



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Peace—Seafarers Sunday September 21st, 2008—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

Psalm Response

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands.

This week

Look for occasions this week to be generous, not only with money, but with time, attention & attitude.



Generous or Unfair?

In today's gospel Jesus is inviting us to think in terms of the kingdom. Only Matthew has the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, who all received the same reward regardless of how many hours they worked stressing the grace of God. This parable is not about wages or farming, but about Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians in relation to salvation. The Jewish people have been waiting for the Messiah for such a long time and it seems the Gentiles have it easy and it is about the last being first.

How do you react to this gospel? If you are like me, it took years to come to terms with and accept the way of God in this gospel; at least we are making some progress. As Christian I believe we need to question the way we think and our attitudes. Of course things don't change overnight, but as long as we are thinking about it there is always a window of opportunity to reconsider our values, because what we believe is also going to affect the way we live our lives and the way we relate to God.

Sometimes I feel very uncomfortable when people are too strong in their opinion and are closed to other points of view. When they have made up their mind that God can only act only in a certain way, through certain institutions or individuals, or places and exclude everything else and in a way limit the way God brings salvation

The last few weeks I have been hearing stories from the past about building works and refurbishments and the dramas that went with that. Of course I don't have the power to promise that nothing will go wrong or that there will be no dramas, but all I can ask is that we be generous to each other and try to keep the drama down. I am proud to say that in the last couple of weeks some of our employees and parishioners have been understanding and helped to sort things out. Some of you have gone through this before, and for the newcomers it will be a new experience. Let us be generous in respecting each other's opinion and experience and work together, for the reward will be the same.

Fr Anthony ofm

Parish of St Francis Xavier
1087 Whitehorse Road
Box Hill 3128
Telephone 9890 2231
Facsimile 9898 4392
email: sfxbh@celestial.com.au
www.scsfx.org.au

St FX Primary School 9890 1108
www.sfxboxh.melb.catholic.edu.au

Parish of St Clare
138 Woodhouse Grove
North Box Hill, 3129
Telephone/Fax 9898 5080
email: sfxbh@celestial.com.au

This newsletter is also available on our website:
www.scsfx.org.au

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Phil 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Monday

Prov 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday—St Padre Pio

Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wed

Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Ecc 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Ecc 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday—St Vincent de Paul

Ecc 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43-45

**NEXT SUNDAY
26th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11;
Mt 21:28-32**

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.

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

**St Clare's Parish Office Hours
are as follows:**

**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

Liz Allan *Liz Clark*
Veronika Bellis *Dianna Hardy*
Vince Fazio *Carmel Purdey*
Clare Hangan *Monique Waring*
Anthony Kennedy
Peter Leonard
Trish Nicholson (Chair)
Next meeting : October 9

Liturgy Times

St Clare's
Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30am
Weekdays:
Wed, Fri & Sat 9.00 am
Confessions Sat 9.30—10 am

St Francis Xavier's

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 7.30 am
9.30am
(Italian) 11.00 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

IN THE PARISHES THIS WEEK: ALTAR LINEN ROSTERS ARE IN THE SACRISTY

Sunday 21 September 12.30pm	SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA 4 BAPTISMS AT SFX
Monday 22 September 8.30am 10.00am	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME.
Tuesday 23 September 12.45pm St PADRE PIO 7.30pm	LEGION OF MARY @ SFX RCIA ENQUIRY—SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
Wednesday 24 September 8.30am	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP IN RECESS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ST CLARE'S SENIORS IN RECESS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Thursday 25 September	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—IN RECESS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Friday 26 September 7.30pm-9pm	BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE
Saturday 27 September 9.00am St VINCENT DE PAUL	PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE— ALL WELCOME!

**FROM MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER TO
THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER, FR ANTHONI
& FR BEN WILL BE ATTENDING A
CLERGY CONFERENCE.**
**THERE WILL BE COMMUNION
SERVICES ON TUESDAY 30TH SEPT,
WEDNESDAY 1ST OCT & THURSDAY 2ND
OCT INSTEAD OF MASSES AT BOTH
CHURCHES.**

EAST TIMOR FUNDRAISER

**ECO PASTORAL PROJECT
FRIENDSHIP/ FOOD/ FUN**

PLEASE CONSIDER GATHERING
A GROUP OF FRIENDS TO-
GETHER TO SHARE A MEAL AND
DONATE TOWARDS OUR PARTNER PARISH'S
ECO PASTORAL PROJECT. OUR AIM IS TO
RAISE MONEY WHILE DEVELOPING COMMUNITY.
PICK UP YOUR KIT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE
OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE
CONTACT **VAL MOONEY ON 9898 2602.**



ABORTION: Now is the time to act!

Although the Abortion Bill passed the Lower House, it actually went through with a smaller margin than expected (47 FOR & 35 AGAINST). The margin is expected to be even narrower in the Upper House. The fate of the Bill may be decided by 2 or 3 votes. We have little time before the Upper House debates the Bill. **We can still STOP this Bill from becoming law.**

Please note the crucial undecided votes

listed on the noticeboards and make your views known. Also remember our representatives listed at the back of the newsletter (Atkinson, Dalla-Riva, Kronberg, Leane and Tee). A copy of the Bill is available at the back of the Church and information sheets are available as well.

There will be a "Mass in Reparation for Abortion" at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 27th Sept 2008 at 9:00am, celebrated by Fr John Dupuche.

Let's keep the letters and prayers going...
Tel Majella 9890 3857.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saturday 4th October
PARISH WALKING GROUP FUNDRAISER
FOR THE EAST TIMOR ECO PASTORAL
PROJECT

Parishioners are invited to join the Walking Group at 9.00am at the SFX Parish House.

The one-hour walk will be followed by a Para-liturgy with the Friars at 10.15am to celebrate the Feast of their Patron Saint.

Morning tea will follow.

If you don't wish to walk, do come along by 10.15am to join in the Feast Day celebrations - and raise funds

Please bring a plate to share.

The **Secular Franciscan Order**, previously known as the Third Order of St. Francis, dates its origins from the time of St. Francis. Tradition has made Luchesio and Buonadonna, a married couple from Poggiabonsi in Tuscany, the first Tertiaries received by St. Francis himself. Lay Catholics, who are searching for a gospel way of life to bring them closer to God, can do no better than to follow the lived examples of Francis and Clare of Assisi, who found in the Gospels true peace and joy and a closeness to God that enabled them to overcome earthly difficulties, unbroken in their spirit and their faith.

Does this sound like something YOU have been searching for? Come to the 9.30a.m. Mass on 12th October and hear more.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Sion invite you to a day of study & exchange on the Word of God.

ISAIAH'S MESSAGE TO A PEOPLE IN EXILE - Text & Content

Sunday 19th October from 9.30am—4pm
Our Lady of Sion College, 1065 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill. Presenters include: Paul Forgasz, Dept of Jewish Civilization, Monash University. \$20 includes Lunch. RSVP:

Sr Patricia Watson pwatson@netspace.net.au or Sr Mary Lotton lotton@netspace.net.au

From Fr Ben

Behind every successful man is a surprised woman.

**INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF PEACE
SEPTEMBER 21**



The United Nations General Assembly first declared an **International Day of Peace** in 1981. It was then celebrated around the world on different dates. In 2001 in response to a plea by the Nobel Peace laureates to 'give peace a chance' they made this day September 21. The intention of the resolution is to have the entire world observe a day of cease-fire, peace and non-violence.

The International Day of Peace, also known as Peace Day, is a celebration of our shared wish for a better world.

Peace is more than the absence of war. It is about transforming our societies and uniting our global community to work together for a more peaceful, just and sustainable world for ALL.

Peace is about how we handle problems and how we get along with others.

Peace is about community--about encouraging and helping each other...

Most of all, Peace is about respect-- respect for ourselves, each other, and the planet we share. (UN web sites)

PLEASE MARK DATE IN YOUR DIARY!
PARISH MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PLANS FOR
SFX CHURCH RENOVATIONS
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH @ 10.45AM
IN SFX PARISH HALL
THE PLANS ARE CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY IN THE
FOYER OF SFX CHURCH.
COPIES ARE ATTACHED TO THIS BULLETIN.



**FABULOUS FOOD &
FRIENDS NIGHT!**

Come and join your fellow
Parishioners for an evening of
sensational food and fantastic company

Enjoy a lavish buffet meal at the beautiful
Box Hill Golf Club

Get together a table of old friends or
put together a table with new friends !

FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH
7.00 PM
BOX HILL GOLF CLUB

No loud music , no dancing !
Just good food & good friends !

Tickets \$40 per head (drinks not included)
Book your table now at the Parish Office



**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA -
AUSTRALIA**

*Let brotherly love continue. Do
not neglect to show hospitality . . .
.. (Heb 13: 1-2)*

The Apostleship of the Sea is the missionary work of the Catholic Church establishing Stella Maris Seafarers' Centres throughout Australia and the rest of the world to care for the people of the sea: the pastoral, social, and material welfare of all seafarers and fishers regardless of their country or culture.

Beloved, you are faithful in all that you do for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to help them in a way worthy of God as they continue their journey. (3 Jn 1:5-6)

The centrepiece of the Apostleship of the Sea's badge is the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus' radiating love. The rays radiating from the heart symbolise the apostles who take his love to seafarers. The words, Apostolatus Maris, written on the life buoy signify the saving work of the Apostolate while in the background is an anchor, symbol of hope and salvation for a ship in troubled waters.

stellamaris.net - serving the people of the sea.
aos-world.org - the Church caring for the people of the sea.

POINTS TO PONDER

At Mass, when we begin with the sign of the cross, do we think what it means—that we are about to offer all that the Mass means to us in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S-SEPTEMBER 28

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6pm J Wells, M O'Brien, M Rossely,
E Kimmet, N Succar
7.30am J Reid
9.30am K de Lacy, F Fitzgerald,
C Hangan, K Kirwan,
V&G Mooney, W Tan

5pm T Parker

Ministers of the Word

6pm M Dodds, M Jeffares
7.30am B Reid
9.30am J Tan, L Hughes
5pm L Mayne, P Ruff

Welcomers

6pm D&M Williamsz
9.30am Hangan family

Children's Liturgy

October 12—28th Sunday in OT—Group C
October 19—29th Sunday OT—Group A

Altar Linen

September 21 Mary Buhler
September 28 Elizabeth O'Brien

Counters

September 21 P McGlin, P Madzarevic
September 28 H Kerwin, M O'Connor

Collectors 5pm

September 21 I Mahlstedt
September 28 P Aldag

Rosary Statue

September 21—Mrs M La, 4/1095 Whitehorse Rd
September 28—M Curmi, 19 William St

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

September 21 P Grech
September 28 G Amato

Lettori

September 21 V Peluso, N Tedone
September 28 A Dinardo, A D'Alessandro

Ministri dell'Eucarista

September 21 G Massarotti, R Bidinost
September 28 D Amato, M Casamento

ST CLARE'S—SEPTEMBER 28

Ministers of the Word

8.30 J Sakowski, P Sakowski
10.30 K McMahon, K McDonald

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8.30am J Murphy, D Wolbers, P Wolbers
10.30am T Shallvey, P O'Brien, D Tan

Piety Stall—September 28

8.30 A Lindsey 10.30 P Green

PEACE Websites of interest:
www.internationaldayofpeace.org
www.pinwheelsforpeace.com
www.peaceday.org
www.idpvigil.com
[http://overcomingviolence.org/
about-dov/international-day-of-
prayer-for-peace.html](http://overcomingviolence.org/about-dov/international-day-of-prayer-for-peace.html)

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.