



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Psalm Response

I will rise and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can gather under your protection.



This week

Make an effort this week to seek out someone who may be feeling a little lost or alone. Help them to experience the love of God in the kindness you offer.

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.

You have humbled me Lord

I never enjoyed being corrected as a young lad. So I have learnt to discipline and motivate myself and that made me quite independent. I do my best and try not to give any opportunity for others to reprimand me or complain about me. So imagine entering religious life, it is a mine for correction and improvement; it was not smooth sailing for me the first few years. Being young has its advantages and being a transparent person meant others could understand me and see my strengths and weaknesses. So it was helpful to my spiritual directors and formators to direct me in ways that helped me to grow as a Christian and as a Franciscan.

Living in a community with other younger men who were capable and with strong views meant we did have some very "interesting discussions". It wasn't an easy journey; I was happy and unhappy at the same time. Yet I was considered as someone who builds community, hence I ended up with responsibility as a Guardian and also as a Parish Priest at a relatively young age.

Formation doesn't end, because the Holy Spirit continues to form us and work in us. God has continued to shape and mould me in a Franciscan-Christian way, especially through the people that I serve. Though I wish I could read minds, I have settled for the opportunity to be part of your lives. Your openness and honesty in sharing your stories has really challenged me to think like Jesus and act with compassion. I have grown, developed and changed by walking with you on your journey, especially the difficult part of it, your burdens, your failures and disappointments, and the anxiety.

There might have been resistance in the early stages of my journey, but now I have learnt to let the Lord correct and teach me. Your stories have helped me to reflect on life and the mystery of the cross. I am beginning to understand God's love, a love that welcomes sinners and rejoices over one sinner who repents. This love calls too for sacrifice, and a generous heart without judgement, and a forgiving attitude towards those who have failed. Maybe I am just beginning to identify myself with sinners and seeking salvation from our Saviour and Redeemer, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr Anthony ofm

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

1 Tim 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

Lk 15:1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

Monday—St John Chrysostom

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday—Triumph of the Cross

Num 21:4-9; Phil 2:6-11;

Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday—Our Lady of Sorrows—Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27

Thursday—Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

NEXT SUNDAY
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 8:4-7;

1 Tim 2:1-8;

Lk 16:1-13

FIARIS 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 12 SEPTEMBER	9.00AM 10.00AM 11.30AM	FIRST EUCHARIST AT ST CLARE'S MORNING TEA AFTER MASS AT ST CLARE'S YEAR 2 FAMILY MASS AT SFX 2 BAPTISMS AT ST CLARE'S
MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM 10.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—AT ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)
TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER	12.45PM 3.00-3.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM 9AM-11AM 7.30PM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252 MEDITATION GROUP IN SFX PHMR
THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER	1.00PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP GROUP—SEE BELOW
FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER	2.30PM 7.30-9.00PM	END SCHOOL TERM 3 BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE
SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER		SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

MORNING TEA AT ST CLARE'S

There will be morning tea after the 9am Mass at St Clare's this Friday 17th September, to say farewell and thank you to Simon Clark who is completing his time as groundsman at St Clare's. We wish Simon & Liz all the best as they head off to Anglesea and a less frenetic lifestyle! Father Anthoni is also looking for someone to carry on the good work that Simon has been doing at St Clare's. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in this position.

SUNDAY MORNING TEA AT SFX

As the parish/school hall is now ready for use, Father Anthoni would like to revive the tradition of morning tea after the 10am Mass on Sunday mornings. Father would like some more volunteers to help make up a new roster. Perhaps there are some families who would like to become involved in this way? Please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you would like to be part of this Ministry of Hospitality.

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME:- Due to injury, Annie Hellema is unable to perform for us next week. We hope to arrange some other entertainment. 1 pm, St. Clare's. This is our final activity for this term. We resume on October 7, and will be holding all our future "home" activities in the St Francis Xavier's hall.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

This year Child Protection Sunday is today 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.

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— 11 October.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA ASSISTS AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 PEOPLE IN PAKISTAN

Caritas Australia would like to extend our gratitude for your continued generosity to the Caritas Australia South Asia Flood Appeal – Pakistan. Australians have contributed more than \$1.5 million to help Caritas rebuild so many lives devastated by the worst floods Pakistan has ever seen. Our local community partners continue to provide much needed shelter, warmth and hygiene and infrastructure to the families uprooted by the floods; involving those hardest hit as we plan to rebuild. Thanks to your steadfast support the Caritas network has expanded the reach of our response and will now provide assistance to an additional 100,000 people across 11 regions in the KPK, Balochistan and Sindh Provinces. As this humanitarian crisis continues to evolve, we look forward to your ongoing partnership as we work to restore hope, dignity and opportunity in Pakistan for the long-term. To contribute 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.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Father's Day Breakfast On your behalf I thank everyone who attended the Father's Day Breakfast. Your presence on the day made the community buzz. It was a fantastic community celebration in our newly refurbished hall. I particularly thank all those who worked hard in many ways to organise the event. Led by Susan Bell, you were like a "well oiled machine". It was great to see the level of co operation and to see the community and the hall back in action! Congratulations and very well done to all.

Building Update The Year 1 classes will move into their new classrooms on Monday Sept12th. I know in a recent Newsletter we had hoped the Year 1's would have already been set up in their new classrooms. The Year 1 classrooms have been installed with new Interactive White Boards and new furniture. Over the next few weeks the builders will be in and out of the school to fix any defects in our new building works. I am sure you will agree with me in saying that we are very blessed and fortunate to have such wonderful new facilities.

A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 23

Mary continued to write to her Sisters in Adelaide from her new home in North Sydney: 'The place is beautifully retired; though near one of the chief streets, it is as quiet as if miles away from other people. We have no noise, bustle or excitement, have a nice little garden and paddock with high fences.' (9 May, 1883) This became the Mother House and the only Novitiate of the Sisters of St Joseph.

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 have received 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.

SFX SCHOOL FAIR—13 NOVEMBER

Our biannual fair is a major fundraising event for our school and community and a fabulous way to come together as a school community in a fun and engaging way. We also have a number of projects we are working hard to raise money for, including:

- Upgrade of fencing for the safety of our children.
- Upgrade of play equipment in an effort to encourage and support our children in the benefits of outdoor play with particular focus on developing healthy attitudes to exercise and healthy living.
- Provision for others. Over the past 3 years our parish and school has provided support to rebuild a community in East Timor, in particular a small primary school in Weberek. The P&F will be continuing this support by contributing 10% of profits from the fair to their worthwhile projects.

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.



Books to be donated for sale at the second-hand book stall at the school fair can be left at the school office during school hours.

BEGINNINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

'On 19th November 1817 an "uninvited" priest, Fr. Jeremiah O'Flynn, arrived in Sydney Town. Governor Macquarie was determined to expel him. Fr O'Flynn hid for nearly six months among Catholics, celebrating Mass, weddings and baptisms. He was arrested while celebrating Mass, and was deported on 20th May 1818. It is generally believed he left the Blessed Sacrament at the home of William Davis and so began the legend of the Eucharist in the priestless colony. On his forced return to London Fr. O'Flynn appealed to the British Government for help and legal status for the Catholics of New South Wales.

'Mass was not legally celebrated again in the colony until Fathers John Joseph Therry and Philip Connolly, chaplains appointed by the Government in London, arrived in 1820. Their arrival can be regarded as the formal establishment of the Catholic Church in Australia.'

From the Catholic Enquiry Centre <http://www.catholicenquiry.com>

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

- ✦ -a person married to a Catholic who doesn't know what the next step is to become Catholic?
- ✦ -your next door neighbour?
- ✦ -someone you work with?
- ✦ -your husband or wife, mother or child?
- ✦ -someone who is seeking a deeper connection in their life?
- ✦ -someone you know who seems to be just drifting along ?
- ✦ -someone who has loads of questions but can't find answers?

RCIA is the process for adults who wish to learn more about our faith.

It is offered in our parishes by a dedicated and committed team of parishioners who share their faith, their values, their love of Jesus Christ.

The character of the Church is to welcome all people, especially those searching for a deeper connection with God. Often people are not sure whether it is even God they desire to know. It can be a vague yet distinguishable yearning for something beyond one's self. At other times it is a more articulate desire to relate to, know about and to investigate God and the people who believe.

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.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—September 19

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
 6.00pm V Bellis, M&A O'Connor, M&L Soulsby
 8.00am J Reid
 10.00am C Chin, M Blundy, V&G Mooney, M Hughes, E Kimmet, J D'Souza
 5.00pm H Dyjak, MT Francisco
Ministers of the Word
 6.00pm M Dodds, E Colafella
 8.00am B Reid
 10.00am L Hughes, K de Lacy
 5.00pm J O'Brien, A Netherway
Welcomers
 6.00pm J Morison
 8.00am J Reid
 10.00am E&E VDW, G Augustin
 5.00pm B Cohen

Children's Liturgy
 October 10—28 Ordinary Time—Group B

Altar Linen
 September 12 MT Francisco
 September 19 C Pollocks

Counters
 September 12 B&M Walker
 September 19 P McGlin, P Madzarevic

Collectors 5pm
 September 12 P Aldag
 September 19 A Cutts

Rosary Statue
 September 12 & 19
 —La family, 4/1095 Whitehorse Rd

ITALIAN MASS
Commentator
 September 12 R Bidinost
 September 19 J Adamo

Lettori
 September 12 V Peluso, M Salamone
 September 19 A D'Alessandro, L Ferola

Ministri dell'Eucarista
 September 12 G Tabacchiera, D Amato
 September 19 G Massarotti, R Bidinost

ST CLARE'S—September 19
Ministers of the Word
 9.00am A McGovern, K McMahon, M Clark
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
 9.00am—P O'Brien, P Wolbers, D Wolbers, P Cleary, J Murphy, I D'Amato, H Keown
Welcomers
 9.00am—P Cleary, A Kennedy
Piety Stall—September 19

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ Have you ever had the experience of being 'lost'?

From Fr Ben

Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.

Winston Churchill, (1874 - 1965)

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.