



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

*In the care of the
Franciscan Friars*

The Body and Blood of Christ May 25th, 2008—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.



This week Each time you gather for a meal this week with family or friends, make a special blessing of the food which you will share. Sustain & nourish others 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.

Prayer for the Journey of Healing

(A contribution to the nation, for use and adaptation, from the WA Reconciliation Inter-faith Working Group)

God of all creation,
We who have come from every land
give thanks for Australia;
This earth that feeds us;
The shores that bind us;
The skies that envelop us in freedom.
We stand together, united as one
people; Proud of our ability to work
together; Grateful for our gifts;
Nourished by our diversity and our
harmony.

Yet we turn to the original owners of
our land, and see, too, what we have
taken. We weep for their loss of
freedom, of country, of children - even
of their very lives. We stand in awe at
their survival, and in debt for their
land. We have shadows in our history
which if unfaced diminish us.
We have taken without asking;
Our nation has taken without asking;
Lives are wounded. We see the pain,
feel the sorrow and seek forgiveness.
Let us look back with courage, see the
truth and speak it.

Let us look around with compassion;
see the cost and share it.
Let us look forward with hope; see what
can be and create it.
Give us courage to face the 'truth'
Compassion to share the burden -
Strength to play our part in the
healing -
And hope to walk forward to a place of
justice.
With courage, compassion, strength
and hope,
we will walk together on the journey
of healing.

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This newsletter is also
available on our website:
www.scsfx.org.au

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST **Deut 8:2-3,14-16**

*He gave you food which you
and your ancestors did not
know.*

1 Cor 10:16-17

*Though we are many, we form
a single body because we
share this one loaf.*

Jn 6:51-58

*My flesh is real food and my
blood is real drink.*

Monday—St Philip Neri

1 Pet 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

1 Pet 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

1 Pet 2:2-5,9-12; Mk 10:46-52

Friday—SACRED HEART

Deut 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16;
Mt 11:25-30

Saturday—The Visitation

Zeph 3:14-18 (Rom 12:9-16);
Lk 1:39-56

NEXT SUNDAY

9th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deut 11:18,26-28,32
Rom 3:21-25,28; Mt 7:21-27

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 Karen Nolan
Veronika Bellis
Vince Fazio Julian Sakowski
Clare Hangan Liz Clark
Jennifer Micheli Dianna Hardy
Trish Nicholson(Chair) Carmel Purdey
Monica Nitz Monique Waring

Next meeting : June 5

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 25 May	12.00pm	MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ SFX
Monday 26 May	8.30am	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY 9TH ANNIVERSARY MASS, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN SC HALL CONTACT: OLIVE 9878 4103 CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S
St PHILIP NERI	10.00am	
	4.00pm	
Tuesday 27 May	12.45pm	LEGION OF MARY @ SFX
Wednesday 28 May	8.30am	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
	9.00am	
	12.30pm	
Thursday 29 May	1.30pm	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—CANCER RESEARCH FUNDRAISING FUNCTION. SHARED LUNCH. DONATIONS & RAFFLE PROCEEDS TO CANCER APPEAL. ANOINTING MASS AT ST CLARE'S
	1.30pm	
Friday 30 May	9.15am	FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL MASS BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE
SACRED HEART	8.00pm	
Saturday 31 May	9.00am	PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE
THE VISITATION		

FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR MASS AT 10AM ON OUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY, 26 MAY FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCH IN ST CLARE'S HALL. CONTACT: OLIVE 9878 4103

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.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Do you have a spare or unused recent Sunday Missal? We need a number of them in the Parish Office, for the use of new RCIA enquirers.

Mature, lady parishioner seeking **RENTAL ACCOMMODATION**—unit or granny flat in Box Hill / Blackburn area. Please phone the Parish Office if you can help on 9890 2231.

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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE CONCLUDES TODAY AT BOTH PARISHES.

Collectors please note!

ANOINTING MASS AT ST. CLARE'S ON THURSDAY, 29TH MAY AT 1.30 PM.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS, CLARECARE WELCOME ALL TO AFTERNOON TEA IN THE PARISH HOUSE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH UP WITH OLD ACQUAINTANCES AND PERHAPS MAKE NEW FRIENDS. IF TRANSPORT IS REQUIRED, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AND THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE.

LETTER FROM HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

Dear Fr Anthoni,
Thank you for your donation of \$3,242.95 for the 2008 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places. This amount will be added to all other monies collected in parishes and Mass centre throughout Australia. Later this year, when all the returns have been finalised, the total amount will be transferred to the Holy Land where it is used to promote the missionary work of the Church by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in such areas as health, education, employment and housing. The collection is also used to maintain the churches & shrines associated with the life of Jesus.....

.....On behalf of the Christians in the Holy Land and the Franciscans who care for the Holy Places, please convey my thanks to those who have given so generously.

Fr Carl Schafer OFM

Commissary of the Holy Land

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

NATIONAL SORRY DAY – May 26

Australians will commemorate the history of the removal of Indigenous Australians which resulted in the Stolen Generation on May 26. This year marks 11 years since the release of the Bringing them Home report. What can you do? Show your support by wearing a native hibiscus flower on May 26. From the website: "We seek your participation to make the 11th anniversary of the 'Bringing Them Home' report a key factor in the recognition of Australia's Stolen Generations. You can remind the current administration about this issue and you can show your solidarity for genuine remembrance and healing by wearing a native hibiscus flower on May 26, 2008. Most people have no idea what the Commemorative Flower signifies and of the continuing work that needs to be done for victims of the Stolen Generations right across Australia. The 'silk' flower has been created as a national emblem of the Stolen Generations. This was initially proposed by members of the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation, and later endorsed by the National Sorry Day Committee. It is wholeheartedly supported by the Stolen Generations Alliance. This flower was adopted because it is found widely across Australia and it is a survivor. Its colour denotes compassion and spiritual healing.

My corner

This semester, I have been studying a course at YTU called "Catholic Social Teaching and Indigenous Peoples". It fitted in beautifully with my planned pilgrimage to Lake Mungo and the Flinders Ranges, and the lecturer has been very accommodating and helpful in allowing me to use parts of the pilgrimage towards assessment. As a consequence of all this study, my thoughts have been very much involved with aboriginal affairs. This week, National Reconciliation Week, is a very exciting one for our aboriginal communities. With the Apology in February, they have had their spirits lifted hugely, and from what I have seen and heard, are incredibly optimistic that reconciliation will continue at all levels—national, local, personal. There hasn't been such hope for our indigenous people since Pope John Paul's address to them in 1986, where he challenged the Church (and the whole nation) to joyfully receive the Aboriginal people, and he challenged them to make their own unique contribution to the church in Australia. In Box Hill, we rarely see any aboriginal people, and can easily think that their problems and issues are something separate from our lives. As Christians, and as members of the Body of Christ, we know that we are called to love and care for one another. I hope that we will all join together this week to pray for true reconciliation and acceptance for all Australian aboriginal people.

Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate

FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In June a new RCIA group will be starting. The first phase is the inquiry stage. We are called to be welcoming and supportive of those making inquiry about our faith and would like you to consider whether you can play a role - it may be attending an inquiry session, welcoming a newcomer or a visitor, telling them about RCIA, inviting anyone you know who might be interested, sharing part of your life story (where God has been in your life/ who have been your inspirations) or just being put in touch with someone who may attend same Mass you regularly attend to talk to them about your/ their faith journey. You can play a part in this – just contact the Parish house on 9890 2231.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

The theme for Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June) this year is It's All Our Story. To find out what is happening near you, visit Reconciliation Australia's online events calendar at www.reconciliation.org.au/events

World Youth Day update: 2 June release for Days in the Dioceses Melbourne Commissioning Mass Tickets!

Keep your eye out for the Commissioning Mass Ticket Release to parishes on 2 June!

An email will be sent to all Parishes providing information on how each parish can book tickets. In the meantime make sure you check out the website for regular updates on ticketing or to download the Event Program www.did08.com

DAYS IN THE DIOCESE IN THE PARISHES OF SFX & SC JULY 10-14.

Thurs 10th - Billets arrive.

Fri 11th - 10.30am Morning prayer, welcome @ SC in basement followed by morning tea. Commissioning Mass to be held at Telstra Dome in evening.

Sat 12th - Cooked breakfast @ SC starting at 8am leading into 9am Mass. Followed by walk thru local area – perhaps watch a local football game.

Sun 13th - 9.30am Family Mass @ SFX then bring a plate in resource room.

Mon 14th - Departure.

We have been allocated pilgrims from France, Mexico & Venezuela—If there are any parishioners who speak French or Spanish & who are available on the above 3 days—your assistance would be greatly appreciated. All parishioners are invited to support these events & make our pilgrims feel welcome.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Mass & Adoration to stop the new abortion & euthanasia legislation, proposed to be introduced shortly in Victoria. 30 hours of prayer & adoration for life including: Mass with Most Rev. Archbishop Denis Hart—Thurs 29 May at 7.30pm to Sat 31 May with Midnight Mass at St Anthony's Shrine, 182 Power St, Hawthorn. Ph:98304386/9819 3775

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—JUNE 1

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

6pm JJMorison, M O'Brien,
M&A O'Connor, M Chandler
7.30am B Reid
9.30am F Fitzgerald, E Kimmet,
K Kirwan, M Slevison,
V&G Mooney, M Soulsby

5pm P Aldag

Ministers of the Word

6pm M Jeffares, M Rossely
7.30am Faye Neyland
9.30am GRADE 3
5pm K Ooi, L Mayne

Welcomers

6pm J Morison, M Rossely
9.30am GRADE 3

Children's Liturgy

June 15—11th Sunday OT—Group C
June 22—12th Sunday OT—group A

Altar Linen

May 25 Els Vogel
June 1 J Morison

Counters

May 25 J Butler, M Rossely
June 1 H Kerwin, M O'Connor

Collectors 5pm

May 25 L Soulsby
June 1 I Mahlstedt

Rosary Statue

May 25—J&W Burrows, 11 Taldra St
June 1—M& B O'Shaughnessy, 53 Kerrimuir St

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

May 25 R Bidinost
June 1 J Adamo

Lettori

May 25 N Pozzobon, A Dinardo
June 1 A Basile, L Ferola

Ministri dell'Eucarista

May 25 D Amato, G Massarotti
June 1 R Bidinost, C Chessari

ST CLARE'S—JUNE 1

Ministers of the Word

8.30 M Clark, D Hayes
10.30 M Hardy, K McDonald

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

8.30am E Lim, D Wolbers, P Wolbers
10.30am D Tan, P Ciccotosto, T Shallvey

Piety Stall—June 1

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.