

St Francis Xavier and St Clare

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A ~ 28 August 2011

From the prophet Jeremiah

Jer 20:7f

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it. The word of the Lord.

Responsory (All)

Ps 62:2-6.8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.
For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

cf. Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called. Alleluia!

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Entrance I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.
You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

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

Communion O Lord, how great is the depth of the kindness
which you have shown to those who love you.

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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 Gloria—Song of Praise

The Emperor Justinian and Empress Theodora in 562AD celebrated with the rituals for the Easter Season in the magnificent Church or Basilica of "Sancta Sophia". As Romans were used to those lavish processions into the city of Rome to celebrate their conquests of the empire, the Easter Christian celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus became the new form of ritual celebration.....so was presented for inclusion...The Gloria—the Easter Season Song of Praise. This "Glory to God in the Highest" was first sung in the Heavens by the Angels, over the poor shepherds on the hills of Bethlehem, to announce the birth of Jesus; Emmanuel—God With Us.

So it was, that the early church, under Emperor Justinian, used this as the processional hymn for the Easter Season—Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Amidst the colourful entrance procession banners, symbols, ministers and finally the Emperor and Empress in full dress, the huge volume of the sounds of instruments gave support to a joy-filled, full-voice of the choir leading the assembled people with "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to people of good will" -

...We praise You—
...We bless You—
...We thank You—

..... there is nothing timid or quiet about this song of praise. The very walls, ceiling and our hearts should reverberate with our voices!?

In our new Mass Shalom setting we can lift our voices and if a bit unsure of the verses at this stage, let's come in with "gusto!" at the refrains each time. By Christmas let's make this Gloria the brightest, fullest swelling our voices can give—we can be in 2011 the voices heralding the Birth of Jesus again!

Sr Moira, Liturgy Coordinator

LITURGY WORKSHOPS ~ "READERS" ~ MINISTERS OF THE WORD

In the coming week 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 to please attend one of the sessions as set out below. We do need more Ministers of the Word to come along and be 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
7.30 - 9.00pm
St Francis Xavier Meeting Room

Thank You Everyone,
Sr. Moira, Liturgy Coordinator

RCIA GATHERING
SAT 10TH SEPTEMBER

Our RCIA is growing.....we have had some further "enquirers" to join our team and we invite parishioners also to join us on these Saturday afternoons. Sometimes as "long-time" Catholics these session of RCIA bring us new enrichment of our faith and give us new insights as we are refreshed and renewed in the company of those preparing to join with us. All Welcome. **Our next gathering is on Saturday 10th September from 4pm—5.30pm in St Francis Xavier Parish House.**

We pray for those recently deceased:
Victoria Libchard, Giordano De Filippi, Anita Frichot
those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Maria Bertazzon, Eileen Daffy, Frank Fitzgerald, Tom Frazer, Mick Wilson
and the sick of our Parish:

EMBER DAYS kept in the Roman Church since the 11th century, mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Vatican Council II retained ember days in principle, but left it to bishops conferences to determine the extent and form of their observance. (The name 'ember' is similar in derivation to the German 'Quarter', 'quarter day'). The Australian Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK -

MON: BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST—
JER 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29
TUES: 1 THESS 5:1-6, 9-11; LK 4:31-37
WED: COL 1:9-14; LK 5:1-11
THURS: 1 THESS 3:7-13; MT 24:42-51
FRI: SPRING EMBER DAY—
COL 1:15-20; LK 5:33-39
SAT: ST GREGORY THE GREAT—
COL 1:21-23; LK 6:1-5
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
EZEK 33:7-9; ROM 13:8-10; MT 18:15-20

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST	10.00AM	PREP FAMILY MASS
MONDAY 29 AUGUST	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
	10.30AM	FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP / ST CLARE'S
	4.00PM	CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S
TUESDAY 30 AUGUST	9.30-11AM	MINISTERS OF THE WORD MEETING AT ST CLARE'S PH
	12.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)
	3.00-3.30PM	PARISH PRAYER GROUP IN SFX CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
	7.30-9PM	MINISTERS OF THE WORD MEETING AT SFX PHMR
THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER	1.00PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—SR MOIRA (SEE BELOW)
	7.30PM	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER	9.00-11.00AM	PLAYGROUP AT SFX (CLASSROOM NEXT TO OLD LIBRARY)
	11.00AM	HOLY HOUR AT SFX
	7.30PM	BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE.
	4.-5.30PM	RCIA - SFX PARISH MEETING ROOM
SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER	12.30PM	SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION
		3 BAPTISMS AT SFX

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

You are invited to to drop toiletries to the Parish House to be taken to the Brigidine Sisters for their asylum seeker and refugee programs.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL

Caritas Australia is engaged in Kenya and Somalia. 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 call 1800 024 413; or post donations to GPO Box 9830 MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

TALKS ON THE EUCHARIST CONTINUE

This week "Objections, Clarifying Issues". Presented by Sandra Bishop, national & international speaker with the School of Evangelisation. Monday 29th August at 10.30am at St Clare's Hall. Francis/Clare Charismatic Prayer Community invite all parishioners & friends. Olive 9878 4103; Therese 9878 3706.

EXHIBITION OF ICONS

There will be an exhibition of icons after Masses at SFX from the 9th - 11th September, in the "Friars Room" adjacent to the church.



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.

THE AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week, Sr. Moira, our new Pastoral Associate, will speak to us - in the SFX Hall at 1pm. On September 8, Val Mooney, a parishioner, will tell us about the latest happenings in Timor Leste, in the Franciscan Parish that our parish has been working with. All parishioners & their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 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 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

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.

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—September 4

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm J Morison, L Lampard, M O'Brien, N Succar, R Meyers
8.00am J Reid
10.00am E&E VDW, J D'Souza, M Blundy, W Tan, L Hughes + 1
5.00pm A Large, H Dyjak

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm J Wells, L Norton
8.00am B Reid
10.00am C Leung, M Robotham
5.00pm H Miller, K Ooi

Welcomers

6.00pm D Paes, E Castelletti
8.00am J Reid
10.00am E&E VDW

Altar Linen

August 28 E O'Brien
September 4 J Reid

Counters

August 28 P McGlin, M Rossely
September 4 B&M Walker

Rosary Statue

August 28—A Massarotti, 2 Linsley St, BH
September 4—S Massarotti, 1A Tyne St

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

August 28 P Grech
September 4 G Amato

Lettori

August 28 J Adamo, C Ingresso
September 4 G Tabacchiera, G Amato

Ministri dell'Eucarista

August 28 D Amato, M Salamone
September 4 G Massarotti, D Amato

ST CLARE'S—September 4

Ministers of the Word

Sr Moira, P Fitzgerald, D Hayes
Ministers of Communion
D Wolbers, P Wolbers, P O'Brien, I D'Amato, D Tan, E Lim,

Welcomers—September 4

M Boulton, P Ciccotosto

Piety Stall—September 4

A Lindsey

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

Next meeting : 1 September 2011

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" Matthew 16:26. St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.