



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

All nations, clap your hands. Shout with a voice of joy to God.

Psalm Response

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

O, bless the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.



This week

Reflect on the ways available to spread the news of the Kingdom of God. Make an extra effort to do just that this week.

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.

JESUS RESOLUTELY TOOK THE ROAD FOR JERUSALEM

One of my challenges is to stay focussed on what I have planned to do. There are a few half finished projects on my table, on my laptop or in the office. I start things enthusiastically but have never mastered the art of multitasking. So many distractions come my way and two of the most important things which suffer are my prayer life and spiritual reading. At the moment the needs of others and pastoral care takes priority and there are so many things that need attention in our parishes.

During the past few months I have been reflecting, I just cannot go on like this. I have allowed myself to be caught up in the drama of life like everyone else, the never ending litany we hear so often, "too busy and too tired". I may have misplaced my priorities or need to re-look at my priorities. I am not the Saviour; I have come to serve the kingdom of God like all Christians are called to do, I am learning to share the responsibility for our parish life.

In today's gospel passage we hear how Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem as the time drew near for him to be taken to heaven. For us Jerusalem reminds us of the suffering and death of Jesus, but the gospel gives a very different perspective of this journey to Jerusalem. Jesus encountered many people on the road to Jerusalem with good intentions, but misplaced priorities. We have so many things to do, to achieve, to complete and too many responsibilities and duties to carry out. Is this what Christian life is all about? I wonder what will be in the mind of Kevin Rudd at the moment...

At the same time there is no heaven without the cross and death. Sacrifice is part of the journey to reach Resurrection, but what are we willing to sacrifice on our journey? What is the focus or the goal of our journey?

Winter is a nice time to rug up, to read or watch television with a glass of wine or a mug of hot chocolate. It could also be a great time to hibernate or retreat for reflection and prayer with a candle and Bible!

Fr Anthony ofm

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**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kg 19:16, 19-21
Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Gal 5:1, 13-18
My brothers, you were called to freedom.

Lk 9:51-62
Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

Monday - St Ireaneus
Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday—Ss Peter & Paul
Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday
Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

Friday
Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday—St Thomas
Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

**NEXT SUNDAY
14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18;
Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20**

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Cleary
Breta Cohen
Ann-Marie Diggins
Jane D'Souza
Anthony Kennedy
Peter Leonard

Liz Clark
Dianna Hardy
Carmel Purdey
Monique Waring
(ex-officio)

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

SUNDAY 27 JUNE		ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER
MONDAY 28 JUNE	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
TUESDAY 29 JUNE	12.45PM 7.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) TRAINING FOR BAPTISM PROGRAM PRESENTERS
WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) MEDITATION GROUP WILL RECOMMENCE WEDNESDAY 23 JULY
THURSDAY 1 JULY	7.30PM	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 2 JULY	11.00AM 7.30-9.00PM	HOLY HOUR AT SFX BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 3 JULY	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE
SUNDAY 4 JULY	12.30PM	ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 4 BAPTISMS AT SFX

INTRODUCTION TO RCIA

Tuesdays 13 July - 7 September & 5-19

October, 6pm - 8pm

A detailed and thorough study of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This course, presented by Fr Elio Capra SDB, will emphasise the practical, creative, musical and pastoral aspects of the Rite. Sessions will be held at the Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. It will provide a solid basis for anyone who is interested in knowing about the RCIA or who wants to become an active part of a parish RCIA team. Cost \$170/ \$130(concession).

Is there anyone who would like to attend this course with a view to assisting with RCIA in the parish? Please let the parish office know.

EAST TIMOR UPDATE

We recently received a report and photos from Sr. Petri Canisia CIJ (Director of the Primary School, Weberek) to inform us of the progress on the repairs to the windows at the school. They have begun the repairs but due to the rise in the cost of supplies and wages, plus the difficulty of access because of their isolation, they are unable to complete the work without further funds. They need a further \$3658.25 to complete the project and have provided an itemised list of future costs. We had \$6000 available, so we have organised for the full amount to be sent to Sr. Canisia, so that they can complete the work on the windows and begin work on the kindergarten. I will place some of the photos on the board at the back of the church along with a copy of the report. It is the intention for someone to visit East Timor in the next couple of months to be able to observe the state of the Eco-pastoral project and we will also begin fund raising again later in the year. Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity.
Val Mooney, East Timor Committee

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

The Tiny Sentences of Life

In Sebastian Barry's novel, *The Secret Scripture*, one of the characters speaks of himself and his wife, 'We have neglected the tiny sentences of life and now the big ones are beyond our reach.' Sr Redempta Twomey comments: 'These tiny sentences of life are the indispensable building blocks of any good relationship, of any community. We need to speak them, we need to hear them. Words of gratitude, acknowledgments of work well done, a robust word of encouragement, a loving word of praise. Concern expressed gently, care voiced simply. These are phrases that release energies, uncover hope, give new vision. How nourishing, how uplifting are these little, unremarkable sentences when they come like a blessing from your heart! 'When our words are a gift to others, not thoughtless junk, or grunts, God's Word is honoured. Having care for the little sentences, we learn, almost unknown to ourselves, how to speak the big sentences in life.'
Excerpt from an article by Sr Redempta Twomey, Assistant Editor, The Far East, St Columban's, Navan, Ireland.

MASS COUNT 2010

	2010	2009
St Clare's		
Week 1	202	267
Week 2	178	288
Week 3	203	267
Week 4	183	274
SFX	* confirmation	* confirmation
Week 1	670 + 700*	692 + 450*
Week 2	744	838
Week 3	930	853
Week 4	707	739

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

	2010	2009
Holy Lands	\$2,419.05	\$3508.05
Good Shepherd	\$1,141.15	\$ 874.05
Project Compassion	\$4490.25	\$3731.80

A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 12

Mary established a system of elementary Catholic education that would prepare for suitable employment the children of ordinary working class people. She was, however, opposed to lessons in instrumental music for which parents would need to pay money they could ill afford. They could also give poor children ideas so totally opposed to their positions in life that they would grow up 'weary of their poor homes, and seek amusements dangerous to their salvation.' (1873).

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

CAR FOR SALE

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

My corner

I've noticed that a number of the teachers are looking tired and strained as they reach the end of the school term. Life in school is hectic these days, and a full on term of work has finished with reports and parent/teacher interviews taking place. I'm sure staff and students are looking forward eagerly to a couple of 'weeks' break, and time to revitalize cold and wilting spirits. I hope families can manage at least one pyjama day in the holidays. I've been thinking a bit about 'reporting' this week. My grandchildren have been through the report process this week as well, and I'm pleased to say that none of them need fear being sent out to work in the pickle factory - yet!

I received the Annual Progress Report from our sponsored child in Bangladesh. In comparison with the reports from our kids' schools, the information is basic and minimal. I was stunned to see how his community is rejoicing that they now have *necessary furniture and teaching aids: globe, map, chart, human skeleton!*

When I do a tour of SFX school and see the computers, electronic whiteboards, new seating and tables, carpet, heaters going full bore, a library to be envied, and almost everything that opens and shuts, I ponder the inequity of life. Is our community rejoicing in the beneficence of the schools' building program and our taxes at work? Do we thank God as well as the government for the up-to-date education system we have? How come we have so much and others so little?

Richard Leonard sj says *"There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.*

Food for thought this week!

fiz Clark, Pastoral Associate

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Another busy term has come to an end - it's hard to believe 11 weeks can go so fast! We have all been very busy in our school community.... We have had our Grade 6 confirmation, family masses, mother's day stall, lots of plays in the park, picnics & morning teas! We've had special reflections for Anzac Day, a show of support to the cancer council & St Vincent de Paul. Support to members of our community through the food bank, and to families who needed help at times of need. Our kids have busy reading & have received our support for the reading challenge. We've run our first special food day. It's been action packed for the kids as well, they've had cross country inter school sports, NAPLAN testing & been grooving at the disco. We have had our first fair newsletter produced and the fair work continues. Our parents and teachers had a ball at the dinner dance while some of us have been shopping a lot to win some prizes for the school. Our entertainment books are all out in action and our 2nd hand uniform shop has been on the move all term while the building works still continue! Concert preparations and practice are well underway - can't wait for that next term! And we can't forget the footy tipping too! Go Hawks!! Go Demons!!

Angie & Jeninne, P&F Presidents

ABORIGINAL SUNDAY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday will be celebrated in the Church on July 4. This year's theme is Justice and Peace for All. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council at <http://www.natsicc.org.au/>

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal & Islander Day Observance Committee) Week (July 4 - 11), has the theme 'Unsung Heroes - Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way', which acknowledges the work of many Indigenous people in their communities and asserts Indigenous ownership of initiatives aimed at 'closing the gap'. For more information: <http://www.naidoc.org.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 on 9262 6159, or 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.

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ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—July 4

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm J & S Arcuri, V Bellis, M & A O'Connor
8.00am F Neyland, J Reid
10.00am C Chin, M Blundy, V & G Mooney, F Fitzgerald, E Kimmet, J D'Souza

5.00pm P Aldag, M Sleivson

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Dodds, E Colafella
8.00am B Reid
10.00am P Fitzgerald, K de Lacy
5.00pm T Parker, M Felix

Welcomers—VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

If you have been rostered as a welcomer in the past, or have indicated your willingness to assist recently, we would appreciate your help with this ministry at any Mass you attend, until such time as we are able to fill a roster.

Children's Liturgy

July 18—16th OT—Group A

Altar Linen

June 27 M Rossely
July 4 J Morison

Counters

June 27 B&M Walker
July 4 M Rossely, J Butler

Collectors 5pm

June 27 L Soulsby
July 4 P Aldag

Rosary Statue

June 27—H Keown, 29 Lorraine Ave, BHN
July 4—F&G Machado, 255 Union Rd, SH

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

June 27 G Tabacchiera
July 4 G Amato

Lettori

June 27 A Lanza, L Ferola
July 4 M Salamone, V Peluso

Ministri dell'Eucarista

June 27 G Tabacchiera, R Bidinost
July 4 M Salamone, D Amato

ST CLARE'S—JULY 4

Ministers of the Word

9.00am—M Hardy, K. McMahon, D Hardy

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—J. Murphy, I. D'Amato, D. Tan, P O'Brien, T. Nicholson, P. Ciccosto, P. Cleary

Piety Stall—July 4

9.00am—Glass family

POINTS TO PONDER

★ *What difficulties have you experienced on the road to Christ?*

From Fr Ben

*Lust, pride, sloth, and gluttony, or, as we call them these days, 'getting in touch with your sexuality', 'raising your self-esteem', 'relaxation therapy', and 'being a recovered bulimic'.
P. J. Rourke*

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.