

St Francis Xavier and St Clare

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A ~ 7th August 2011

From the first book of the Kings

Kgs 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. The word of the Lord.

Responsory (All)

Ps 84:9-14

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word. Alleluia!

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.' The Gospel of the Lord

Entrance Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.

Acclam Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Praise the Lord, Jerusalem; he feeds you with the finest wheat.

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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

LITURGY TIMES

St Clare's
Sunday 9.00 am
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
Mon—Fri 12 noon
Confessions: Sat 4.00—5.00 pm

MARRIAGES

Bookings can be made with SFX Parish Office for each Parish, and celebrated in the church requested. This is to avoid double bookings.

BAPTISMS

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.

St Francis Xavier's—
1st and 3rd Sundays of month only,
12.30 pm
St Clare's—2nd Sunday, 10.30 am

A "RED SPOT" SPECIAL-LITURGY

In the coming months, while our physical church building at St Francis Xavier is undergoing refurbishments, it is a good time to also refresh ourselves about what we do in this sacred space called "our church".

To this end we will have "a special spot" each week in the bulletin to look at all the various parts that go to making up our celebration of the Eucharist. This is the central heart-beat of our community and gives the joy to us as the whole people of God. The rituals, symbols, prayers, scripture, and song all combine to draw us all into the mystery of God's loving presence with us when we gather as a community at the table of the Word and at the table of the Lord's Supper.

We Gather to Celebrate

From the time we leave home to come to the Mass of our community we are beginning "to gather". Each week some people walk to church, most of us drive, and so we approach from north, south, east and west. As we move into the church space it is good to greet each other with a smile, or a cheery "hello" and hopefully we can greet some with a name. The "holy water" fonts of old, and the baptismal font central to the gathering space reminds us as we bless ourselves upon entering the building that we are baptized into Jesus Christ and because of this we come to the Lord's Supper today. We are always coming through our Baptism.

Our "greeters" are so important as we all like to be greeted as we do our guests who come to visit or to share a meal with us at home—we don't just leave the door open for them, we greet our friends. This is also very important for us especially for new parishioners, or visitors to our Masses each weekend.

This month let's greet each other as we gather—a smile, a hello will be great.

Sr. Moira, Liturgy Coordinator

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 31 JULY - 7 AUGUST

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A VOCATION VIEW: Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thanks to the generosity of Catholic parishes, schools & groups, a record \$9.7 million was raised during Project Compassion 2011, allowing Caritas Australia to continue working towards the creation of a world that God desires to be just & compassionate.
Jack de Groot, CEO, Caritas Australia



CATHOLIC CARE ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL

The Annual Appeal for CatholicCare (formally Centacare Family Services) will take place in this parish TODAY. CatholicCare has been supporting and caring for the families of the Melbourne Archdiocese for over 75 years and relies on the support of our Catholic community. Please give generously so Catholic Care can continue to support families to deal with the complex issues that they face today.

The Parishes of St Francis Xavier & St Clare

Social Justice Group

Next meeting on

SUNDAY 14th August

11:30 to 12.30

(after 10.00 am Mass and a cuppa)

At the PARISH MEETING ROOM

If you are doing or want to do any justice project And would like us to be involved Call Maurice on 8812 2979 or Frank on

Tel: 0404 157 351

Or attend the meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WE stand for a fair go for all the people of God

We pray for those recently deceased:

Alma Dorling

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Lorna Coen, Tom Ryan, Rossana Montagna, Peter Puiz Metry and the sick of our Parish:

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK -

MON: JUDITH 8:11-17, 28-31; MT 6:23-34

(ST MARY OF THE CROSS)

TUES: DEUT 31:1-8; MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WED: 2 COR 9:6-10; JN 12:24-26 (ST LAWRENCE)

THURS: JOSHUA 3:7-11, 13-17; MT 18:21 - 19:1 (ST CLARE)

FRI: JOSHUA 24:1-13; MT 19:3-12

SAT: JOSHUA 24:14-29; MT 19:13-15

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 56:1, 6-7; ROM 11:13-15, 29-32; MT 15:21-28

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| SUNDAY 7 AUGUST | 10.00AM 12.30PM | FIRST EUCHARIST MASS 4 BAPTISMS AT SFX |
| MONDAY 8 AUGUST | 8.30AM 10.30AM 4.00PM | SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP / ST CLARE'S CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S |
| TUESDAY 9 AUGUST | 12.30PM 3.00-3.30PM | LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PARISH PRAYER GROUP IN SFX CHURCH |
| WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST | 8.30AM 1.30-3.30PM | TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) COMMUNION TO THE SICK MEETING - SFX MEETING ROOM |
| THURSDAY 11 AUGUST | 1.00PM | AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—SR MOIRA BRODERICK (BELOW) |
| FRIDAY 12 AUGUST | 9.00-11.00AM 7.30PM | PLAYGROUP AT SFX (CLASSROOM NEXT TO OLD LIBRARY) BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM |
| SATURDAY 13 AUGUST | 9.00AM 4.-5.30PM | PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE. RCIA - SFX PARISH HALL |
| SUNDAY 14 AUGUST | 10.30AM 11.30-12.30PM | BAPTISM AT ST CLARE'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP - SFX MEETING ROOM |

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday 15th August

Mass Times:

St Clare's—9am

SFX—12 Noon

SFX—7.30pm

FEAST OF ST CLARE

We celebrate this special feast on Thursday 11th August so we will have a special "carry-over" morning tea at St Clare's on Sunday 14th August after 9.00am Mass. Please bring a plate to share and we will gather in the hall. All parishioners welcome. Let's have a great full-parish celebration for St Clare Day 2011!

COMMUNION TO THE SICK MEETING

Wednesday, 10th August at 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Sr Moira & Fr Bob invite all in either St Clare or SFX communities who currently are Ministers of Communion to the Sick to the hospitals, nursing homes, or homebound folks, to gather in SFX Meeting Room. We invite others who may be willing to join in & meet with us to become familiar with this special ministry as we do need some extra folks. We welcome you. Thank You! As some parishioners, who do offer the ministry of Communion to the Sick, are unable to attend a day meeting, an additional evening meeting will follow shortly for these people.

~ Sr Moira

To celebrate the first **FEAST DAY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP** on Monday 8th August, the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to visit the Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre on Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th and Monday 8th August from 10am—4pm. The Museum, chapel and gift shop will be open and refreshments available.

EUCHARIST, SOURCE & SUMMIT OF CHURCH LIFE

Talk presented by Sandra Bishop, national & international speaker with the School of Evangelisation. Monday 8th August at 10.30am at St Clare's Hall. Francis/Clare Charismatic Prayer Community invite all parishioners & friends. Olive 9878 4103; Therese 9878 3706.

RCIA BEGINS SAT 13th AUGUST

Our new RCIA process is ready to have our initial gathering on next Saturday afternoon, 13th August from 4pm to 5.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall. Our RCIA Team have been preparing and we now ask the parishioners to invite and bring along those who may wish to enquire about our Catholic Faith tradition that we share here in St Francis Xavier & St Clare Parish. We will meet on alternate Saturdays at this stage, so gatherings are every two weeks not weekly during Enquiry Time.

THE AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week, the AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB will hear from Sr. Moira, our Parish Pastoral Associate - at 1.00 pm in the SFX Hall. On August 18, we will have *Blumes' Fashions* - this will be winter sale time, so come and find a bargain. On August 25, we will be attending the film "Jane Eyre". \$18.00 covers the cost of transport, film and light lunch; please let Marg know if you are coming - 9803 4973. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Pat - 9887 6790.

OPEN LETTER TO POPE BENEDICT XVI & THE BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA

There is a petition at the doors of the churches calling on each diocesan bishop to convene a synod in his diocese under the provisions of Canon Law (C.460-468), to discuss how the local Church might be a more authentic witness in the 21st century. The petition is also available to sign online at: <http://www.petitiononline.com/adlim11/petition.html>

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"After the fire, there was a small whispering sound." - 1 Kings 19:12

Remember that God's stewardship call to us is only a quiet whisper in our hearts. If you can't hear that quiet whisper, maybe it is time to turn down some of the worldly noise and demands so that you can spend more quiet time with God.

URGENT DONATIONS REQUIRED!

St Vincent de Paul centre at Mont Albert is in urgent need of blankets. Donations of clean blankets can be left at the Parish House. Thank you.

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—August 14

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm G Machado, J Hickey, J Wells, R Meyers, T D'Andrea
8.00am M Rossely
10.00am C Chin, D Stephens, V&G Mooney, K de Lacy, M Ferdinand, M Sinclair
H Dyjak, T Parker

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm L Norton, S Hengeveld
8.00am C Gately
10.00am L Hughes, J D'Souza
5.00pm T Parker, M Waring

Welcomers

6.00pm D Paes, E Castelletti
8.00am M&B Walker
10.00am S Liew
5.00pm B Cohen

Altar Linen

August 7 C Pollocks
August 14 MT Francisco

Counters

August 7 J Reid, M Rossely
August 14 B&C Parsons

Rosary Statue

August 7—M&J Dodds, 6 Wellington Rd
August 14—M&B Mahoney, 15 Irving Ave

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

August 7 D Amato
August 14 R Bidinost

Lettori

August 7 A Lanza, S Faulisi
August 14 N Amato, R Bidinost

Ministri dell'Eucarista

August 7 D Amato, G Massarotti
August 14 R Bidinost, G Tabacchiera

ST CLARE'S—August 14

Ministers of the Word

M Hardy, A McGovern, C Hardy

Ministers of Communion

D Hardy, T Shallvey, P Cleary, H Keown, D Tan, P Ciccotosto, T Nicholson

Welcomers—August 14

P Cleary, P Ciccotosto

Piety Stall—August 14

Glass family

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Sr Moira Broderick (ex-officio)

Next meeting : 1 September 2011

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