

# St Francis Xavier and St Clare

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A ~ 21 August 2011

## From the prophet Isaiah

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory for his father's house. The word of the Lord.

## Responsory (All)

Ps 137:1-3.6.8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.  
I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

## From the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen. The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation (All)

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

## From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Entrance** Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you.

I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

**Acclam** Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**Communion** Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven;  
man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

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**SFX Parish Office Hours:**

**9.30 am to 4.30 pm**  
**Monday, Wed, Thurs, Friday**  
**Parish Secretary—** Monique Waring

**St Clare's Parish Office Hours:**

**Wednesday & Friday**  
**9.00 am—10.30 am**  
**Parish Secretary—**Dianna Hardy

**LITURGY TIMES****St Clare's**

**Sunday 9.00 am**  
**Wed, Fri & Sat 9.00 am**

**Confessions: Sat 9.30—10 am**

**St Francis Xavier's**

**Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm**  
**Sunday 8.00 am**

**10.00am**  
**(Italian) 11.30 am**

**5.00 pm**  
**Mon—Fri 12 noon**

**Confessions: Sat 4.00—5.00 pm**

**MARRIAGES**

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 Penitential Rite**

As part of the introductory rites we move, after the initial welcome of the celebrant priest, into this small, but very important piece of the whole liturgy known as the penitential rite.

How did this get into the place it now still has in our Mass?

In the year 400AD the Roman Emperor Constantine, having become the first Christian emperor moved his empire centre to Constantinople [now Istanbul, Turkey]. From this time on the Christians, who had for centuries, as the early church communities, been under constant & fierce persecution, were free. Many Christians were "underground", faithful people who for generations did not publicly demonstrate their practice of faith. So when the Emperor Justinian & Empress Theodore built the famous church building of "Sancta Sophia Holy Spirit – Holy Wisdom" by 538 this huge edifice was ready for all christens to gather for the Eucharist on the Day of the Lord – Sunday. All were eager to become one as a whole community. Those who had been secret Christians also wished to be formally embraced back into the community & so the Penitential Rite enabled this to happen.

We, today, confess our failures to each other; we look to Jesus, or saving Lord; we use the ancient Greek Kyrie Eleison, Christ have mercy and the priest, as celebrant through his ministry, offers us, the community, the prayer of forgiveness

..."May almighty God forgive us our sins and bring us to life everlasting"...

We are now, as one people of God, ready to enter fully into our liturgy of Word & Sacrament. The Penitential Rite of our Mass is the oldest form of the sacrament of forgiveness & healing & is still integral to our Mass today. As a community we need this union of forgiveness to enable us to become at one with the Word & Sacrament.

**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 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".

<b>Session I</b>	<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Session II</b>	<b>Wednesday 31st August</b>
	<b>9.30am – 11.00am</b>		<b>7.30 - 9.00pm</b>
	<b>St Clare's Parish House</b>		<b>St Francis Xavier Meeting Room</b>

**PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP – SFX & ST CLARE'S**

Last Sunday the newly formed Social Justice Team met & a great group of highly motivated folk came together to keep us all with an "outward" focus as a parish. At the end of September the Australian Bishops invite all parishes to focus on Social Justice issues and on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September we will celebrate the special liturgy set for all parishes on the importance of social justice both here in Australia and around our world.....Jesus, of the Gospel gave much attention to the social needs of his time and land and invites us to do the same.

We have a number of possible projects and areas to become more involved with as a parish, as well as support those projects already happening and which may have become unnoticed!

In early October we will invite the Brigidine sisters involved with the Asylum Seekers Project to hold an evening here in SFX and St Clare Parish....further details later.

Please feel welcome to join our next team meeting on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September in the SFX Meeting Room. Contact Maurice Ferdinando, Chairperson 8812 2079 or [mcfderinando@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mcfderinando@optusnet.com.au)

**We pray for those recently deceased:**

*Nancy Maio*

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

*Maria Massarotti, John O'Leary, James Lynch*

**and the sick of our Parish:**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK -**

**Mon: Queenship of Mary—1Thess 1:1-5,8-10; Mt23:13-22**

**Tues: 1 Thess 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26**

**Wed: St Bartholomew—Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51**

**Thurs: 1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51**

**Fri: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13**

**Sat: St Monica—1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30**

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27**

<b>SUNDAY 21 AUGUST</b>	<b>12.30PM</b>	<b>NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS &amp; REFUGEES</b> <b>3 BAPTISMS AT SFX</b>
<b>MONDAY 22 AUGUST</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> <b>(CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)</b>
	<b>10.30AM</b> <b>4.00PM</b>	<b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP / ST CLARE'S</b> <b>CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S</b>
<b>TUESDAY 23 AUGUST</b>	<b>12.30PM</b> <b>3.00-3.30PM</b> <b>5.30-6.30PM</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)</b> <b>PARISH PRAYER GROUP IN SFX CHURCH</b> <b>MINISTERS TO THE SICK MEETING IN SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b>
<b>THURSDAY 25 AUGUST</b>	<b>1.00PM</b>	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—FILM/LUNCHEON SEE BELOW)</b>
<b>FRIDAY 26 AUGUST</b>	<b>9.00-11.00AM</b> <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>PLAYGROUP AT SFX (CLASSROOM NEXT TO OLD LIBRARY)</b> <b>BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM</b>
<b>SATURDAY 27 AUGUST</b>	<b>9.00AM</b> <b>4.-5.30PM</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT <u>SFX PARISH HOUSE.</u></b> <b>RCIA - SFX PARISH MEETING ROOM</b>
<b>SUNDAY 28 AUGUST</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>PREP FAMILY MASS</b>

### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK MINISTERS**

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.

### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL**

"Then the Spirit will be poured out from above, the land will flourish and the desert will become fruitful, and justice and righteousness, peace and confidence will abound (Isaiah 32.15-18) The drought gripping East Africa is a humanitarian catastrophe. Caritas Australia and the Catholic Community must stand in solidarity with prayers and support for the 12.5 million men, women and children in urgent need of assistance. Caritas Australia is engaged in Kenya and Somalia and is working towards ensuring families have access to health care, food rations, clean water and nutrition for the sick. Through the East Africa Crisis Appeal, you can help provide food relief, clean water and basic necessities in this time of crisis. For more information or to donate please visit [www.caritas.org.au/eastafricacrisis](http://www.caritas.org.au/eastafricacrisis) call 1800 024 413; or post donations to GPO Box 9830 MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

### **URGENT DONATIONS REQUIRED!**

St Vincent de Paul centre at Mont Albert is in urgent need of men's and women's clothing & blankets. Donations can be left at the Parish House or pick-up can be arranged by phoning Anna on 9890 4407. Thank you.

### **PRAYER CHAIR**

*The need for regular prayer, both private and liturgical, in our day to day lives was a major emphasis of Pope*

*Benedict's words at Randwick WYD08. To carry this forward, you might like to take home one of the yellow sheets at the back of the church, choose a favourite chair at home as your prayer-chair and place the sheet within easy reach of it. Slide into it from time to time during the coming week, take up this sheet and aided by the reflections think over again the words of the Gospel this week.*

### **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 Parish House. 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 is holding a film/luncheon. The film is Jane Eyre; cost - \$18.00 for transport, film & light lunch. Contact Marg - 9803 4973 - if you wish to attend; all those with tickets should meet in Woodhouse Grove near St Clare's at 9.15am. The following week, we have nothing formal arranged - we will get together in the SFX Hall from 1pm. All parishioner & their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - July - 9878 4212.

### **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**

St Francis Xavier School is taking part in both the Woolworths competition and the Coles Sport for your schools competition. From now until September 18th 2011, you can earn one point for our school for every \$10 you spend at either Woolworths or Coles (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards).

**WOOLWORTHS** Points automatically appear on your shopping dockets, so you have a couple of options:

1. bring those dockets to Mass and drop in the collection box at the back of the church
2. cut the number off the bottom of the docket and just drop that in the box
3. email the number to [asildlawso@gmail.com](mailto:asildlawso@gmail.com) to be entered in the system.

### **COLES**

Like last year, **Coles** will be giving out vouchers to be brought to Mass and dropped in the box. **Woolworths** points can be used for educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & crafts materials and much, much more. **Coles** points can again be used to purchase sports equipment. Put receipts in the box at the back of the church.

St Francis Xavier School sincerely appreciates your support –  
Thank you. Carmel Purdey, Principal

### **ROSTERS**

#### **ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—August 28**

#### **Ministers of Communion**

6.00pm D Williamsz, G Machado, J Hickey, J Wells, T D'Andrea  
8.00am J Reid  
10.00am A Leonard, C Chin, V&G Mooney, K de Lacy, M Ferdinand, M Sinclair  
A Large, MT Francisco

#### **Ministers of the Word**

6.00pm M Dodds, M Williamsz  
8.00am B Reid  
10.00am SCHOOL  
5.00pm H Dyjak, M Slevison

#### **Welcomers**

6.00pm G Machado, J Hickey  
8.00am M&B Walker  
10.00am J Dominic, L Lampard

#### **Altar Linen**

August 21 R Meyers  
August 28 E O'Brien

#### **Counters**

August 21 B&M Walker  
August 28 P McGlin, M Rossely

#### **Rosary Statue**

August 21—L&D Mayne  
August 28—A Massarotti, 2 Linsley St, BH

#### **ITALIAN MASS**

#### **Commentator**

August 21 J Adamo  
August 28 P Grech

#### **Lettori**

August 21 N Pozzobon, A D'Alessandro  
August 28 J Adamo, C Ingresso

#### **Ministri dell'Eucarista**

August 21 M Salamone, M Casamento  
August 28 D Amato, M Salamone

#### **ST CLARE'S—August 28**

#### **Ministers of the Word**

P Fitzgerald, M Clark, C Abiad

#### **Ministers of Communion**

P O'Brien, T Shallvey, T Nicholson, H Keown, A Kennedy, J Murphy, P Ciccotosto

#### **Welcomers—August 28**

A La Scala, I Abiad

#### **Piety Stall—August 28**

Farry family

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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Maurice Ferdinando Carmel Purdey  
Anthony Kennedy Monique Waring  
Sr Moira Broderick (ex-officio)

**Next meeting : 1 September 2011**

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### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. The good steward does this with gratitude.