

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

*In the care of the Franciscan Friars*

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 22nd, 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

God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing, be our shepherd for ever.

Psalm Response

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season.

**This week**

Think of times when you may be tempted to deny Christ: by actions which do not reflect what you really believe. Try to publicly witness to your faith this week, even in simple ways like saying grace before meals.

**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.

### *Do not be afraid.....*

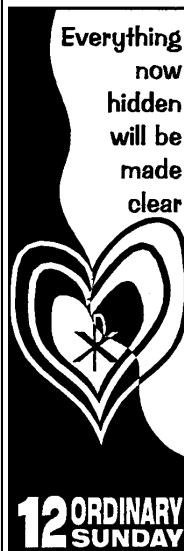
The gospel today recounts Jesus' words of encouragement to his twelve handpicked disciples. To this point in the Gospel of Matthew, they have been called to follow him, have heard his teaching, and seen his healings and exorcisms. Now Jesus prepares the Twelve themselves to teach and preach. Matthew does not tell us about the successes or failures of these apostles, perhaps because at this time in the gospel results are not as consequential as listening ears and willing hearts.

Because they are to fear nothing, the disciples must speak in the light what they hear in the darkness and to "proclaim on the housetops" what they have whispered.

The Lord's teaching, though special and powerful, is not meant for dark corners and quiet whispers. It's not meant only for Sunday sermons beneath the roofs of our church or for the rooms of our Scripture studies. The gospel message needs the light and air of our offices, our homes and schools. The gospel thrives in the everyday life of ordinary time because people who embrace what Jesus teaches bravely proclaim in word and deed that the gospel is relevant.

*Little Rock Scripture Study*

This week we are inviting all parishioners to not only think about the RCIA program in our parish, but to take some action: do you have time (2 minutes a day) to be a prayer supporter, would you like to be part of the team, or would you like to sponsor a candidate? And, do you know anyone who would like to learn more about our faith? This is the time to go out and ask them to join us. Go on.... Be brave! You have nothing to fear.....



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**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK  
12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Jer 20:10-13**

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

**Rom 5:12-15**

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

**Mt 10:26-33**

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Monday

2 Kg 17:5-8, 13-15, 18; Mt 7:1-5

Tues-Birth of John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80

Wednesday

2 Kg 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

2 Kg 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

Friday

2 Kg 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday—St Irenaeus

Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19; Mt 8:5-17

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Ss PETER & PAUL**

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18  
Mt 16:13-19

## Friars of the Parishes

Fr Anthony 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 22 June</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA BAPTISM @ SFX</b>
<b>Monday 23 June</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME. FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY @ ST CLARE'S. CONTACT: OLIVE 9878 4103 CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	
	<b>4.00pm</b>	
<b>Tuesday 24 June</b>	<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY @ SFX</b>
		<b>BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>
<b>Wednesday 25 June</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL (ENTER VIA HARRISON ST). FURTHER INFORMATION: LYNNE FOGALE 9898 2516 ST CLARE'S SENIORS @ SC PARISH HOUSE FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING @ SFX</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	
	<b>12.30pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	
<b>Thursday 26 June</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—NOON MASS &amp; ANOINTING, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT 1PM AT DONCASTER INN HOTEL, CNR DONCASTER &amp; VICTORIA STS. BOOKINGS: MARG 9803 4973, PAT 9887 6790. DID08 MEETING FOR HOST FAMILIES @ SFX HALL</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	
<b>Friday 27 June</b>	<b>7.30pm -9pm</b>	<b>END TERM 2 BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>
<b>Saturday 28 June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>
		<b>ST IRENAEUS</b>



**DID08 HOST FAMILY  
MEETING THURSDAY 26  
JUNE 7PM in SFX HALL**  
PILGRIM ALLOCATION HAS  
BEGUN! OUR HOST FAMILIES  
FOR THE FRENCH PILGRIMS  
HAVE NOW BEEN ALLOCATED AND  
FAMILIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. WE  
ARE STILL AWAITING VERIFICATION ON  
THE ARRIVAL OF THE MEXICAN AND  
VENEZUELAN PILGRIMS. THANKS TO  
ALL THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE OFFERED  
BEDS. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED  
OF DEVELOPMENTS.

**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, OR GIVE TO YOUR  
VISITORS.

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**2009 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN  
AT SFX PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOX HILL**  
for Baptised Catholic children who turn 5  
years of age by 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> August,  
15<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

If you requested a receipt for your Project  
Compassion donation, it is available for  
collection from SFX Parish Office.

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

## PEACE BY PIECE, An Inter-faith Peace Ceremony For Young People

**When:** Thursday 10 July,  
10am to just after 11am

**Where:** Federation  
Square, Cnr Swanston &  
Flinders Streets

**What:** People of all  
faiths are invited to come  
together in a spirit of  
peace for this special  
celebration of inter-faith  
unity and respect. Peace by Piece is an  
opportunity for young people of all faiths to  
gather together and witness to our unified  
desire for a peaceful world.  
**SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE  
BY NATALIE GAUCI,**



## 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*

## ADULT EDUCATION

In a bid to grow in our understanding about current church issues and teachings, we will be conducting a small discussion group on the second Thursday of each month in St Francis Xavier Parish Meeting Room.

**Next date is: July 10—10.00-11.30am.**

## 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.

## My corner

Someone told me recently that the words "do not be afraid" are found in the Bible about 300

times. I'm not sure if this is accurate, but it is an indication that people have always struggled with fear and needed to be continually reassured of God's presence with them and of his ability to guard and guide them. Mostly, I feel as if I'm in a very secure place. I don't worry too much about all the possible things that could happen to me.

In recent discussions, however, I have come to realise that many people are afraid of many things—old age, illness, drugs, loneliness, the traffic, crowds, terrorists, the end of the world.... Older people are concerned about newspaper reports of attacks and robberies and total disrespect for age; about nursing homes and death. Parents fear that their children may end up in the wrong company, taking drugs and drinking, may fail exams, ruin their chances for the future, get run over or abducted, suffer cot death, drown, not have friends, not be liked..

It's quite frightening to be a parent these days. Young people themselves have many fears about success and popularity, fitting in with the crowd, choosing the right subjects, finding friends, starting new schools. And if you read the newspapers there is much to fear at every level. It seems that today we have as much need as ever for Jesus to tell us "do not be afraid. I am with you always."

And his promise of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives must surely give us some comfort, and an awareness that we aren't trying to do all this on our own.

*Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate*

## - LOVE -

Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own home. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next-door neighbour.

(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

## OUR DEEPEST FEAR

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

*Nelson Mandela Inauguration Speech*

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

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.

## From Fr Ben

*I personally stay away from natural foods (like vegetables). At my age, I need all the preservatives I can get. (George Burns)*

## ROSTERS

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S-JUNE 29

#### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6pm E&A Fabian, E Kimmet,  
N Succar, M Rossely

7.30am J Reid

9.30am M Chan, F Fitzgerald,  
G Augustin, E&E VDW,  
P&R Cussen

5pm P McLaughlin

#### Ministers of the Word

6pm E Colafella, J Wells

7.30am

9.30am P Fitzgerald, H Miller

5pm J O'Brien, L Sanelli

#### Welcomers

6pm M&B Mahoney

9.30am V&B Burns

#### Children's Liturgy

July 20—16th Sunday OT—Group B

#### Altar Linen

June 22 O Rewega

June 29 C Chessari

#### Counters

June 22 B&M Walker

June 29 J Reid, M Rossely

#### Collectors 5pm

June 22 L Soulsby

June 29 I Mahlstedt

#### Rosary Statue

June 22—M&H Keown, 29 Lorraine Ave

June 29—P Shepherd, 3/516 Elgar Rd

#### ITALIAN MASS

##### Commentator

June 22 G Tabbachiera

June 29 G Amato

##### Lettori

June 22 N Pozzobon, A Dinardo

June 29 J Adamo, C Ingresso

##### Ministri dell'Eucarista

June 22 C Chessari, M Salamone

June 29 G Massarotti, D Amato

### ST CLARE'S—JUNE 29

#### Ministers of the Word

8.30 J Sakowski, P Sakowski

10.30 M Hardy, K McDonald

#### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

8.30am E Lim, D Wolbers, P Wolbers

10.30am D Hardy, P O'Brien, D Tan

#### Piety Stall—June 29

8.30 B Murphy 10.30 C Mirabella

**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.**