



# Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

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Franciscan Friars

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

### Entrance Antiphon

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.

### Psalm Response

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

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



### This week

*At the end of each day, take some time to reflect on how well you lived the Gospel call.*

*Resolve to be more attentive to preparing for what is to come if that is necessary.*

### 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.

### WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT OUR FAITH?

Often in times of distress and pain I hear this remark, how faith helps us to get through a very difficult time in our journey. This experience is shared by Israel, and we hear about it through scripture. In the first reading from the book of Wisdom, we are reminded how Israel kept faith in God while under slavery in Egypt and God delivered them from bondage and gave them the Promised Land; it is in praise of God's and his people. This experience is not particular to Israel alone or to us Christians but to countless people around the world. I remember when the Tsunami hit Asia, the Western World was asking, "Why did God allow this"? Whereas those being affected said, "We have lost everything except our faith in God".

Why do we trust in God? We are told that as God's people we are precious, not only has the Father given us the kingdom but he has invested us with the life of his only Son Jesus. God is so close to us by becoming one of us and in sharing our human nature. The Creator in becoming a creature has given us a share in His glory. The gospel in a way is encouraging us to walk in faith, trusting God. There is also a call to reciprocate God's love by walking in the footsteps of Jesus, showing compassion and acting with justice.

We invest for future security and happiness with faith, but none of us are certain about what lies ahead or know what is around the corner. In the parable today we are asked to consider as faithful and wise stewards awaiting the master's return, how we are going to act? Will we carry out the master's instruction and live up to his expectations? God is not putting fear into us, but has left us in charge, entrusting the world to us.

We have been given this wonderful opportunity to grow and mature and work with God in creating a new world and a new life. All that we do and who we are flows from our faith. We believe that our future is in God, not as a creature but sharing in the glory of his Son and as co-heirs to his kingdom. God trusts us!

*Fr Anthony ofm*

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Wis 18:6-9**

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

**Heb 11:1-2, 8-19**

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

**Lk 12:32-48**

*See that you are prepared.*

**Monday**

Ezek 1:2-5, 24-28; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday—St Lawrence**

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

**Wednesday—St Clare**

Ezek 9:1-7, 10:18-22;

Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday**

Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 - 19:1

**Friday**

Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63or16:59-63;

Mt 19:13-15

**Saturday—St Maximilian Kolbe**

Ezek 18:1-10,13,30-32;

Mt 19:13-15

### NEXT SUNDAY ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10;  
1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56

### **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.**

<b>SUNDAY 8 AUGUST</b>		<b>COLLECTION FOR MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION APPEAL</b>
	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>MORNING TEA AT ST CLARE'S AFTER 9AM MASS</b>
		<b>FIRST EUCHARIST (SFX)</b>
<b>MONDAY 9 AUGUST</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b>
	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>(CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)</b>
	<b>4.00PM</b>	<b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)</b>
		<b>CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S</b>
<b>TUESDAY 10 AUGUST</b>	<b>12.45PM</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)</b>
	<b>3.00-3.30PM</b>	<b>PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH (NEXT PAGE)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b>
	<b>9AM-11AM</b>	<b>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252.</b>
<b>THURSDAY 12 AUGUST</b>	<b>1.00PM</b>	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP GROUP - BLUMES FASHIONS AT ST C'S</b>
<b>FRIDAY 13 AUGUST</b>	<b>5-6.30PM</b>	<b>LADIES DRINKS AT BOX HILL RSL</b>
	<b>7.30-9.00PM</b>	<b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)</b>
<b>SATURDAY 14 AUGUST</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>
	<b>6.00PM</b>	<b>FIRST EUCHARIST (SFX)</b>
<b>SUNDAY 15 AUGUST</b>	<b>12.30PM</b>	<b>NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS &amp; REFUGEES</b>
		<b>3 BAPTISMS AT SFX</b>

### **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 : 2 September**

### **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 is having Blumes Fashions (St Clare's, 1.00 pm). It is winter sale time, so there should be bargains available. Next week, we will be entertained by the Parkers, and have community singing. (St Clare's 1.00 pm) All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

### **Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup>-70<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or online at: [www.lmf.cam.org.au](http://www.lmf.cam.org.au) Registrations close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.acsjc.org.au)) or call 02-8306-3499.'

### **ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The School Office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school term. **Tours of the School** are held on the following dates. The tours are for approx. 1 hour. Please meet at the school office by 9.10am. Mondays @ 9.15am— 9 August, 6 September, 11 October.

### **FROM LIZ CLARK**

Sincere thanks to all at SFX and St Clare's for the copious good wishes, the affirmation, the thanks and the great number of cards and gifts I received as I moved into retirement. All these things spoke of love, thanks, appreciation, a sense of belonging and inclusion. I take these blessing with me with a thankful heart. God's blessings on all you do. **Liz Clark**

### **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**

Last weekend, the first two groups of Year Four children celebrated their First Eucharist at parish Masses. The Masses were particularly special occasions as the children were welcomed into the St Francis Xavier parish community as they celebrated the sacrament of Eucharist. This weekend the last of our Grade Four children will celebrate their First Eucharist. These children have been well prepared by their classroom teachers and have also spent time with their parents discussing the significance of receiving the Eucharist for the first time. A special thank you to the teachers and many parents who have prepared the Liturgy for their children's First Eucharist Masses. Please pray for the children and their families as they receive the Eucharist for the first time.

### **Naming & Opening Parish Buildings**

*As we move closer to the completion of the building project (practical completion is expected to be 3 September), the Parish Pastoral council is currently working towards naming all parish buildings at St Francis Xavier's and St Clare's. The council has identified the criteria for building names as: Christian and Catholic History to be reflected; and all nominations or suggestions for the names to be accompanied with reasons for selection. It has already been decided to name the building comprising the Discovery Centre, the toilet block, the Year 3 & 4 classrooms and Art room – St Clare's. The Administration Block will be simply "the Administration Block." It is hoped that the official opening will take place in late October. The final date cannot be set until we are notified regarding the availability of politicians to attend.*

## A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 18

When Mary's excommunication was lifted in February 1872, some Sisters of her disbanded community returned, schools gradually reopened, and, in July, three set out from Adelaide for Bathurst. In spite of austere living conditions in the 'most awfully cold' place, they established their school at The Vale (basing their teaching on Mary's methods and structured system with emphasis on the religious dimension of life), and visited the people of the village.

Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au). For further information, see [www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au) and [www.cathnews.com.au](http://www.cathnews.com.au)

## HISTORIC DAY FOR MELBOURNE. HISTORIC MOMENT IN FITZROY.

History will be made on 17 October 2010 when Mary MacKillop will become Australia's first canonised saint.

Mary MacKillop is a saint for all Australians, a remarkable woman who embodied heroic goodness and saintliness in an Australian way. To celebrate this historic occasion, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Sisters of St Joseph are hosting a celebration, Celebrating Australia's First Saint – Mary MacKillop, in Fitzroy on that day. All are welcome.

There is going to be a colourful and exuberant street procession, commencing mid afternoon at 2:55pm from the city end of Brunswick Street Fitzroy to the Royal Exhibition Building.

The celebrations will continue with a festival at the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. There will be a prayer service later in the afternoon followed by a live broadcast on big screens of Mary's canonisation in Rome.

There are more details on the website [www.cam.org.au/mackillop](http://www.cam.org.au/mackillop)

### MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER

God of the pilgrim

Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life and deepened her confidence in your will.

May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us in hope.

May we relish the sacred in the ordinariness of our lives.

May we grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery.

We ask this through Jesus Christ the way, the truth and the life.

Amen.

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### POINTS TO PONDER

- ★ Do you know what the master wants but have difficulty carrying it out?

### 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.

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

- ★ -a person married to a Catholic who doesn't know what the next step is to become Catholic?
- ★ -your next door neighbour?
- ★ -someone you work with?
- ★ -your husband or wife, mother or child?
- ★ -someone who is seeking a deeper connection in their life?
- ★ -someone you know who seems to be just drifting along ?
- ★ -someone who has loads of questions but can't find answers?

RCIA is the process for adults who wish to learn more about our faith.

It is offered in our parishes by a dedicated and committed team of parishioners who share their faith, their values, their love of Jesus Christ.

The character of the Church is to welcome all people, especially those searching for a deeper connection with God. Often people are not sure whether it is even God they desire to know. It can be a vague yet distinguishable yearning for something beyond one's self. At other times it is a more articulate desire to relate to, know about and to investigate God and the people who believe.

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.

### THE INNER LIFE

'The problem we face today needs very little time for its statement. Our lives in a modern city grow too complex and overcrowded. We are bowed down with burdens, crushed under committees, strained, breathless, and hurried, panting through a never-ending programme of appointments. In frantic fidelity we try to meet at least the necessary minimum of calls upon us. But we're weary and breathless. And we know and regret that our life is slipping away, with our having tasted so little of the peace and joy and serenity we are persuaded it should yield to a soul of wide calibre.

'We Western peoples are apt to think our great problems are external, environmental. We are not skilled in the inner life, where the real roots of our problem lie.

'Life is meant to lived from a Centre, a divine Centre. Each one of us can live such a life of amazing power and peace and serenity, of integration and confidence and simplified multiplicity, on one condition – that is, if we really want to. There is a divine Abyss within us all, a holy Infinite Centre, a Heart, a Life who speaks in us and through us to the world. We have all heard this holy Whisper at times. At times we have followed the Whisper, and amazing equilibrium of life, amazing effectiveness of living set in.'

From 'A Testament of Devotion' by Thomas Kelly

## ROSTERS

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—August 15

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm M Rossely, E Colafella, R Meyers, M&A O'Connor  
8.00am F Neyland, J Reid  
10.00am K de Lacy, J D'Souza, E Kimmet, V&G Mooney, G Augustin +1please

5.00pm P Aldag, M Slevison

#### Ministers of the Word

6.00pm School—First Eucharist  
8.00am B Reid  
10.00am School—First Eucharist  
5.00pm M Slevison, J Gunanayagam

#### Welcomers

6.00pm M&A O'Connor  
8.00am J Reid  
10.00am S Liew, G Augustin  
5.00pm M Plain

#### Children's Liturgy

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

#### Altar Linen

August 8 F Neyland  
August 15 R Meyers

#### Counters

August 8 P McLaughlin, G Kitch  
August 15 T&E O'Brien

#### Collectors 5pm

August 8 L Soulsby  
August 15 P Aldag

#### Rosary Statue

August 8—M&J Dodds, 6 Wellington Rd  
August 15—M&B Mahoney, 15 Irving Ave

#### ITALIAN MASS

#### Commentator

August 8 J Adamo  
August 15 P Grech

#### Lettori

August 8 N Pozzobon, A Lanza  
August 15 R Bidinost, C Gibellini

#### Ministri dell'Eucarista

August 8 M Casamento, G Tabacchiera  
August 15 R Bidinost, M Salamone

### ST CLARE'S—August 15

#### Ministers of the Word

9.00am-A McGovern, J Sakowski, C Abiad

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—J Murphy, D Tan, P O'Brien, I D'Amato, D Wolbers, P Wolbers, P Ciccotosto

#### Welcomers

9.00am—A La Scala, I Abiad

#### Piety Stall—August 15

9.00am—D Tan

### From Fr Ben

A Christian's treasure is not on earth, it is in heaven. Well, then, our thoughts should turn to where our treasure is.

Man has a noble task: that of prayer and love. To pray and to love, that is the happiness of man on earth.

Prayer is nothing else than union with God...Our prayer is an incense that is delightful to God.

St John Vianney (1786—1859)  
Patron Saint of parish clergy

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.