



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5th, 2010—Year C

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

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. 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

Do something which 'costs' you this week. Identify someone who has a Cross to carry & try to assist them, even in a small way, to shoulder that burden.

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.

Reflections on Father's Day

A special day to honour fathers and male parenting and their contribution to society is said to have originated in 1910 in the U.S. and has since spread globally. It complements Mother's Day. In some countries Father's Day is celebrated in March, on St Joseph's feast day and in others during June.

Father's Day specially reminds us of our Heavenly Father, creator of us all, our own fathers, living or dead, who contributed to who we are, and of our Friars, who continue to provide dedicated service to our parish families.

St Joseph, the husband of Mary and Christ's foster parent, is the patron saint of fathers. He provides one model for fathers to emulate.

Father's Day also remind us of the important role of single parents in raising families. It also makes us more aware that families do not consist of individuals acting in isolation, but of parents and children in a mutually cooperative and supportive relationship. Thank God for mothers and for all those involved in childcare.

Child development arguably is a product of nature and nurture. Wise choice of parents continues to offer children an advantage in life. There are of course many influences on children apart from parents and siblings. The role of the church, education, peer influence and society all play a part, both positively and negatively.

As an elderly father, my reflections are necessarily retrospective. On today's more demanding expectations of the role of men in parenting, I would give my performance as a father only a passing grade. Some fathers appear to come ready-made, most of us learn on the job and some few fail to progress in the role. However, one can only do one's best, but it is important to keep in mind that precepts and values, held up as exemplars, are much more convincing if they are also expressed by action in all aspects of daily life.

Children are remarkably tolerant and perceptive and, given an environment in which love, mutual respect, honesty, integrity and compassion are given due emphases, they seem to flourish, recognising their parents strengths and readily forgiving their shortcomings.

"Honour thy father and mother" remains as an imperative. Father's Day provides an additional opportunity for fathers to be specially feted. Fathers across Australia are pleased to accept the cards, wishes and gifts expressing the love and appreciation of their children.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads.

(This week Fr Anthoni invited one of our parishioners to reflect on Fathers' Day.)

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

Lk 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday-Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

NEXT SUNDAY

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tim 1:12-17

FRIARS OF THE PARISHES

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj ofm
Parish Priest
Fr Benignus Clowes ofm
Assistant Priest
Fr Bob Matthews ofm
Assistant Priest

Pastoral Assistant—
Christina Sorbello (Tues, Wed, Fri)

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

Pat Cleary *Dianna Hardy*
Breta Cohen *Carmel Purdey*
Ann-Marie Diggins *Christina Sorbello*
Jane D'Souza *Monique Waring*
Anthony Kennedy *(ex-officio)*
Peter Leonard

Next meeting : 7 October 2010

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 5 SEPTEMBER	12.30PM	COLLECTION FOR PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION 2 BAPTISMS AT SFX
MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
	10.30AM	FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—MASS AT ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)
	4.00PM	CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S
TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	12.45PM 3.00-3.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
	9AM-11AM	PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252
	11AM	HOUR OF ROSARIES FOR OUR LADY AT SFX
THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER	1.00PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP GROUP - MASS, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT BOX HILL RSL - SEE BELOW
	7.30PM	FIRST RECONCILIATION AT ST CLARE'S
FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER	11.00AM 7.30-9.00PM	HOLY HOUR AT SFX LADIES DRINKS AT BOX HILL RSL BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE
SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER	9.00AM	FIRST EUCHARIST AT ST CLARE'S
	10.00AM	MORNING TEA AFTER MASS AT ST CLARE'S
	11.30AM	YEAR 2 FAMILY MASS AT SFX 2 BAPTISMS AT ST CLARE'S

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week, the AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB is having an early "break-up", attending midday mass and lunching at Box Hill RSL. Please let Marg know if you are coming - 9803 4973. The following week, Annie Hellema (nee Doran) and her accompanist will entertain us with music and singing. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information – Judy – 98784212.

Father Anthoni will celebrate Mass for the Francis/Clare Charismatic Prayer Community, in St Clare's Hall (enter from Killara St church car park) on Monday 6th Sept. Commencing with Praise & Worship at 10.15am, (Mass at 10.30am). Light Lunch & Fellowship to follow. All welcome.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

This year Child Protection Sunday is Sunday September 12, at the Conclusion of Child Protection Week. The theme for this year is "Working Together to Create a Safe Environment". This parish has formulated a 'Safe Community Policy' which was ratified at the last Parish Pastoral Council Meeting & which will be made available to parishioners.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you so much to all the families who were able to come and share in this breakfast. A big thanks to Susan Bell for coordinating this fantastic celebration. We also extend our gratitude to all the wonderful, dedicated mothers who were involved in preparing the breakfast. We are very appreciative of your support. *Marcus Gill, Deputy Principal*

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School Office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school term. Tours of the School are held on the following dates. The tours are for approx. 1 hour. Please meet at the school office by 9.10am. Mondays @ 9.15am— 6 September, 11 October.

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* **AN HOUR OF ROSARIES TO** *
* **CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE BIRTH** *
* **OF THE VIRGIN MARY** *
* **from 11am to 12 noon** *
* **Wednesday 8 September** *
* **in SFX Church** *
* *The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin* *
* *Mary has been celebrated in the Church at* *
* *least since the 8th Century. The birth of* *
* *Mary was miraculous - she was conceived* *
* *without sin as a special grace because God* *
* *had selected her to become the mother of* *
* *His Son.* *
* *There is nothing contained in Scripture* *
* *about the birth of Mary or her parentage,* *
* *though Joseph's lineage is given in the first* *
* *chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. In* *
* *celebrating the nativity of Mary, Christians* *
* *anticipate the Incarnation and birth of her* *
* *Divine Son, and give honor to the mother of* *
* *Our Lord and Saviour.* *
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PAKISTAN FLOODING CONTINUES

Caritas would like to thank everyone who has made a donation to the Caritas Australia South Asia Floods Appeal – Pakistan. With your support we have so far raised over \$1million to help the millions of people affected by the worst floods the country has ever seen. Our local partner Catholic Relief Services has been delivering shelter and hygiene kits, repairing water supply systems and community infrastructure through Cash-for-Work programs and will continue to provide support for the long term. The Indus River is still flooding, thousands of people are living in makeshift camps and infections and diseases are on the increase. This disaster is massive and our response needs to be massive too. Please support the people of Pakistan by donating to the **Caritas Australia South Asia Floods Appeal - Pakistan. Call 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.**

A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 22

Sisters returning from Brisbane were welcomed in Armidale and Sydney. Meanwhile, both the diocese and Josephites of Adelaide were in financial straits. In 1883 Bishop Reynolds, previously a supportive friend, declared Mary an unfit Superior and told her to leave for Sydney at once (saying that it was for health reasons) and stay away. The Sisters were disturbed at Mary's long absence but remained loyal to central government despite the Bishop's attempts to assume control of the Institute.

Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - www.sosj.org.au. For further information, see www.marymackillop.org.au and www.cathnews.com.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR

the children in the Catechetical classes who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time this week at St Clare's Church. And we are extremely grateful to our four catechists—Maureen, Margaret, Margaret & Phil who have prepared the children so well during Terms 2 & 3.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday 11th September in St Patrick's Cathedral at 10am, Archbishop Hart will ordain four priests for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. All welcome to attend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"the largest ecumenical movement organised & Led by laywomen"

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. The women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Chile invite you to enter into a process that draws us into the Bible, into the context of Chile & into the real situations of our lives & communities. An 'Inspiration Day' has been arranged for Tuesday 7 September, 10am-12.30pm, at the Uniting Church Centre, 130 Collins St, Melbourne. BYO lunch to share after the gathering.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

To pray contemplatively is to be present Now

In this moment

To the presence of God within you

Within this moment

Now

Within this life, this situation. this person, this soul

It is to awaken

To come alive

To the presence already here

It is not so much to 'find' God

It is not solely of mind or heart, but more

To experience God

In this moment

And in that movement of experience

to open into fuller relationship with God

... to be, to rest, to wonder.

Provided by the Benedictine Sisters, Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

The Foundation currently supports about 100 sick & retired priests in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, requiring funding of \$2.5 million annually. Diocesan priests provide most of the recurrent Foundation income, by personal donations (& bequests) & by contributing 12.5% of the presbytery account income to the Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1990 by the late Archbishop Little to provide social welfare, maintenance, necessities of life & relief from poverty by means of financial assistance, or by any other means. Diocesan priests capacity to provide a financially independent retirement is limited so the Foundation's mission is therefore the maintenance of their health care & security in their later years.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Contact the Parish Office if you would like to know more. We are also very happy to welcome any parishioners who would like to be involved in the RCIA team, planning for the coming year, welcoming inquirers, offering prayer support, making posters or sponsoring newcomers.

WYD2011 REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Melbourne's WYD 2011 journey officially kicked off on Friday 20 August 2010 when over 700 young people squeezed into St Brigid's in North Fitzroy. The event marked the 12 month countdown to the next WYD and saw the opening of registrations to the three Melbourne Pilgrimages. It was also announced that Archbishop Hart has already signed up and is the number one pilgrim. Other young people hoping to join the pilgrimages were encouraged to register online at www.wydtours.com.au as soon as possible to reserve their place. Promotional packs are available at the back of the church.

SFX SCHOOL FAIR—13 NOVEMBER

The Parish Pastoral Council are planning to run a raffle on Fair Day, and are calling on parishioners to donate suitable prizes. If you would like to help & think you have a suitable donation please call: Breta Cohen 9877 4693, Peter Leonard 9898 3584 or Anthony Kennedy 9658 4830.

Parishioners are encouraged to subscribe to **CathNews** for all the important Catholic news stories from Australia and around the world. Five days a week, **CathNews** keeps us in touch – and affirms our sense of being part of a world-wide community of faith. To receive **CathNews** go to www.cathnews.com to subscribe free of charge."

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ Are there times when you feel you may be unable to 'finish the work'?
- ✦ What is hindering your progress on your journey?

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—September 12

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
 6.00pm M Rossely, M Slevison, L Lampard, D Williamsz, I Abraham
 8.00am F Neyland
 10.00am E&E VDW, G Augustin, W Tan, A Leonard, C Chin, E Kimmet
 5.00pm A Large, H Dyjak
Ministers of the Word
 6.00pm M Jeffares, M Williamsz
 8.00am B Reid
 10.00am SCHOOL
 5.00pm J O'Brien, T Parker
Welcomers
 6.00pm M&D Williamsz
 8.00am J Reid
 10.00am E&E VDW, G Augustin
 5.00pm N Andrews

Children's Liturgy
September 5—23 Ordinary Time—Group A

Altar Linen
September 5 J Reid
September 12 M Rossely

Counters
September 5 J Reid, M Rossely
September 12 B&M Walker

Collectors 5pm
September 5 L Soulsby
September 12 P Aldag

Rosary Statue
September 5—S Massarotti, 1A Tyne St, BHN
September 12—La family, 4/1095 Whitehorse Rd

ITALIAN MASS Commentator
September 5 D Amato
September 12 R Bidinost

Lettori
September 5 G Amato, C Gibellini
September 12 V Peluso, M Salamone

Ministri dell'Eucarista
September 5 M Salamone, G Massarotti
September 12 G Tabacchiera, D Amato

ST CLARE'S—September 12
Ministers of the Word
 9.00amK McMahon, J Sakowski, P Sakowski
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
 9.00am—J Murphy, A McGovern, T Shallvey, P O'Brien, D Wolbers, P Wolbers, T Nicholson
Welcomers
 9.00am—I Abiad, M Boulton
Piety Stall—September 12
 9.00am—P Green

From Fr Ben

We who are reborn through the sacrament of baptism have the greatest joy, as we perceive within us the first stirrings of the Holy Spirit, as we begin to understand mysteries; we gain knowledge of prophecy, speech full of wisdom, security in our hope, gifts of healing, and dominion over the devils made subject to us. These gifts, like drops of liquid, permeate our inner self, and so beginning, little by little produce fruits in abundance.
St Hilary (315-367)



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.