



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20th, 2010—Year C

We warmly welcome all parishioners and visitors to today's Eucharist.

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing, be our shepherd for ever.

Psalm Response

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season.



This week

Try to help someone shoulder the burden they are carrying. Take a little of the pressure off for someone else.

MISSION STATEMENT
We, the people of St Francis Xavier's & St Clare's parishes, seek to live Christ-centred lives, celebrating God's presence & our faith values through worship, outreach, service, justice & hospitality.

THE LIKENESS OF THE CRUCIFIED

"Bearing with him the likeness of the Crucified, depicted not on tablets of stone or on panels of wood carved by hand, but engraved on parts of his flesh by the finger of living God."

- St Bonaventure

St Bonaventure's account of the stigmata of St Francis gives us an insight into Francis' discipleship. Francis followed the Crucified Christ faithfully and so God branded him with the Sacred Stigmata as a sign of Francis' transformation in becoming more like Christ, by imitating the God that he loved.

We believe in God and we follow the teachings of Jesus and the Church and try our best to live good lives; is that enough? Is there more to Christian discipleship apart from doing good and being good? Many Catholics live very good lives and do great things for others, but sometimes we do not reach our full potential, the fruitful life. There is something about self preservation or protecting oneself that does not lead to the Soul's journey into God. When we are too comfortable with where we are, we resist any change and close up to any suggestions or ideas that might reshape us. Our past experiences caution us of hurts and rejections, and our human nature does all it can to protect us. And at other times we have a great memory from the past and so we live in the nostalgic past.

This gospel passage challenges me to expound on what I believe and whether my belief in Jesus the Christ has any bearing on the way I choose to live? Is my journey towards God a daily decision of resetting my course or is it a wandering in the circles of life dictated by others and by the fear of getting hurt or of failing?

Rejection, pain, suffering and struggles are part of the human condition, the burden of living. Jesus' words to us, "let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me" teach us how to transform our life and our world. As followers of Christ we are called not to fight it but to embrace it in a way that will lead to life. Not just by dying but to die in Christ so that we can rise with him. The wood of the cross, an instrument of torture and death, was transformed by Jesus into the Tree of life.

Fr Anthony ofm

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zech 12:10-11, 13:1

They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

Gal 3:26-29

You who have been baptised have put on Christ

Lk 9:18-24

You are the Messiah sent by God. It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer much.

Monday - St Aloysius Gonzaga
2 Kg 17:5-8, 13-15, 18; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday
2 Kg 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36;
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday
2 Kg 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday-Birth of John the Baptist
Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

Friday
2Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday
2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

NEXT SUNDAY
13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Kg 19:16, 19-21;
Gal 5:1, 13-18;

FRIARS OF THE PARISHES

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj ofm
Parish Priest
Fr Benignus Clowes ofm
Assistant Priest
Fr Bob Matthews ofm
Assistant Priest

Pastoral Associate—Liz Clark

SFX Parish Office Hours:

9.30 am to 4.30 pm
Monday, Wed, Thurs, Friday
Parish Secretary— Monique Waring

St Clare's Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday & Friday
9.00 am—10.30 am
Parish Secretary—Dianna Hardy

In the event of needing a priest urgently, please telephone 9890 2231 at any time of the day.

SUNDAY 20 JUNE	12.30PM	3 BAPTISMS AT SFX
MONDAY 21 JUNE	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
	10.30AM	FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—IN ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)
	4.00PM	CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S
TUESDAY 22 JUNE	12.45PM 3.00-3.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH (SEE BELOW)
WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE	8.30AM 9AM-11AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252. <u>MEDITATION GROUP WILL RECOMMENCE WEDNESDAY 23 JULY</u>
THURSDAY 24 JUNE	12.00PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—Midday Mass at SFX followed by lunch at Box Hill RSL
FRIDAY 25 JUNE	2.30PM 7.30-9.00PM	END SCHOOL TERM 2 BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 26 JUNE	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE
SUNDAY 27 JUNE		ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Liz Clark
Pat Cleary *Dianna Hardy*
Breta Cohen *Carmel Purdey*
Ann-Marie Diggins *Monique Waring*
Jane D'Souza *(ex-officio)*
Anthony Kennedy
Peter Leonard

Next meeting : 1 July 2010

LITURGY TIMES

St Clare's
Sunday 9.00am
Weekdays:
Wed, Fri & Sat 9.00 am
Confessions Sat 9.30—10 am

St Francis Xavier's

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am
10.00am
(Italian) 11.30 am
5.00 pm

Weekdays: Mon—Fri - 12 noon
Confessions:
Saturday 4.00—5 .00 pm
other times by appointment in either Parish

MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS

Bookings can be made with the St FX Parish Office for each Parish, and celebrated in the church requested. This is to avoid double bookings. Anyone wishing to have a child baptised should give four to six weeks notice, so that the family can be visited & parents can attend a preparation course.

BAPTISMS

St Francis Xavier's—
1st and 3rd Sundays of month only,
12.30 pm
St Clare's—2nd Sunday, 11.30 am

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week, the Autumn Friendship Club will attend midday mass at SFX and then have lunch at Box Hill RSL. There will be transport available from the church after mass. Please let Judy know if you are coming. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

THE FRANCISCAN LIFE

Inspired by the life and ideals of St. Francis of Assisi, dedicated to serving those in need, living a simple lifestyle together and drawing closer to God. Are you looking to understand God's Will in your life? Are you looking for fulfilment? Are you looking for a life of brotherhood, prayer and service to those in need and all of creation? Contact: Paul Ghanem OFM, Vocation Director 02 9369 9369; 0408 163 257

MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION APPEAL

Thank you to those parishioners who agreed to speak in support of this appeal. An amount of \$2977.00 has been forwarded to the Appeal Centre thanks to the generosity of parishioners.

THANK YOU

Father Anthoni would like to acknowledge and thank the family of Bob Lane RIP for their very generous donation to the parish. Special thanks also to Kevin McMahon, Pat O'Brien and helpers for the organization of the funeral service and the catering afterwards.

CLARECARE

A sincere thank you to all Clarecare volunteers who continue to donate food so generously when requested, for refreshments following a Requiem Mass. The families concerned always express their gratitude for this support provided to them.

CAR FOR SALE

1998 Fairmont Ghia (gas & petrol). Excellent condition. Please call 9898 2953.

PRAYER GROUP

Each Tuesday - 3.00-3.30pm during school term in SFX church, you are invited to join a group of school parents & parishioners as we pray for the needs & concerns of our world, our families, our parish & school. *Parents are encouraged to arrive early for school pick up, & spend a short time in prayer.*

QUOTE

'If there is anyone who is not enlightened by this sublime magnificence of created things, he is blind. If there is anyone who, seeing all these works of God, does not praise Him, he is dumb; if there is anyone who, from so many signs, cannot perceive God, that man is foolish.'

St Bonaventure, Franciscan, 1221-1274

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

Madrid, Spain in August 2011
Travelling with the official Melbourne Pilgrimage Group

WYD2011 will be quite a different experience to the previous World Youth Day in Sydney, for both pilgrims and coordinators. As a result, the Archdiocese will be investing significant resources to ensure that we can provide a safe, spiritual and successful journey to WYD. An official Melbourne pilgrimage group is being organised to provide pilgrims with a cost-efficient and safe journey to World Youth Day. Annaliese Wursthorn has been appointed the WYD Coordinator and will work within the Archdiocesan Office for Youth team to develop suitable pilgrimage options for those travelling from the Melbourne Archdiocese. To contact her, phone (03) 9412 3326 or email wyd2011@cam.org.au OR annaliese.wursthorn@cam.org.au

Pray 2010: A Place for Everyone

Whether you struggle with how to pray, desire to understand the Eucharist more, want to learn about a new form of prayer or go deeper with a prayer style with which you are familiar, then Pray 2010 offers a wide range of prayer workshops and presentations to meet your needs. For the full program go to: www.pray2010.org.au

A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 11

'After only three years in Adelaide, Mary MacKillop's Sisters were providing other services as well as educational. Care was available in The Providence (for neglected children, girls in danger and the aged poor), The Solitude (for the aged and the incurably ill), a Refuge (for women off the streets or newly from jail), and an Orphanage. As numbers increased, the Sisters needed to beg for the food required.'

Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - www.sosj.org.au. For further information, see www.marymackillop.org.au and www.cathnews.com.au

CARING FOR THE EARTH

Interfaith representatives share their perspectives on sustainability

Free community event

Sunday 25 July from 2.00 - 4.00pm (registrations 1.45pm)

Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre
379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Light refreshments (Fair Trade tea & coffee)
RSVP by Wednesday 21 July to Kate Patkin
P: 9262 6159, E:

kate.patkin@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

(Please advise any special language, dietary or access requirements)

Join us for an inspiring, free public forum featuring presentations by representatives from Jewish, Catholic, Islamic, Hindu & Buddhist communities.

My corner

I have had one of the most challenging weeks of my life.

Firstly, on Friday, interviews for the PA's position were held. It seemed to make everything feel very final. Then the staff gathered together to celebrate my departure from here. We had a wonderful evening, with great food and wine, excellent company and much to talk and reminisce about. That evening, too, I learnt that all impediments to our purchasing our new home at Anglesea had been overcome, and we could go ahead with our plans. It added a very exciting dimension to the evening's festivities! Next, we called in the estate agent and put our house up for sale. We've lived there for 42 years, so as well as a great deal of history, there is a great deal of 'stuff' to be sorted through. The real estate agent told us what we have to move, get rid of, tidy up, especially pointing out the messy state of my craft room for an immediate clean up. I felt like a teenager facing a wrathful mother.

I'm sorting out my office, writing notes for someone else to follow, and still doing the everyday things.

It feels as if everything is happening at once. I have lingering questions about what exactly

I will be doing in a month's time. I face the future with some trepidation. As World Refugee Week begins, I think about the many people who, unlike me, have no choices, who face a bleak future full of uncertainty and fear.

I pray that they will know God's presence in the midst of all the anxieties and insecurities of their lives.

Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

A MASSIVE thank you to all the families who have brought in grocery items for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal over the last month. It was great to see the children bring in so many items. This year we collected over 700 and this number continues to grow. As we reached our total the children will be rewarded with a casual clothes day (as promised). More details for this will follow in Semester Two. Last Friday at 12 O'clock Mass the children and staff joined the parishioners in celebrating the 'Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass'. At this Mass we handed these items over to Mr. Kevin Pound (who works for St Vincent de Paul) and he assured us all that our generosity is greatly appreciated.

This is just another example that highlights the tremendous school spirit and sense of social justice that exists at St Francis Xavier's Primary School Box Hill.

Ed Weekes, Religious Education Leader

A Parish without a Resident Priest

Noteworthy comments from, Marita O'Shea, former Parish Co-ordinator, Cororooke, near Colac in Victoria:

'As parishioners of the Cororooke Parish, St Brendan's Coragulac and St Joseph's Pirron Yallock, we have been challenged by the implications of change over many years. We haven't had a resident priest since mid-1994 and Sr Margaret Carmody SGS concluded her time as Parish Leader in February 2008. Our sacramental needs are met by a visiting priest who comes from Ballarat once a fortnight. Alternate weekends, parishioners lead an Assembly of the Word with Holy Communion. 'In 2008, the parish adopted a pilot model of parish ministry coordinated by three Parish Coordinators, with coordinating responsibility in the areas of Sacramental/Liturgy, Administration/Stewardship and Community. Discerned from twenty six nominations, they were commissioned by Bishop Peter Connors in April 2008. Recently I concluded my two year term. Nominations were called for, and another Coordinator was discerned & commissioned. 'The coordinators are embedded in the Parish Leadership Team and along with the Finance Committee, attend to the day-to-day running of the parish. We strive to focus on an understanding that leadership is a shared responsibility of service - not one person doing everything, but everyone doing something. Our parish has a strong sense of ownership and commitment. We strongly value the participation of our young people. We are mindful of our unique identity, strong heritage of faith and we share a passion for nurturing the faith of our small rural communities. It is our pastoral care that really matters.

'The greatest blessing of this parish is its people. We place great value on the gathering of people to make Christ visible in our world through worship, proclamation of the Word and service to others. Leadership is our ability to engage and empower each other to use our God-given talents and to share a vision that fashions our future. Circumstances may change, but the ministry of the people continues.'

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—June 27

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm M Rossely, J Wells, L Lampard, D Williamsz, I Abraham
8.00am S Carney, F Neyland
10.00am E&E VDW, G Augustin, W Tan, A Leonard, M Sinclair, C Chin
P Aldag

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Williamsz, M Jeffares
8.00am B Reid
10.00am H Miller, M Robotham
5.00pm M Waring, J Gunanayagam

Welcomers

6.00pm M&D Williamsz
10.00am E&E Van Der Westhuizen

Children's Liturgy

July 18—16th OT—Group A

Altar Linen

June 20 P Fitzgerald
June 27 M Rossely

Counters

June 20 J Reid, M Rossely
June 27 B&M Walker

Collectors 5pm

June 20 A Cutts
June 27 L Soulsby

Rosary Statue

June 20—J Malcontenti, 127 Woodhouse Gve
June 27—M&H Keown, 29 Lorraine Ave, BHN

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

June 20 G Amato
June 27 G Tabacchiera

Lettori

June 20 G Tabacchiera, G Amato
June 27 A Lanza, L Ferola

Ministri dell'Eucarista

June 20 G Massarotti, D Amato
June 27 G Tabacchiera, R Bidinost

ST CLARE'S—JUNE 27

Ministers of the Word

9.00am—K McMahon, M Clark, C Abiad

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—P O'Brien, D Tan, I D'Amato, J Murphy, P Cleary, A McGovern, P Ciccotosto

Piety Stall—June 27

9.00am—D Tan

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ *What do you need to renounce in order to save your life?*
- ✦ *Is there a cross which you carry every day?*

From Fr Ben

*Don't worry if your life's a joke
And your successes are few.
Remember that the mighty oak
Was once a nut like you.*

We welcome all new parishioners. Please complete one of the blue forms at the back of the church, and place on collection plate/in box provided. A parish rep. will contact you to welcome you and advise you of the activities and organisations at St Francis Xavier's and St Clare's.