



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6th, 2008—Year A

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

Mass of Freedom—6pm & 9.30am

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of earth; your right hand is filled with justice.

Psalm Response

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, blessed is he who hopes in God.

This week

In your life, within your family or workplace, do you know someone who is burdened & weighed down by cares & concerns. Can you find ways to ease that burden 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.

PILGRIMAGE

Over the next three weeks as we prepare for World Youth Day, I would like to present some excerpts from a book by Joyce Rupp "Walk in a Relaxed Manner—Life Lessons from the Camino." This is the story of Joyce Rupp's pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago, giving us insights into her journey, and the things she learnt as she travelled. They provide each of us with food for thought. We are prayerfully mindful of the pilgrims currently preparing to join us in the coming weeks.

Fr Anthony

"At its heart, the journey of each life is a pilgrimage, through unforeseen sacred places that enlarge and enrich the soul."

John O'Donohue

We rested in a pretty garden with benches alongside the Camino. Across from us, someone wrote a poem in Spanish in large letters on a concrete wall "Pilgrim" it said, "What attracts you to the road?" Many stanzas followed, each giving possible motives for why one would walk the Camino. The poem ended by summarizing all the reasons with "only the One above knows."

No doubt a pilgrim on the way wrote the poem because it expressed a significant pilgrim truth: each one travels the path for his or her own reason. Each person steps onto the Camino with a desire to walk it but is oftentimes uncertain as to why. The reason may be nebulous and unnameable for much of the journey. Even if the motivation is explicit in the beginning, circumstances can easily alter it along the way.

To be a pilgrim is to be willing to live with the mystery of what will happen both interiorly and exteriorly as one walks day after day toward the destination of the sacred site. What happens inside cannot be planned or mapped out in the same way the physical route is mapped. Becoming a pilgrim means there are no maps of the heart. One simply holds on to the hand of the Great Pilgrim and travels with hope that one day the spiritual benefits of the road will reveal themselves and be understood.":

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zech 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

Rom 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Mt 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Monday

Hosea 2:16-18,21-22; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15

Friday—St Benedict

Hosea 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

NEXT SUNDAY

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23

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 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*
Trish Nicholson (Chair)

Next meeting : July 3

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 6 July	12.30pm	ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA 6 BAPTISMS @ SFX
Monday 7 July	8.30am	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME.
Tuesday 8 July	12.45pm	LEGION OF MARY @ SFX
Wednesday 9 July	8.30am 7.30pm	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) RCIA 2007-2008—SFX PHMR
Thursday 10 July	10am-11.30am	DISCUSSION GROUP AT SFX PHMR—ALL WELCOME.
Friday 11 July	5.00-6.30pm 7.30pm-9pm	DID 08 PROGRAM—SEE ATTACHED LADIES' DRINKS AT ZANTE BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE
Saturday 12 July	9.00am	PARISH WALKING GROUP—NOT WALKING TODAY

WALKING GROUP

NOT WALKING NEXT WEEK,
SATURDAY 12th - but please come to
9am Mass with our pilgrims and brekky
afterwards at SFX.

NEW THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS WILL
BE AVAILABLE IN BOTH
CHURCHES NEXT WEEKEND.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Winter Appeal takes place from May to
August and raises invaluable money for
those living on the streets or men, women
and families that find Winter a particularly
stressful time.

We are appealing for clothing, blankets &
doonas from our parishioners on the above
weekend. As we are now in the winter
season there is always a huge demand for
warm items for the poor.

If you do not have any items there are
envelopes located at the entrances to the
church for a donation to the society.
The envelopes are self explanatory & if you
can assist, any donation would be greatly
appreciated.

Any clothing, blankets, doonas, etc, may be
left at the back of the church for collection.

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

If so, and you would like to attend this year's
Annual Marriage and Family Mass, which
includes receiving a commemorative
certificate, please contact the Council for
Marriage and Family. You can registrar with
the Council on 94123342 or
cmf@melbourne.catholic.org.au or
P O Box 146 East Melbourne 8002 by
Friday 25th of July. The Mass will be held at
St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd August
at 11.00 am. All couples will be invited to
have group photographs after the Mass in
the Cathedral grounds.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER

*You are our Father, you live in heaven
We talk to you, Father your are good.
We believe your word Father
We are your children, give us bread today.
Others have done wrong to us
And we are sorry for them.
Father, today help us from doing wrong.
Father, save us from the evil one.
You are our Father
You live in heaven
We talk to you
Father you are good*

2009 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN AT SFX PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOX HILL

for Baptised Catholic children who turn 5
years of age by 30th April 2009. Enrolment
forms can be obtained from School Office.
(Phone: 9890 1108 Hours: 8.30am-4pm
Monday-Friday during school terms).
School Tours at 9.15am (for approx 1
hour) on Mondays, 21st July, 18th August,
15th September, 20th October 2008.

Thank you to those people who volunteered
to train as altar servers after 9.30 Mass last
week. Training will be organised through
the school for SFX students. Other sessions
will be held as soon as Fr Anthoni returns
from World Youth Day—Saturday mornings
are suggested—we will notify you of the
dates.,

From Fr Ben

*I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates
me. He said I was being ridiculous:
everyone hasn't met me yet.
(Rodney Dangerfield)*

RCIA 2008-2009

A generous lady phoned the parish office last Monday offering assistance with RCIA. I've misplaced your name and number—could you please phone me back?

Liz Clark 9890 2231

RCIA TEAM MEETING for new and interested members will be held on Tuesday July 15 at 7.30 pm, Parish House Meeting Room. Coming along doesn't mean you are committed to anything—we would appreciate your input.

ADULT EDUCATION

In a bid to grow in our understanding about current church issues and teachings, we will be commencing a small discussion group **on the second Thursday of each month** in St Francis Xavier Parish Meeting Room.
Next meeting: 10th July—10.00-11.30am.

PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH

FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS
FROM 3.00—3.30PM

FR BEN LENT A COPY OF "THE GIFT OF PEACE" BY CARDINAL BERNADIN TO A GOOD, HONEST PERSON. SINCE THE BOOK DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM, HE WOULD LIKE TO RETURN IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

My corner

Normally at this time of the year (school holidays),

I would expect it to be very quiet in the parish office. It's usually a time to catch up, tidy up, plan for the next 3 months or so. This year, however, there is a general sense of anticipation throughout the parish. Every day there is another report about our pilgrims, Days in the Diocese and World Youth Day. I really had thought that I wouldn't be too excited about this event—I'm hardly youth after all! But I have found myself thinking back many, many years to Year 7 French—do I still know even a few words? Would my accent make the language more foreign than it actually is? Would I be game to try a little bit of French? What will these people be like? What will they expect?

Are we doing enough/too much to make them feel at home? What will they want to do while they are here? Will this be a memorable time for pilgrims and parishioners alike?

As well, we are planning for the new RCIA group. There is once again a great sense of hope and anticipation, and lots of prayers are being sent heavenwards for both our inquirers and those who have 'volunteered' to be part of the team. Each year I learn a bit more about better ways to organize the program, but I still feel nervous and hesitant.

As a parish, we have much to pray for and much to anticipate in the coming months. May all this hope and excitement warm up these cold winter days.

Liz Clark, PA

DAYS IN THE DIOCESE—WYD 08

PLEASE NOTE: THE 9.05 AM MASS AT ST CLARE'S NEXT SATURDAY 11th IS CANCELLED—MASS WILL BE HELD AT 9.30AM AT SFX.

DAYS IN THE DIOCESE

We are only days away from the planned visit by our French pilgrims! As you may already be aware, the number of pilgrims coming to Melbourne en route to WYD is not as large as anticipated - we are extremely fortunate to be receiving our 50! Other parishes who had hundreds of beds promised have been disappointed, with some not receiving ANY pilgrims at all.

We would like to thank everybody who very generously offered to open their homes to the pilgrims and would like to invite you to come along and share in some of the activities as listed on the attached flyer.

FRIDAY—11TH JULY a request for coleslaw and garden salads to be supplied for lunch. Please advise the Parish Office if you are able to assist

FREE TRANSPORT on day of COMMISSIONING MASS ONLY!

Commissioning Mass ticket holders are entitled to free travel, all day, on metropolitan public transport on the date of the DID08 Commissioning Mass - Friday 11 July ONLY! WE ARE CALLING ON PARISHIONERS TO DONATE MET TICKETS FOR OUR PILGRIMS—OFF PEAK DAILY TICKETS TO COVER BOTH ZONES 1 & 2. Buy online, at newsagents, train stations, Met Card shop in town. PLEASE BRING TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

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.

A new parishioner is urgently seeking a baby sitter for her 1 year old child on Wednesdays and Fridays while she is studying. Please phone the parish office if you can help.

INTRODUCTION TO THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This course is of particular value to those who assist with the RCIA process in their parish. Wednesday evenings 30 July—10 September & 1-29 October. Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. From 6.00pm—8.00pm. Cost: \$160. Registration: Annemarie at Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, P O Box 146, East Melbourne 8002; ph: 9412 3325, fax: 9412 3330. office@evangelisation.org Website: www.evangelisation.org

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—JULY 13

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6pm M O'Brien, M Slevison,
D Williamsz, E Kimmet, N Succar
7.30am S Carney
9.30am I Abraham, M Chan, F Fitzgerald,
C Hangan, K Kirwan, M Slevison,
K Fazio

5pm P Ruff

Ministers of the Word

6pm P Tierney, S Hengeveld
7.30am C Gately
9.30am M Robotham, E Abraham
5pm T Parker, L Mayne

Welcomers

6pm D&M Williamsz
9.30am Hangan family

Children's Liturgy

July 20—16th Sunday OT—Group B

Altar Linen

July 6 P Fitzgerald
July 13 L Chin

Counters

July 6 T&E O'Brien
July 13 R&Y Roy

Collectors 5pm

July 6 P Aldag
July 13 A Cutts

Rosary Statue

July 6—F&G Machado, 255 Union Rd, S/Hills
July 13—Mrs M La, 4/1095 Whitehorse Rd

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

July 6 R Bidinost
July 13 J Adamo

Lettori

July 6 S Faulisi, A Dinardo
July 13 G Tabbachiera, G Amato

Ministri dell'Eucarista

July 6 C Chessari, G Tabbachiera
July 13 M Casamento, R Bidinost

ST CLARE'S—JULY 13

Ministers of the Word

8.30 A McGovern, J Sakowski
10.30 A Kenna, K McMahon

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

8.30am E Lim, T Nicholson, I D'Amato
10.30am P O'Brien, T Shallvey, D Hardy

Piety Stall—July 13

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.