



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

*In the care of the
Franciscan Friars*

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3rd, 2008—Year A**

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

Psalm Response

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You give us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.

This week

Go to a 'deserted place' where you can be alone for a short time.
Experience there your own inner hunger & contemplate what it is that satisfies you.
Practise this for a short period each day.

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.

God of the gaps

Hungry, thirsty or lost, then Jesus is the answer. Many people only turn toward God when they are in trouble and at other times God is just there...waiting for the next disaster when they can approach him again. For some God fills the emptiness in their lives. But for any human relationship this is not a healthy situation, to be dependent in a non mutual relationship. If we are in such a relationship we can feel used and unappreciated or be the manipulative user or partner. But God is always the faithful one and it says a lot about who we are.

In the next few weeks we are celebrating first Eucharist with some of our children. It is a wonderful moment in the life of a Catholic to be able to receive communion and to be part of the community in a fuller way. The Eucharist is like the heart beat for us that animate our lives and the community. We need the Eucharist to live a Christian life and to carry on the mission of the Jesus. The Eucharist in the words of Paul, 'For this is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, "This is my body, which is for you; do it as a memorial of me". In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it as a memorial of me" (1 Cor. 11:23-25). It is a sign of what God has done and will continue to do for his people. God not only fills our emptiness, but God is life to us.

We too are joined to Christ in offering his sacrifice to the Father. How the simple offering of two fish and five loaves was turned by Christ to feed five thousand men and women and children too. They even collected scraps enough to fill twelve baskets. This is not a god who fill the gaps in life but God who gives life abundantly. But are we willing to offer what we have with the offering of Christ?

Fr Anthony ofm

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**READINGS FOR
THIS WEEK
18th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Is 55:1-3
Hasten and eat.
Rom 8:35, 37-39
No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.
Mt 14:13-21
They all ate and were satisfied.
Monday—St John Vianney
Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday—St Dominic
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday—Transfiguration of the Lord
Dan 7:9-10, 13-15; 2 Pet 1:16-19
Thursday
Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
Friday—Bl Mary MacKillop
Judith 8:11-17, 28-31; (or Col 3:12-17); Mt 6:25-34
Saturday
Hab 1:12 - 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
**NEXT SUNDAY
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**
**1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5;
Mt 14:22-23**

Friars of the Parishes

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

Pastoral Associate—Liz Clark

SFX Parish Office Hours are 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Monday, Wed, Thurs, Friday
Parish Secretary— Monique Waring

St Clare's Parish Office Hours are as follows:

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

Liz Allan *Liz Clark*
Veronika Bellis *Dianna Hardy*
Vince Fazio *Carmel Purdey*
Clare Hangan *Monique Waring*
Anthony Kennedy
Peter Leonard
Trish Nicholson (Chair)

Next meeting : August 7

Liturgy Times

St Clare's

Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30am

Weekdays:

Wed, Fri & Sat 9.05 am

Confessions Sat 9.30—10 am

St Francis Xavier's

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 7.30 am

9.30am

(Italian) 11.00 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

IN THE PARISHES THIS WEEK:

Sunday 3 August	9.30am 12.30pm	CENTACARE CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES APPEAL 3-10 AUGUST VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK GRADE 4 FIRST EUCHARIST MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA BAPTISM @ SFX
Monday 4 August St John Vianney	8.30am 10.00am 4.00pm	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME. FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY @ ST CLARE'S. CONTACT: OLIVE 9878 4103 CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S
Tuesday 5 August St Dominic	12.45pm	LEGION OF MARY @ SFX
Wednesday 6 August	8.30am 9.00am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Transfiguration of the Lord TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL (ENTER VIA HARRISON ST). FURTHER INFORMATION: LYNNE FOGALE 9898 2516 ST CLARE'S SENIORS @ SC PARISH HOUSE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
Thursday 7 August	1.30pm 7.30pm	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—BLUMES FASHIONS— PRESENTATION & SALE OF LADIES' CLOTHING. NEXT WEEK: TEN PIN BOWLING AT FOREST HILL. PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Friday 8 August BL MARY MACKILLOP	5pm-6.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	LADIES DRINKS AT BLACKBURN HOTEL (BISTRO AREA) BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE
Saturday 9 August	9.00am 6.00pm	PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE— ALL WELCOME! GRADE 4 FIRST EUCHARIST



WOULD ALL THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN WORLD YOUTH DAY 08 IN SYDNEY, PLEASE CONTACT FR ANTHONI AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Fr Anthony apologises for any misunderstanding regarding last Sunday's advertised Youth Mass. The Parish Office had received only one reply regarding attendance! It will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

From Fr Ben

Nobel Prize winner, Dr Alexis Carrol, wrote a book "Man, the Unknown" in which he said: "Prayer is the most powerful form of energy we can generate....The influence of prayer on the human body is as demonstrable as secreting glands....Only in prayer do we achieve that complete and harmonious assembly of body, mind, and spirit which gives the body its unshakeable strength."

POINTS TO PONDER

At Mass, when we greet one another with the sign of peace, what are we truly saying? What does "peace be with you" mean when you offer it to family; a friend; to a stranger; to whoever happens to be near you?

CENTACARE CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL

The Annual Appeal for Centacare Catholic Family Services will take place at all Masses this weekend. Centacare has been supporting and caring for the families of the Melbourne Archdiocese for over 70 years and relies on the support of our Catholic community. Please give generously so Centacare can continue to support families to deal with the complex issues they face today.

THE TRANSITUS OF ST CLARE will be celebrated at the YTU (Yarra Theological Union, 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill)

Common Room on August 10 at 6pm.

All welcome!

Congratulations to the following children who are receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

Saturday 2nd August

Max Arter	Victoria Burns
Ian Cormick	Jack Burke
Sam Hill	Rachel Lloyd-Owens
Grace Hill	Riley Watson
Tylah Kelly	Dante D'Aluisio
Shaun Tyquin	Ben Woods
Pat Wallis	Sunday 3rd August
Max WarrickTaylah	Campbell Linden
Black	Hannah Bourke
Emma Borin	Mietta Simpson
Isabella Daly	Ronan Mates
Daniel Creedon	Alivia Genovese
Charles Dalziel	Monique de Zilwa
Lily Pryn	

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday 14 August

7.30pm—Vigil Mass at SFX

Friday 15 August

9.05am—Mass at St Clare's

12 Noon—Mass at SFX

7.30pm—Mass at SFX

**RCIA CANCELLED FOR THE
NEXT TWO WEEKS.
RESUMES TUESDAY 19 AUGUST
@ 7.30PM IN SFX
PARISH HOUSE MEETING
ROOM**

ADULT EDUCATION

In a bid to grow in our understanding about current church issues and teachings, we are running a small discussion group **on the second Thursday of each month** in St Francis Xavier Parish House Meeting Room.

Next meeting: 14th August

10-11.30am

ALL WELCOME!

FOOD AT THE BARN

The Churches of Box Hill combine to provide a hot meal, every Wednesday, for people in the local area who are in need of support. Ten Churches are involved in the Food at The Barn program, which operates in the Box Hill Baptist Hall in Carrington Rd. St. Francis Xavier's has a group of volunteers who are rostered once every 10 weeks to cook a meal for up to 50 people. The group meet at 9.00a.m. on a Wednesday and prepare and serve the meal and then clean up before leaving at about 3.00 p.m.

If there is anyone who would like to join or help out please contact Jill Kitch on 9898 7092 or kitch5@bigpond.net.au

The Wurundjeri people say:

"Wominjeka Coranderrk murrwanawo"

Welcome everyone to Coranderrk

Saturday 16 August. 11am-5pm at Coranderrk, 19 Barak Lane, Healesville. Melway 278 A 10. For the second year the public are invited to visit Coranderrk, a sacred Aboriginal site. This was a former Aboriginal reserve 1863-1948.

The day will begin at 11am with an Aboriginal ceremony. Visitors are invited to learn more of the local history, see the specially designed displays and partake in the various activities for all ages. There will be an opportunity for conversation over a cup of tea, coffee or a mug of hot soup and damper. Dress for possible wet and muddy conditions and enjoy a walk around what remains of the reserve.

DIARY DATE

SUNDAY AUGUST 10 AFTER 10.30AM MASS, BBQ TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST CLARE. THE PARISH WILL PROVIDE SAUSAGES— PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO BRING SALADS & DESSERTS TO SHARE.

See back page for details of retreats at the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality in Kew.

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S-AUGUST 10

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6pm M Rossely, M&A O'Connor, E&A Fabian,
7.30am J Reid
9.30am W Tan, F Fitzgerald, C Hangan, E Kimmet, K Kirwan, M Slevison
5pm P McLaughlin

Ministers of the Word

6pm SCHOOL CHILDREN
7.30am C Gately
9.30am SCHOOL CHILDREN
5pm L Mayne, E Umashankar

Welcomers

6pm SCHOOL CHILDREN
9.30am SCHOOL CHILDREN

Children's Liturgy

August 10—19th Sunday OT—Group C
August 17—20th Sunday OT—Group A

Altar Linen

August 3 Bet Burns
August 10 Pat Hall

Counters

August 3 M Rossley, M O'Connor
August 10 B&C Parsons

Collectors 5pm

August 3 P Aldag
August 10 A Cutts

Rosary Statue

August 3—Sanelli family, 10 Wellington Rd
August 10—M&J Dodds, 6 Wellington Rd

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

August 3 J Adamo
August 10 P Grech

Lettori

August 3 V Peluso, N Tedone
August 10 N Pozzobon, A Lanza

Ministri dell'Eucarista

August 3 M Casamento, G Tabbachiera
August 10 R Bidinost, M Salamone

ST CLARE'S—AUGUST 10

Ministers of the Word

8.30 D Hayes, T Nicholson
10.30 A Kenna, K McMahon

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8.30am E Lim, A McGovern, J Easadown
10.30am D Tan, IP Ciccotosto, T Shallvey

Piety Stall—August 10

8.30 E Boyle 10.30 D Tan

Ministers to the Sick call on families during the week. If you or someone in your family is unable to come to Mass, please let us know at the office and we can arrange for a Minister to visit you at home.

Would parishioners please note that it is preferable if Mass intentions are brought to the Parish House and entered into the diary kept for intentions. This will avoid, as much as is possible, any disappointment, when 2 or more intentions are requested for the same Mass.

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.

My corner

I've spent a lot of time this week thinking about the gospel reading from last week—the one about finding the pearl of great price, and the treasure in the field. Mostly, I've been thinking about the treasures we have, that we so often give little thought to. Things like family, faith, health, freedom - things we don't truly appreciate until we no longer have them or something goes wrong. By the time you get to read this corner, I will be in Fiji, celebrating my 40th wedding anniversary. My thoughts this week have been around the treasure God offered me in sending me a faithful and loving husband; around the support God has given us in raising our family and in the opportunities we have had to work together within the church to spread the faith while we have been able to strengthen our marriage. I know that I have been richly blessed, and though it hasn't all been easy, I have been offered every opportunity to become fully who I am called to be because I have been given a life partner who has walked with me, held me up when necessary and believed in who I am and who I have become. As I lie by the pool, in the sun, I will offer prayers of deep gratitude to the God who gives joy to our hearts.

Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate