Jack Miller, David Sinnayah, Shirley Hill.

In Remembrance - David Moran, Margaret Liester, Josephine Pace, Margarita Tatel, Conrada Espiritu, All Souls in Purgatory.

Special Intentions - Elizabeth, Emmanuel, Chris.

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
9784 0200
Principal
John Visentin

St Augustine's
9781 3007
Principal
Carrie Rodda

St Francis Xavier
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 10 November 2024

Parish Theme - *Revitalising our Community in Christ*



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST PARISH

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Sunday's Readings	Next Sunday's Read 17/11
1st Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16	1st Reading Daniel 12:1-3
2nd Reading Hebrews 9:24-28	2nd Reading Hebrews 10:11-14,18
Gospel Mark 12:38-44	Gospel Mark 13:24-32

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
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 9:15 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
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
Wednesday before 9:00am Mass 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

Feast Days

11/11 - St Martin of Tours
12/11 - St Josaphat
13/11 - St Frances Xavier Cabrini
14/11 - St Lawrence O'Toole
15.11 - St Albert the Great
16/11 - St Gertrude the Great & St Margaret of Scotland

Sacrificial Giving
Thank you for your continuing support

St Francis Xavier Church \$2,039.55 Presbytery \$1,278.90	St John the Evangelist Church \$930.00 Presbytery \$692.00
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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

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 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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



Homily for Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

The two-and-a-half-year drought in the land of Israel during the reign of the wicked King Ahab took its toll on the people of Israel. Food and water were scarce. Elijah, the prophet, was forced to go beyond frontiers in search of sustenance.

When he arrived in Zarephath, in Sidon (Lebanon), he met a widow who was gathering firewood, he appealed to her to give him some water to drink. As she made her way to fetch him water, he added, "Please bring me a scrap of bread in your hand." The widow responded that she intended to use the firewood she was gathering to prepare a meal with the last flour and oil she had for herself and her son, after which they would resign to dying of starvation. Prophet Elijah implored her to share her meal with him, and that providence will take care of her needs until the drought ended. The widow shared her meal with Elijah, and the Lord provided for her and her son until rain fell again in Israel.

What goes around, comes around. Generosity begets generosity.

Widows in ancient Israel were one of the most vulnerable groups. The other three vulnerable groups were Levites, orphans, and strangers. The Book of Deuteronomy states that, "At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year's produce and store it in your towns, so that the Levites (who have no allotment or inheritance of their own), and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns may come and eat and be satisfied, and so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. (Deut 14:28-29). The fact that widows, as in the first Reading and the Gospel of today, performed acts of generosity despite their meagre resources is worthy of commendation.

In the Gospel passage (Mk 12:38-44), Jesus excoriated the Scribes for their hypocrisy. They wore long robes which set them apart as honourable men and therefore merited them privileged seats in the synagogues and at weddings. They were held in esteem by the people due to the position of authority they held in society - as educated men who were experts in the Law of Moses. During the time of Jesus, the Scribes, the chief priest, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, formed the aristocracy. A considerable number of Scribes belonged to the Pharisee party and shared in their strict adherence to the Law, and externalism such as reciting lengthy prayers in public. Jesus criticised them because despite their apparent piety they were wanting in fairness and compassion; they had no qualms in extorting money or items of value from widows who were at the margin of the society. (Is 3:14).

We should examine our conscience daily to ensure that our words and actions are motivated by truth and justice. We should not be wolves in sheep clothing. Today, the Church is bleeding because of the hypocrisy of some of her past and present leaders. We must take Jesus' criticism of the Scribes seriously and not repeat mistakes of the past.

Jesus praised the widow who put in two coins, an equivalent of a penny, for her generosity. Other rich people had put in more money than she. Some might have paid their tithes, (ten percent of their earnings), which would have been a huge sum depending on one's income. However, the widow put in all she had, which was insignificant when compared to the total amount collected in the offering, but very significant when compared to her earnings.

One lesson we take from Jesus' commendation of the widow's offering is that none of our joys or tears or efforts go unnoticed in the face of God. We must not shy away from society and think that we have no worth, nor should we be overwhelmed by the number of poor people in the world. If we can make a difference in the life of one poor person at a time, that already is a huge success! Also, we should not think that participating in the Parish Sacrificial Offering is only for those who can pledge big dollars! No, every amount helps!

The generousities of these widows mirrored the generosity of Jesus, who though he was the Second Person in the Blessed Trinity, emptied himself and became human for our sanctification and justification. He did not only become human, but he offered himself totally on the cross that you and I may have life and have it to the fullest.



PARISH NOTICES

SFX - Healing Mass

Friday, 15 November - 7:00pm

SFX Children's Choir

Rehearsals 16 Nov, 12:00-2:00pm

SFX Children's Mass: Sun, 17 Nov, 10:30am

Please bring a plate to share with a cuppa after Mass.

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, 22 Nov at 7.00pm



Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

Abigail, Aleena, Alexander, Alexandra, Amelia, Anthony, Archer, Archie, Benjamin M, Benjamin S, Chelsea, Chloe, Dominic, Emma, Eric K, Eric M, Frankie, Gabriel, Genevieve, Grace, Indie, Jasper, Izach, Jack B, Jack L, Jakob, Linh, Luca, Mark, Mariana, Massimo, Matida, Matilda, Max, Mikaela, Oliver, Olivia, Oscar, Polly, Reece, Sophie, Tom, Zoey.

who received the Sacrament of Confirmation today.



SFX- St Vincent de Paul 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.

Please support SFX Fund Raiser



A gold coin donation is much appreciated. Raffle Tickets available after all Masses. See Flyer for more details.

La Bamba Dinner Dance

The sum of \$9,000.00 was raised which shall be shared between the two Churches. We are grateful to all sponsors and those who patronized the Dinner Dance. Stay tuned for future dinner dance dates.

The proceeds will be used to pay down the \$120,000.00 loan in St Francis Xavier and Church maintenance in St John's.



Solemnity of Christ the King Mass

will be celebrated on Sunday, 24 Nov. There will be a Eucharistic procession after the 10:00am and 10:30am Masses in SJE and SFX.



Together We Will Remember

Catholic Care Appeal

Envelopes are in the foyer. Proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need.

SJE - 2025 Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards will be on sale next Sunday, 16 / 17 Nov after all Masses.

Invitation to Reflection on Australian Bishop's Statement

Truth and Peace, a Gospel Word in a Violent World scrutinizes the signs of our time in the light of the Gospel; sees the violence and asks why the world is as it is and what is needed for peace. The Bishop's statement puts its faith in the possibility of peace. We are invited to put our trust in the power of the crucified and Risen Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Join us in a time of reflection, discussion, and prayer at St John's Church, after Tuesday Mass, 9.40am, 26 November and at SFX on Wednesday, 27 November, at 7.00pm.