



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

*In the care of the
Franciscan Friars*

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6th, 2009—Year B**

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Lord, you are just, and the judgments
you make are right. Show mercy when
you judge me, your servant.

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

Like a deer that longs for running
streams, my soul longs for you, my
God. My soul is thirsting for the living
God.

This week

*Be attentive this week
to the way gestures &
touch can be used to
welcome or to
exclude.
Open your ears to
what others are
saying.*



FATHERS' DAY

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**READINGS FOR
THIS WEEK
23rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Is 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be
opened and the tongues of the
dumb speak.*

James 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor of
the world to inherit the kingdom?*

Mk 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the
dumb speak.*

Monday

Col 1:24 - 2:23; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday - Birth of Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-28

Friday

1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

NEXT SUNDAY

24th SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18;

Mk 8:27-35

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.

With thanks to Grade One, SFX

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:

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

In the event of needing a priest urgently, please telephone 9890 2231 at any time of the day.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Veronika Bellis *Liz Clark*
Breta Cohen *Dianna Hardy*
Ann-Marie Diggins *Carmel Purdey*
Anthony Kennedy *Monique Waring*
Peter Leonard

Next meeting : 1 October

LITURGY TIMES

St Clare's
Sunday 9.00am
Weekdays:
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
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

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER FATHERS' DAY	12.30PM	COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION 2 BAPTISMS AT SFX
MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM 10.30AM 4.00PM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME. FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY IN THE NEW HALL ARE AT ST CLARE'S. OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706 CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S
TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER	12.45PM 7.30PM	LEGION OF MARY @ SFX RCIA (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM 9AM-11AM 7.30PM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT: RAY BELL 9893 4481 OR TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252 MEDITATION GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER	1.15PM 7.30PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—WORD OF MOUTH—SEE BELOW FIRST RECONCILIATION AT ST CLARE'S
FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER	5-6.30PM 7.30PM-9.00PM	LADIES DRINKS AT THE BLACKBURN HOTEL BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP IN SFX PHMR
SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE.
SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER	9.00AM 10.00AM 11.30AM	FIRST COMMUNION AT ST CLARE'S GRADE 6 FAMILY MASS AT SFX BAPTISM AT ST CLARE'S

THE AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

September 10th—1.15pm—A presentation by "Word of Mouth" with demonstration of various products & distribution of free samples.
September 17th—Noon Mass & Anointing, followed by Luncheon at (tba).

FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY

Fr Anthony will celebrate Mass in the **NEW HALL AREA** of St Clare's School (enter from Killara St) on Monday 7th September at 10.30am. Commencing with Praise & Worship at 10.15am. Refreshments to follow. This will be our first Mass in the new venue & we invite parishioners to join us.

RCIA

This week was very exciting as we were joined by yet another inquirer bringing our number to 5. We briefly looked at the aspects of "What we, as Catholics, believe". Carolyn spoke about the Holy Trinity and Anne discussed with us aspects of the Bible. We still have room for more inquirers. If you are interested in finding more about the catholic faith please contact the parish office. ~ Lisa Norton

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY - 13 SEPT

at the conclusion of Child Protection Week. The theme for this year is **PROMOTING SAFETY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISH**. The aim is to ensure that all communities & organisations within the church are safe & enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people & vulnerable adults. Copies of Codes of Conduct are available at the parish office. *Prayer cards are in the churches.*

POINTS TO PONDER	
✦	<i>'He has done things well.' What do you do well? What would you like to do better?</i>
✦	<i>What does the command of Jesus to 'be opened' mean to you at this point in your life?</i>

THE LIFE OF FRANCIS

continued.....Francis and Nature cont.

THE SOLUTION OF FRANCIS

Some have asked: what would Francis do or say if he lived today? How would he react to the current ecological crises facing our planet? Look firstly at your attitudes and behaviours.....

Francis was aware of human sinfulness; he had a sense of his own sinfulness and knew well the causes of unhappiness and much of human suffering. Francis understood that the root causes of environmental destruction are to be found in attitudes of avarice, ignorance and pride. He knew that much of human misery came about because of these sins. How often has it not been said that the "evils of globalisation" are due to sheer greed? Or that the "multinationals" see themselves as "buying-off" the resources they need to expand? Or that the "wealth of the First World is built on the poverty of the Third World"? Pride and arrogance go hand in hand; is not that the attitude of those who rape the environment for their own ends?

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Parish Bulletin Humour

- * It is claimed that the items below really did appear in parish bulletins!
- * The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals. * The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- * Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- * Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- * This evening at 7 PM there will be carol singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- * The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility!

SOMETHING TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT THIS WEEK

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." (John 12:24) Jesus' image of the wheat grain symbolises not just our mortal life, but the many times we die a little before our death: with every parting, moving of house or job, loss of a friend or dear one, with any loss of property. To cling to what we have lost is to bury our life in the past. Even the most painful loss can be a new beginning.

Lord, you sometimes ask us to face the death to our own desires and ego in the daily contradictions and rebuffs of our long lifetimes. There too the sacrifice of the ego enables us to bear much fruit.

<http://www.sacredspace.ie>

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

In partnership with St Thomas' parish in Blackburn, we will commence Communion Ministry at Epworth Eastern Hospital next week. The chaplain's office there informed us that on any given day, up to 40 Catholic patients are in the hospital, urgently seeking the solace of the Eucharist. A number of generous parishioners have agreed to take on this ministry. The hospital management and staff have indicated their great delight that we have been able to respond to their call for help. Please keep all those involved in your prayers.

My corner

It seems startling that we've hit spring, and September and Fathers' Day all in the one week. How quickly the year is going! This week I visited two families who have each waited for 10 years for the birth of their first child. They talked to me of the painful waiting time, the losses they had experienced, and the ecstatic joy of now having a beautiful, healthy baby to love and cherish. At such times, I tend to think a lot about the mother, and how hard it has been for her. More and more I realize, though, what a hard time it must be for the father—the waiting and the hoping and the disappointment and uncertainty, blame, and a certain sense of helplessness at being unable to do much to help. My son and his wife are expecting their first baby soon, and I have enjoyed watching him build a cupboard, decorate the nursery, choose the right furniture, carefully -and after a great deal of research!—and cope with what has been a rather difficult and demanding pregnancy with good humour and a very generous spirit. I only need to look at him to sense his growing sense of excitement and anticipation. He can hardly wait! So, this week, I pay special tribute to fathers—for their love and care, for hard work and dedication, for trying and failing and trying again; for listening and playing and teaching and sharing; for the example they give, for the tears they shed (or maybe they don't), for the love they give their wives and their children, for the ways they live faithfully; for being doers and dreamers and hoppers and umpires and disciplinarians and fixers and dads. May you all be richly blessed on this Fathers' Day. Special prayers too, today for the friars, who father us all in extraordinary ways.

Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- ✦ **Sunday October 4th** St Francis of Assisi Feast Day Celebrating 800 years of Franciscans. Combined Mass at SFX at 10.30am followed by a sausage sizzle.
- ✦ **Friday October 9th** Fr Anthoni celebrates his 10th Anniversary of ordination
- ✦ **Friday October 16th** Fr Ben's 80th Birthday celebrations 7.30pm. – watch for details.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING—TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER—7PM—VENUE TO BE ADVISED.

THE BE MORE CHALLENGE - Food

Today, 930 million people do not have enough to eat. This is not about a shortfall in our capacity to produce food, but about the unequal distribution of the world's wealth. The production and export of food commodities from developing countries frequently involves injustices. Meat production involves methane emissions which are more destructive than CO2 emissions. Excessive processing and packaging of foods, the distance food is transported and the use of refrigeration all contribute to climate change through increasing greenhouse emissions. Food does not reach hundreds of millions of people who need it because food production and distribution are left to unregulated market force. Our challenge to be more is to inform ourselves about the issues and then make a difference. (*101 Facts You Should Know About Food*, Icon Books, 2007).

www.bemore.org.au/weekend

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

As part of our Religious Education Program the students have completed an activity based upon five key values.

These five values are: Respect, Care, Forgiveness, Trust and Fairness. The aim of the activity was to adopt and promote these five key values at our school. Each class was given four photos of animals that represented four of the key values. The values that they represent are: Trust, Respect, Forgiveness and Care. The children were introduced to these photos and asked to explain why they thought the photo represented its chosen word. There was no photo for the value of „Fairness“ as we demonstrate this value when we act out the other four. Each class teacher discussed with their children what each of the four values might look like in our school. The children were then asked to explain: What each value meant? AND

- How do we show Forgiveness?
- How do we show Trust?
- How do we show Care?
- How do we show Respect?

At St Francis Xavier's Primary School. Each class completed this activity and every child was given the opportunity to respond. As a result of this activity, each class submitted their responses and a whole school values booklet was produced. It is hoped that each child adopt these five key values at St Francis Xavier's Primary School and have a better understanding of how to use these values in their daily lives. Each child will receive a copy of this booklet and will have the opportunity to make use of it during their school life. Many thanks to the teachers and students for completing the activity. It's a truly "whole school" activity and one that each member of the community should be very proud of.

Ed Weekes, RE Coordinator

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—SEPTEMBER 13

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm E Colafella, M O'Brien, M Rossely
8.00am S Carney
10.00am D Stephens, E Kimmet, I Abraham
5.00pm M Soulsby

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Williamsz, S Hengeveld
8.00am C Gately
10.00am GRADE 6
5.00pm L Soulsby, J Gunanayagam

Welcomers

6.00pm M Rossely, J Morison
10.00am GRADE 6

Children's Liturgy

October 11—28th Sunday OT—Group B

Altar Linen

September 6 P Turner
September 13 J Morison

Counters

September 6 H Kerwin, M O'Connor
September 13 B&M Walker

Collectors 5pm

September 6 P Aldag
September 13 A Cutts

Rosary Statue

Sept 6—S Massarotti, 1A Tyne St
Sept 13—La family, 4/1095 Whitehorse Rd

Morning Tea (after 10am Mass at SFX)

No Morning Tea until further notice

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

September 6 G Tabacchiera
September 13 G Amato

Lettori

September 6 A Lanza, L Ferola
September 13 M Salamone, V Peluso

Ministri dell'Eucarista

September 6 G Tabacchiera, R Bidinost
September 13 M Salamone, D Amato

ST CLARE'S—SEPTEMBER 13

Ministers of the Word

9.00am FIRST EUCHARIST
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
9.00am D Hardy, P Ciccotosto, J Easdown
Piety Stall—September 13
9.00am C Mirabella

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

One person to share villa unit in Box Hill North, furnished, non-smoker, students welcome. Please call Helen 9899 0151.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Young couple / overseas students are looking for budget accommodation. If you can help please call Vince Fazio on 9840 1248.

CLEANING

Reliable honest lady to do house & office cleaning, available Monday to Saturday. Excellent references supplied. Contact: Frances 9894 7893

CARPENTRY APPRENTICESHIP WANTED

I have just finished my pre-apprentice ship, keen, reliable, live locally. Phone 9878 4512 or 0403 006 406 Aaron

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.