



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1st, 2010—Year C

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

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

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



This week

Approach the gospel teaching two ways this week: reflect on the attitudes & values you need to cultivate to be rich in the sight of God; share some of your excess wealth with those in need.

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.

Wealth and Celebrity Culture

Many years ago I was invited to the celebration after a wedding and I gladly accepted the invitation. There was a bit of mix up with the seating arrangements and I offered to change my seat with a very nice lady. I was moved to a table with younger couples. It was a good night and made me realise that my priorities in life were so different to these young people who were starting out in life. The conversation on the share market, banking, cars, property investments, holidays, tours and travel were beyond my world. When the conversation was centred on the struggles and joys of life, family, work, interests, faith, politics and social justice issues, not only I was able to participate, but I was pleasantly surprised at their commitment to make the world a better place for everyone.

The Franciscan way of life that I chose rules out the material side of things. For couples who are preparing to start a family, financial security and stability are important criteria to consider. For many people the act of balancing financial security, celebrity culture and a spiritual dimension is a huge challenge in our modern world. For Franciscans poverty is the key word for an itinerant life; simplicity and mobility for the sake of the gospel.

Reward, affirmation, stability, recognition, self development and success are not bad words and it is wrong to think that they are not compatible with the gospel way of life. I feel that only when we lose sight and reduce all these attributes to life itself, that we are then in danger of impoverishing the notion of "Life". Our second reading today from St Paul's letter to the Colossians helps us to understand that Christ is everything and he is in everything. It is a beautiful summary of the Christian duty of making this whole world Christ centred.

Money and being popular is not going to make us happy or to find fulfilment. Sometimes it encourages self deception and leads us astray for the wrong reasons. We see how celebrities try hard to protect their family and their privacy, yet on the other hand people are selling their personal and infidelity stories to magazines. We live in anxiety when we try to live other people's expectations, dreams and ambitions. Why do we want to look rich in the sight of others? How can we be rich in the sight of God?

Fr Anthony ofm

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23
What do people gain by all their work?

Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Lk 12:13-21
To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

Monday
Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday
Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22;
Mt 15:1-2,101-14

Wednesday—St John Vianney
Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday-St Dominic
Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday—Transfiguration of the Lord—Dan 7:9-10,13-14;
2 Pet 1:16-19; Lk 9:28-36

Saturday
Hab 1:12 - 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

NEXT SUNDAY
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19;
Lk 12:32-48

FRIARS OF THE PARISHES

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

Pastoral Assistant—

Christina Sorbello (Tues, Wed, Fri)

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

Next meeting : 5 August 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 1 AUGUST	10.00AM	COLLECTION FOR CENTACARE CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES FIRST EUCHARIST (SFX)
MONDAY 2 AUGUST	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
	10.30AM	FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)
	4.00PM	CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S
TUESDAY 3 AUGUST	12.45PM 3.00-3.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH (SEE BELOW)
WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
	9AM-11AM	PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252.
	12.30PM	FOOD AT THE BARN
THURSDAY 5 AUGUST	1.00PM 7.30PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP GROUP - LUNCH AT MITCHAM RSL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 6 AUGUST	11.00AM 7.30-9.00PM	HOLY HOUR AT SFX BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 7 AUGUST	9.00AM 6.00PM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE FIRST EUCHARIST (SFX)
SUNDAY 8 AUGUST	10.00AM	COLLECTION FOR MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION APPEAL MORNING TEA AFTER 9AM MASS IN ST CLARE'S PH FIRST EUCHARIST (SFX)

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week the AFC is going to lunch -at the Mitcham RSL, 26 McDowell Street, Mitcham, at 1.00 pm - or meet us after midday mass, SFX, if you need transport. There is a two-course seniors' meal for \$14.00, or a la carte. Please ring Marg if you are coming - 9803 4973. The following week we are having Blumes Fashions; it will be winter sale time, so come and look for a bargain. St. Clare's , 1.00 pm. We have two Blumes vouchers - \$30.00 and \$15.00 - which we will raffle at the luncheon. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy, 9878 4212.

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 22nd August at 11.00am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register contact the Life, Marriage & Family on: 9287 5579 or lmf@cam.org.au or online at: www.lmf.cam.org.au Registrations close on Friday 13th August.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 26 SEPTEMBER

'We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 26 September. This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled: 'Violence in Australia: A message of peace'. The Statement considers how the Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and divisions. The bishops highlight the role we all share in making a difference for peace as individuals, as a community and as a nation. For further details about the Social Justice Sunday Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.acsjc.org.au) or call 02-8306-3499.'

Quote

'The one [who is greedy is always in want.](#)'
Horace, Roman [Poet \(65 BC-8 BC\)](#)

THANK YOU

The Oswald family wish to thank all parishioners for their prayers during Robert's illness. Thank you to Clarecare and all involved in providing and serving refreshments after the Requiem Mass.

TO CELEBRATE THE FEASTS OF BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP (8TH) & ST CLARE (11TH)

Morning tea in St Clare's Parish House after 9am Mass All welcome.
Please bring a plate to share.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Your prayers are invited for the Grade 3 children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week and also for the Grade 4 children who will be receiving their First Eucharist at Masses over the next three weekends.

Building Project Update

Next week on Monday the Year 5/6 classes will move back upstairs into the new refurbished classrooms. The Year 5 classrooms and Year 6 classrooms will be situated alongside each other. Located on the Church side of the building will be 5LD followed by 5JW, 6CW and 6SL. Also upstairs on the 1st floor will be a specialist office for the Phys Ed, Italian & Music teachers, a Student Services Office for PSG Meetings and two smaller learning areas for Numeracy Support and Literacy Support. The Year 1 classes will also be relocated on Monday or Tuesday next week. 1EW will be on the ground floor on the other side of the Hall and 1LO will be in the old Library. We are expecting the Year 1 classrooms to be completed in the first week of September.

Marcus Gill

Deputy Principal

MIDDAY MASS ALTAR DUTIES ROSTERS

for the months of August & September are available for collection in the sacristy at SFX. Please collect yours today!

A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 17

From Brisbane, Mary returned to escalating problems in Adelaide where misunderstandings led to suggestions about abandonment of the basic structure of central government. On 22 September 1871, Mary was excommunicated for 'disobedience and rebellion'. Public rumours led Mary to write to her sorrowing mother, 'Will you, though I give no explanations, wait until those whose duty it is to see into these matters are enabled to do so, and then justice will be done.' (22 November 1871).

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

THE MESSAGE OF PRAY 2010

The shock and the joy of Pray 2010 won't go away! Normally a diocesan conference might be expected to attract 300 to 400 participants, with 500 being top of the range. So how come 2,700 people found their way to Brisbane – and what does it tell us about people's thirst for God, for communication with God?

Both John Paul II and Benedict XVI have pleaded for the Church to become more prayerful, and for the establishment of 'schools of prayer'. Well, Pray 2010 was a 'school of prayer' par excellence! Over the four days, 7 – 11 July, there were 36 keynote addresses and 302 workshops – all dealing with prayer!

And in the midst of it all, there was the architect of Pray 2010, Archbishop John Bathersby, walking through the crowd, welcoming and chatting with anyone who wished to approach him. He later commented:

'During the three days of gathering, a constant stream of people approached me to congratulate myself and all others involved in its success. Some mentioned that they had been away from the Church for 30 or 40 years but had come back because of the gathering. The people who were present were not only Catholic but from many other Christian Communions as well.'

The keynote presentations are available for purchase, either singly or in packs, via the Pray 2010 website, www.pray2010.org.au. You may wish to begin by ordering the opening address by Archbishop John Bathersby and the keynote address on the first night by Dr Donna Orsuto, 'Jesus and Prayer', each \$8.

Some conclusions! The Catholic Church knows a lot about prayer – and people have a thirst for prayer. So let us establish more 'schools of prayer', both large and especially small - and more parish prayer groups. As was said in Brisbane, 'the parish needs both cell and celebration!'

PARISH 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.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS IN SFX CHURCH
AS THERE ARE STILL OVER 100 UNCOLLECTED SETS OF ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS, ARE THERE ANY PARISHIONERS WILLING TO HAND DELIVER SOME PLEASE?

CENTACARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL FAMILY SERVICES ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL

The Annual Appeal for the Centacare will take place at all Masses this weekend. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home & return it next Sunday, or post it direct to Centacare Catholic Family Services

Centacare's Catholic Family Services are celebrating 75 years of Strengthening Relationships and creating connections. They are dedicated to building connections and supporting individuals and families

Refugee and Settlement Program
Our Refugee and Settlement Program has continued to provide much valued support to those in the African and other communities by offering practical assistance and development of ongoing life skills through traditional village-like social support groups.

Family Relationship Services (FRS) is one of the long standing cornerstones of our organization. They assist individuals, couples and families to develop strong supportive relationships throughout their lives. Our suite of services includes Relationship Education, Counselling, Family Dispute Resolution (mediation), Parenting Orders Programs and a Family Relationship Centre.

Schools Unit

Since 2005, our Schools Unit team has grown rapidly from 5 to 26 counselors. They have created a Cool to be at School – School Refusal Program.

Our Counselling and Family Services assist individuals, couples and families to work through difficulties and sustain strong supportive relationships throughout their lives. We are also there for them when there is conflict to minimise the pain and ease families through difficult transitions.

Australian Story aired a piece entitled 'Pay it Forward' (on 28 June 2010) which featured Centacare's Healthy Relationships presenter, youth mentor and former AFL footballer Glenn Manton in a harrowing but ultimately inspirational tale of sportsmanship, mentoring and redemption through three generations of Australian Rules football players.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Contact the Parish Office if you would like to know more. We are also very happy to welcome any parishioners who would like to be involved in the RCIA team, planning for the coming year, welcoming inquirers, offering prayer support, making posters or sponsoring newcomers.

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—August 8

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm E&A Fabian, T D'Andrea, M Soulsby, D Williamsz
8.00am J Reid
10.00am E Kimmel, C Chin, I&E Abraham, M Ferdinando, M Hughes, M Blundy
5.00pm H Dyjak, A Large

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm School—First Eucharist
8.00am F Neyland
10.00am School—First Eucharist
5.00pm T Parker, M Waring,

Welcomers

6.00pm E Castelletti, J Hickey
8.00am M&B Walker
10.00am J Dominic, L Lampard
5.00pm N Andrews

Children's Liturgy

August 22—21 Ordinary Time—Group B
August 29—22 Ordinary Time—Group C

Altar Linen

August 1 B Burns
August 8 F Neyland

Counters

August 1 R&Y Roy
August 8 P McLaughlin, G Kitch

Collectors 5pm

August 1 A Cutts
August 8 L Soulsby

Rosary Statue

August 1—Sanelli family, 10 Wellington Rd
August 8—M&J Dodds, 6 Wellington Rd

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

August 1 G Amato
August 8 J Adamo

Lettori

August 1 M Salamone, V Peluso
August 8 N Pozzobon, A Lanza

Ministri dell'Eucarista

August 1 G Massarotti, D Amato
August 8 M Casamento, G Tabacchiera

ST CLARE'S—August 8

Ministers of the Word

9.00am—J Sakowski, M Clark, P Sakowski

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—P O'Brien, T Shallvey, F Fitzgerald, D Tan, P Cleary, I D'Amato, H Keown

Piety Stall—August 8

9.00am—E Boyle

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ How important is the acquisition of material wealth to you?
- ✦ What do you need to do better to make yourself 'rich in the eyes of God'?

From Fr Ben

Our decisions (choices), not our circumstances (conditions), determine our destiny.

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.