

St Francis Xavier and St Clare

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A ~ 14th August 2011

From the prophet Isaiah

Is 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples. The word of the Lord.

Responsory (All)

Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind. The word of the Lord. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again. The gospel of the Lord.

Entrance God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people.
For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

Acclam When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord until you come again.

Communion With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

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Bookings can be made with SFX Parish Office for each Parish, and celebrated in the church requested. This is to avoid double bookings.

BAPTISMS

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.

St Francis Xavier's—
1st and 3rd Sundays of month only,
12.30 pm

St Clare's—2nd Sunday, 10.30 am

LITURGY SPOT SPECIAL!**The Introductory Rites of our Liturgy**

We all know how important introductions around a group of people are as it "breaks the ice" or gets people comfortable with each other. We usually have "drinks and nibbles" with our guests before we go to the table for the main part of our evening meal or afternoon luncheon. We settle in from our travels to arrive. So too, the ritual of our eucharist draws us together and gives us an opportunity to gather the mind, heart and body to be present to the hour of our community at worship.

The Entrance Procession and Song — the old saying..."if you get off to a good start it will go a long way to a good outcome!" Well this is of vital importance to the entrance hymn—it must be such that we are aroused! attentive! joy-filled! and above all ready! The very hymn as entrance needs to be up-beat in its music and words of prayer & praise in song which reaches our innermost person, lets us drop all the distractions of the week past and gives us a lift to "enter - into the joy of the Lord!! The whole next part of our celebration hinges on this entrance hymn as to how well we participate in the action of the whole ritual of our Mass as a community. Let's make a joy-filled sound to the Lord!

Sr. Moira, Liturgy Coordinator**ADVANCE NOTICE****Liturgy Workshop ~ Readers ~ Ministers of the Word**

In the last week of August we will hold two (repeat) workshops for all our readers of Scripture for St Francis Xavier and St Clare Masses [both weekend and weekdays]. We request all parishioners currently who are currently our Readers (Lectors!) to attend one of the sessions as set out below. Sr. Moira will facilitate these sessions. We do need more Ministers of the Word to come on to our rosters, so please come along to become part of this important ministry ~ Young people from Years 7 through to Year 12, Young adults 18 years + over, and younger parents we especially invite you to become..... "proclaimers of the Word".

Session I**Tuesday 30th August****9.30am – 11.00am****St Clare's Parish House****Session II****Wednesday 31st August****7.30pm – 9.00pm****St Francis Xavier Meeting Room****FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION—15th August**

The Assumption is a holy day of obligation in Australia.

Although the Church in Jerusalem celebrated the death of Mary from the 5th century, the doctrine of her assumption was not formulated in the west until the late 6th century. In the Eastern Church, the feast is called the Dormition (literally 'falling asleep') of Mary and is included among the twelve principal feasts of the year. Later developments used scriptural imagery to make Mary's entrance into heaven more explicit. The readings of the day for the solemnity emphasise what God did in Mary. The first reading, from the book of the Apocalypse, depicts "the woman" in the process of giving birth to a son and being threatened by a dragon. God rescues them, evil is foiled, God's reign is established and Mary rejoices. In the second reading from Corinthians, Paul reminds us that what was granted to Mary will be shared by all who follow Christ. The Gospel emphasises that Mary's greatness comes from her participation in God's plan. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with a splendid hymn of praise, the *Magnificat*, which Christians have sung at Evening Prayer from earliest times. The preface of the Assumption gives us words of hope:

*"Today the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven
to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection,
and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way."*

Elizabeth Harrington, The Liturgical Commission's education officer, Brisbane

We pray for those recently deceased: Antonino Occhino, Megan Murphy, Stephen Kennedy; **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Frank Neyland, Jacquelyn Barnes, Marta Bustos, Raul Bustos; **and the sick of our Parish:**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK-**MON: ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY****APOC 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 COR 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56****TUES: JUDGES 6:11-24' MT 19:23-30****WED: JUDGES 9:6-15; MT 20:1-16****THURS: JUDGES 11:29-39; MT 22:1-14****FRI: RUTH 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; MT 22:34-40****SAT: RUTH 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; MT 23:1-12 (ST BERNARD)****21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****IS 22:19-23; ROM 11:33-36; MT 16:13-20**

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST	10.30AM 11.30-12.30PM	BAPTISM AT ST CLARE'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP - SFX MEETING ROOM
MONDAY 15 AUGUST <u>FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION</u>	8.30AM 9.00AM 10.30AM 12.00PM 4.00PM 7.30PM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION AT ST CLARE'S FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP / ST CLARE'S MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION AT SFX CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION AT SFX
TUESDAY 16 AUGUST	12.30PM 3.00-3.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PARISH PRAYER GROUP IN SFX CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (As MONDAY)
THURSDAY 18 AUGUST	1.00PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—BLUMES' FASHION (SEE BELOW)
FRIDAY 19 AUGUST	9.00-11.00AM 7.30PM	PLAYGROUP AT SFX (CLASSROOM NEXT TO OLD LIBRARY) BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SATURDAY 20 AUGUST	9.00AM 2.30PM 4.-5.30PM	PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE. WEDDING AT SFX RCIA - SFX PARISH HALL
SUNDAY 21 AUGUST	12.30PM	<u>NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES</u> 3 BAPTISMS AT SFX

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—August 21

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm	D Williamsz, J Morison, M O'Brien, M Rossely, V Bellis
8.00am	J Reid
10.00am	E&E VDW, J D'Souza, L Lampard, M Blundy, N Succar, W Tan
5.00pm	A Large, MT Francisco

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm	M Williamsz, R Meyers
8.00am	B Reid
10.00am	AM Diggins, J Tan
5.00pm	J O'Brien, M Slevison

Welcomers

6.00pm	J Morison, M Rossely
8.00am	J Reid
10.00am	A Galli, L Lampard
5.00pm	J Dominic

Altar Linen

August 14	MT Francisco
August 21	R Meyers

Counters

August 14	B&C Parsons
August 21	B&M Walker

Rosary Statue

August 14—	M&B Mahoney, 15 Irving Ave
August 21—	L&D Mayne

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

August 14	R Bidinost
August 21	J Adamo

Lettori

August 14	N Amato, R Bidinost
August 21	N Pozzobon, A D'Alessandro

Ministri dell'Eucarista

August 14	R Bidinost, G Tabacchiera
August 21	M Salamone, M Casamento

ST CLARE'S—August 21

Ministers of the Word

K McMahon, T Nicholson, D Hayes

Ministers of Communion

P O'Brien, I D'Amato, J Murphy,
T Shallvey, A Kennedy, P Wolbers,
D Wolbers

Welcomers—August 21

A Kennedy, H Keown

Piety Stall—August 21

B Murphy

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Cleary	Peter Leonard
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Ann-Marie Diggins	Annie Setiawan
Jane D'Souza	Dianna Hardy
Maurice Ferdinando	Carmel Purdey
Anthony Kennedy	Monique Waring
Sr Moira Broderick	(ex-officio)

Next meeting : 1 September 2011

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available on our website:
www.scfx.org.au

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday 15th August

Mass Times:

St Clare's—9am

SFX—12 Noon

SFX—7.30pm

RCIA GATHERING SAT 27 AUGUST

Our new RCIA process will continue with our gathering on Saturday, 27th August from 4pm—5.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Hall. Our team invites parishioners to join them and to bring along anyone who may wish to... "Come and See!" who we are as the Catholic community of SFX and St Clare. Sometimes those of us who are "look-time" Catholics also enjoy the refresher that these sessions offer. All Welcome.

THE AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week, the Autumn Friendship Club will have Blumes' Fashions, at 1 pm, SFX Hall. It is winter sale time, so come and find a bargain. Next week, we will attend the film "Jane Eyre". \$18.00 covers the cost of transport, film and light lunch. Let Marg know if you are coming -9803 4973. You will need to pay in full by August 18. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities; for information, ring Pat - 9887 6790.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us and He has given us the gifts that we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using the gifts that God has given us to do the work that God has planned for us alone. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of God's work will be left undone.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

There is great excitement amongst the children in anticipation of the Concert. We look forward to a wonderful night on which our whole community comes together. It is indeed a *celebration* of our community.

AuSSI Vic Update

We were delighted this week to receive the sign to be proudly displayed which represents our progress to 5Star Sustainability Certification. We are well on the way to achieving the second star. As I reported last week we have already exceeded our target of a 70% reduction in waste to land fill, which has also resulted in a significant saving in the cost of waste collection.
Carmel Purdey, Principal

The Parishes of St Francis Xavier & St Clare

Social Justice Group

Next meeting on

TODAY SUNDAY 14th August

11:30am to 12.30pm

(after 10.00 am Mass and a cuppa)

At the PARISH MEETING ROOM

If you are doing or want to do any justice

project And would like us to be involved

Call Maurice on 8812 2079 or Frank on

Tel: 0404 157 351

Or attend the meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WE stand for a fair go for all the people of God

THANK YOU COMMUNION TO THE SICK MINISTERS

Many thanks to you all who gathered this past week and may you all be richly blest for your on-going love and care of our sick, frail and elderly parishioners.

Sr Moira will have a repeat session on Tuesday evening, 23rd August from 5.30pm—6.30pm in SFX Meeting Room for those parishioners who are Communion to the Sick Ministers or who would like to be part of this ministry in the years ahead, and who were unable to make the day session.

EUCHARIST, SACRAMENT, SACRIFICE, HOLY COMMUNION

Talk presented by Sandra Bishop, national & international speaker with the School of Evangelisation. Monday 15th August at 10.30am at St Clare's Hall. Francis/Clare Charismatic Prayer Community invite all parishioners & friends. Olive 9878 4103; Therese 9878 3706.

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.