



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

*In the care of the Franciscan Friars*

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 15th, 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

Lord, hear my voice when I call to you. You are my help; do not cast me off, do not desert me, my Saviour God.

Psalm Response

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**This week**

How do you minister in your family or circle of friends? Who ministers to you? Exercise your ministry to the 'lost sheep' 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.

### A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Refugee Week - 15-22 June  
Lost in the tempests out on the open seas, our small boats drift. We seek for land during endless days and endless nights.

We are the foam, floating on the vast ocean. We are the dust, wandering in endless space. Our cries are lost in the howling wind.

Without food, without water, our children lie exhausted until they cry no more. We thirst for our land, but are turned back from every shore.

Our distress signals rise and rise again, but passing ships do not stop. How many boats have perished? How many families lie beneath the waves?

Lord Jesus, do you hear the prayer of our flesh? Lord, do you hear our voice from the abyss of death?

O solid shore, we long for you! We pray for humankind to be present today! We pray that hope be given us today, from any land. Amen.

*(The Prayer of the Refugee, Jesuit Relief Services Australia)*

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

#### 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Ex 19:2-6**

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

**Rom 5:6-11**

*We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

**Mt 9:36-10:8**

*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*

Monday

1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday—St Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15  
Mt 10:26-33**

## 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:

<b>Sunday 15 June</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA</b> <b>BAPTISMS @ SFX</b>
<b>Monday 16 June</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>4.00pm</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> <b>(CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME.</b> <b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY @ ST CLARE'S. CONTACT: OLIVE 9878 4103</b> <b>CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 June</b>	<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY @ SFX</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 June</b>	<b>8.30am</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>12.30pm</b> <b>12.30pm</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b> <b>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL (ENTER VIA HARRISON ST). FURTHER INFORMATION: LYNNE FOGALE 9898 2516</b> <b>ST CLARE'S SENIORS @ SC PARISH HOUSE</b> <b>FOOD AT THE BARN</b>
<b>Thursday 19 June</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	<b>WEDDING AT SFX</b> <b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—BINGO (NEXT WEEK: NOON MASS &amp; ANOINTING, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT 1PM)</b>
<b>Friday 20 June</b>	<b>World Refugee Day 3.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm-9pm</b>	<b>PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH FOR REFUGEES</b> <b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>
<b>Saturday 21 June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>

## PRAYERS FOR REFUGEES

NEXT FRIDAY 20 JUNE IN SFX CHURCH FROM 3.00-3.30PM.

## KEYS TO THE KINGDOM—ST CLARE'S

FR ANTHONI WOULD LIKE PEOPLE WHO HAVE KEYS TO ANY OF ST CLARE'S PARISH PROPERTY, CHURCH, SCHOOL, PARISH HOUSE, TO PLEASE RING THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**HELP WANTED DURING DAYS IN THE DIOCESES (10-14 July) WHEN OUR VISITING PILGRIMS ARE HERE. PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP.**



## 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.

## 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. Email: [office@evangelisation.org](mailto:office@evangelisation.org) Website: [www.evangelisation.org](http://www.evangelisation.org)

**DIARY DATE - PARISH DINNER**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th**  
**BOX HILL GOLF CLUB**

## THE BILLINGS FAMILY LIFE CENTRE

Billings LIFE leaders in fertility Education have opened our new office at 4B, 303 Burwood Highway, East Burwood.

We are experts in the field of natural fertility regulation including achieving pregnancy naturally, managing fertility and managing menopause. Our clinic times are 10.00am to 3.00pm Mondays and Fridays and from 5.00pm Tuesday evenings. Our office is open daily and we can be contacted on 03 9802 2022 or email [thebillingsmethod@woomb.org](mailto:thebillingsmethod@woomb.org)

## EASTER SUBURBS FILIPINO COMMUNITY

Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help—Sunday June 22 at Our Lady's Church, Ringwood (Bedford Rd cnr Wilana St). 3.00pm-Rosary & Novena; 4.00pm—Holy Mass. Refreshments, etc after. Contact: Pol Arboleda 9870 2880.

*From Fr Ben*

*Love is a gleaming gold coin. On the one side is love; on the other side is pain. It is never possible to have the one without the other.*

## WHO IS A REFUGEE?

Any person who, owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail themselves of the protection of that country.

The important parts of this definition are:

- That the person has to be outside their country of origin
- The reason for their flight has to be a fear of persecution
- This fear of persecution has to be well founded (i.e. they have to have experienced it or be likely to experience it if they return)
- The persecution has to result from one or more of the five grounds listed in the definition
- They have to be unwilling or unable to seek the protection of their country

[www.kairos.com](http://www.kairos.com)

## TOP 10 REFUGEE SOURCE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD (2007)

AFGHANISTAN	2,108,000
IRAQ	1,451,000
SUDAN	686,000
SOMALIA	464,000
DR CONGO	402,000
BURUNDI	397,000
VIETNAM	374,000
TURKEY	227,000
ANGOLA	207,000
BURMA	203,000

## TOP 10 SOURCE COUNTRIES OF REFUGEES RESETTLED IN AUSTRALIA (2007-2008)

BURMA	1447
AFGHANISTAN	671
SUDAN	609
IRAQ	484
DR CONGO	237
LIBERIA	203
SIERRA LEONE	155
IRAN	147
BURUNDI	140
TOGO	103
OTHER	457

## RCIA 2008-2009

Already we have a number of new enquiries from people interested in learning about the Catholic faith. We urgently need the support of all parishioners in prayer, welcoming, education and faith sharing. I would particularly appreciate hearing from any parishioners who have expertise as teachers or who have confidence and a willingness to share their faith with our new enquirers.

**Liz Clark 9890 2231**

## 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 & SUNDAY SAVER TICKETS TO COVER BOTH ZONES 1 & 2. Buy online, at newsagents, train stations, Met Card shop in town. PLEASE BRING TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

## 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](mailto: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.

## ROSTERS

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—JUNE 22

#### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6pm	J Morison, E Colafella, M&A O'Connor, M Chandler
7.30am	F Neyland
9.30am	C Chin, K de Lacy, C Hangan, V&G Mooney, W Tan, A Leonard
5pm	L Soulsby

#### Ministers of the Word

6pm	M Williamsz, L Sanelli
7.30am	J Manshon
9.30am	J Tan, L Hughes
5pm	M Waring, M Soulsby

#### Welcomers

6pm	D&M Williamsz
9.30am	Hangan family

#### Children's Liturgy

June 22—12th Sunday OT—Group A  
July 20—16th Sunday OT—Group B

#### Altar Linen

June 15	E Vogel
June 22	O Rewega

#### Counters

June 15	P McLaughlin, G Kitch
June 22	B&M Walker

#### Collectors 5pm

June 15	A Cutts
June 22	L Soulsby

#### Rosary Statue

June 15—J Malcontenti, 127 Woodhouse Gve  
June 22—M&H Keown, 29 Lorraine Ave

#### ITALIAN MASS

##### Commentator

June 15	G Amato
June 22	G Tabbachiera

##### Lettori

June 15	N Amato, R Bidinost
June 22	N Pozzobon, A Dinardo

##### Ministri dell'Eucarista

June 15	M Salamone, M Casamento
June 22	C Chessari, M Salamone

### ST CLARE'S—JUNE 22

#### Ministers of the Word

8.30	P Fitzgerald, T Nicholson
10.30	K McDonald, K McMahan

#### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

8.30am	J Murphy, F Fitzgerald, J Eadown
10.30am	P O'Brien, D Tan, P Ciccotosto

#### Piety Stall—June 22

8.30	Glass family
10.30	Farry family

**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

During a discussion about this week's gospel, we read that Jesus felt sorry for the people because they were harassed and dejected. It lead us to think about how we are harassed and dejected in our every day life. What a miserable discussion ensued! War, sickness, pestilence, natural disasters, traffic, petrol, high prices, politics, corruption, taxes.....we put together a most comprehensive list. And then we asked "Do we feel like people without a shepherd?" There seemed to be a consensus that— yes, we do, despite our knowledge that God is always with us. It is partly tied in to the fact that we imagine that God probably has little or no interest in tax rates or the cost of a loaf of bread. It is also partly the fact that in so many circumstances we feel that we have no control over what goes on—what can we really do about the situation in Burma, what can we do to bring peace to Iraq, how can we do anything about the petrol/transport problems of our 17th-ranked liveable city? We tend to think that God has far more important things to be worried about than the trivialities of our lives. It's good to remember that the good shepherd cares for all his sheep—even that rascally 100th one who wandered off and got lost. So, in the midst of all the hassles and anxieties, we can be assured that God not only feels sorry for us (or I'd prefer the wording 'has compassion' for us), but that he walks with us all the way.

*Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate*