



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19th, 2010—Year C

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

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

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



This week

Use your talents for others this week. Be good stewards of creation.

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.

What is your desired future?

We think of the future and live our present lives making decisions and choices that will lead us to that desired future. In today's gospel passage we hear Jesus urging the "children of light" to imitate the "children of this world" in securing their future. As disciples we are called to act prudently and decisively as does the dishonest steward, but not in dishonesty and instead of money we are called to serve God alone.

We believe our future lies with God who alone can provide beyond the things of this world.

Like the dishonest steward we are to make friends with the things of this world as a means to an end. Often we lose focus on God and allow the things of this world to be the object and desire of our souls. There are individuals who opt out of this materialistic world and live austere, but in today's passage Jesus is not advocating this way of life. For many of us this might not be the way we would choose to follow.

The alternative way or life giving way which Jesus is offering seems to be addressing our concern as Christians on how to live and use money without being a slave to it. We too will be asked to give a "full account" of our stewardship. Hopefully we will be able to describe how well we have walked as disciples and kept our focus on God.

There are many different approaches to life; as Christians the biggest challenge we face is to be part of this world and yet to live a life that reflects God. I subscribe to the approach that life is a gift of God, all that we do has to lead us to this fullness of life. We are responsible and accountable to God and to ourselves. When God becomes our security we live in gratitude. Life is not a fight to be won nor is it by chance we exist; never take life for granted. We do find ourselves in situations and circumstances that are not of our making or where we are not in control. Yet we always have the power to decide and to make a choice and if we make a choice that leads to life we give God glory and show our trust in God.

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

1 Tim 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

Lk 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Monday—St Andrew Kim

Tae-gön & companions

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

Tuesday—St Matthew

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

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

Thursday—St Padre Pio

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

NEXT SUNDAY

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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 19 SEPTEMBER	12.30PM	SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA BAPTISM AT SFX
MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER	12.45PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER		
FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER	7.30-9.00PM	BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE
SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER		SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr Anthoni will be away for the Franciscan Chapter meeting in Sydney from Wednesday 22 September—Sunday 3 October. Please direct urgent enquiries only to the Parish Office during office hours.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 26 SEPTEMBER

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 26 September. This year's Social Justice Sunday Statement is titled: 'Violence in Australia: A message of peace'. The Statement considers how the Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and divisions. The bishops highlight the role we all share in making a difference for peace as individuals, as a community and as a nation. For further details about the Social Justice Sunday Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.acsjc.org.au) or call 02-8306-3499.

BOX HILL BUZZ

The September edition of the Box Hill Buzz is now available in the churches. In this edition you will see some photographs from the AGM held on 30 May 2010 at St Clare's. At the meeting the Parish Pastoral Council reported back on the previous year but also presented the Parishes with its plan to see the Parishes moving forward in the future with a comprehensive strategic plan focussing particularly on the areas of Parish life the Council considered would most enrich and enhance the life of our Parishes. You can also read about the enthusiastic Walking Group that meets every Saturday. There is a report on the life of Bob Lane who had a very long association with St Clare's and a report on how the Berengarra School is giving the facilities at St Clare's a new lease of life.

FREE FIREWOOD

Free good firewood. Phone Mary 9898 7607.

TODAY THERE IS A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

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.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Official Opening of Buildings

The Blessing and Opening will be on Friday October 15 at 2.00pm in the hall. Bishop Les Tomlinson will bless the buildings and Ms Anna Burke MP will open them. All children will attend the opening. All are welcome to attend the ceremony. On Sunday October 17 the 10.00am Mass will be a mass of celebration for the parish. It will be followed by an inspection of new classrooms for parishioners. All parish and school families will join together in a barbecue lunch.

Help Please Green Thumbs!

The Plant Stall at the S.F.X. Fair would really appreciate donations of plants and good quality garden ornaments (e.g. wind chimes, statues etc.) We are hoping that people with special gardening skills might pot up a few plants and pieces from their gardens for the garden stall. Unfortunately, we have very limited storage space but we are happy to collect donations from you closer to the fair in November. If you have any questions please phone Tricia 0425761246 or Lynne 0449893544. Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM CENTACARE

Centacare Catholic Family Services would like to thank the communities of St Clare & St Francis Xavier Parishes for their generous donation of \$1668.35 to our recent church appeal. Your generosity will enable Centacare to provide programs to foster good relationships within families and encourage greater connections of families with their community.

THE PPC NEEDS YOU!

Due to the positive feed back and as part of the Strategic Plan to improve communication between the Parish Pastoral Council and St Francis Xavier and St Clare's it is proposed that the Box Hill Buzz will be continued for the next few years. To ensure this communication continues to occur, parishioners with reasonable computer/publishing skills are asked to consider helping with the quarterly production of the Box Hill Buzz. For further information please contact Anthony Kennedy on 0411 121 509.

A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 24

On 30 May 1886, Flora MacKillop was on her way to Sydney on board the *Lyee-Moon* when it was wrecked on the south coast of NSW. Distraught as she was at her mother's tragic death, Mary accepted the Will of God: 'God help us all. The hand of God is heavy upon us, but His Holy Will must be done. Oh, Annie, I had so yearned to see her again.' (To her sister, June 1) *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*

History will be made on 17 October 2010 when Mary MacKillop will become Australia's first canonised saint. There is going to be a colourful and exuberant street procession, commencing mid afternoon at 2:55pm from the city end of Brunswick Street Fitzroy to the Royal Exhibition Building. The celebrations will continue with a festival at the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. There will be a prayer service later in the afternoon followed by a live broadcast on big screens of Mary's canonisation in Rome. *There are more details on the website www.cam.org.au/mackillop*

Tickets for the Prayer Service can be booked from 28 September on line at www.cam.org.au/mackillop or by writing to *Ticketing Celebrating Australia's First Saint- Mary MacKillop*. See brochures in the church. Booking of tickets will be confirmed. Tickets are to be picked up on the day. Tickets not picked up by 5pm will be re-allocated. The Prayer Service can also be viewed on super screens outside the Royal Exhibition Building - no ticket required. Ticketing details will be posted to the website shortly.

For **entertainment at the Fiesta**, there will be a total of 3 performance stages for all to enjoy. The stages will provide continuous free entertainment from 2.00pm onwards. The entertainment program has something for everyone. The line up includes bands, musical theatre, choirs and a Capella groups from various Catholic schools and Parishes across Melbourne; Peruvian and Irish dancers; contemporary break dancing group with WikidForce Breakers; Australia's leading break crew; Indigenous performances and the incredible Sol Nation; a melting pot of cultures and nations. It is not to be missed!

Music plays a big part of the day's celebrations. The street parade from Mary MacKillop's birth place to the Royal Exhibition Building is accompanied by pipe and brass bands. The musical theme continues into the Prayer Service that precedes the telecast from Rome with a 15 piece orchestra and 130 voice combined choir. A feature of the service will be the haunting Dawn Mantras - which is sung by the Bendigo Youth Choir backed by an ensemble which includes didgeridoo, shakuhachi, saxophone and percussion. The audience will be invited to join in singing the stirring new song written and performed by Mike Brady - Our St Mary - at the conclusion of the canonisation.

IF THERE PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE PROCESSION & REPRESENT OUR PARISHES, PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW ASAP.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE, SEPTEMBER 21

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly. The first Peace Day was celebrated in September 1982. By creating the International Day of Peace, the UN devoted itself to worldwide peace and encouraged all of mankind to work in cooperation for this goal.

This year's Peace Day theme is "*Peace, Youth and Development*" under the slogan "**Peace = Future**".

Anyone, anywhere can celebrate Peace Day. It can be as simple as lighting a candle at noon, or just sitting in silent meditation. Or it can involve getting your co-workers, organization, community or government engaged in a large event. The impact if millions of people in all parts of the world, coming together for one day of peace, is immense.

International Day of Peace is also a Day of Ceasefire - personal or political. Take this opportunity to make peace in your own relationships as well as impact the larger conflicts of our time. Imagine what a whole Day of Ceasefire would mean to humankind.

Francis and Peace

The hand of St Francis and the paw of the wolf, one within the other, are symbols of two opposite factions that can come together peaceably.



According to the legend, the wolf agreed to stop ravaging the town of Gubbio, and the people agreed to feed the wolf daily until its death. Mutual respect and willingness for compromise can lead to peace between individuals, among local and national groups, and among nations, even to a global level. (Mary Esther Stewart)
www.internationaldayofpeace.org
Prayers from Franciscan Hearts (P Pearce SFO)

GOOD SHEPHERD TRADING AT SFX

Goods for sale after 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th & on Sunday 31st October.

The Good Shepherd Trading Circle supports women's micro-enterprises in Africa, Asian & Latin American countries by marketing their products. The women work in 'women-friendly' environments & receive a fair price for their work. A wide range of quality products is available for sale including bags, cards, soft toys & many other gift items. In addition, a large selection of Christmas items is also available. Come along & do some early Christmas shopping, while at the same time showing solidarity with women struggling against poverty & oppression. **Volunteers required to help set on Saturday & to man the stall on both Saturday & Sunday. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.**

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—September 26

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
6.00pm A Leonard, J Hickey, M O'Brien, D Williamsz, E Kimmel
8.00am J Reid
10.00am M Hughes, M Blundy, E&E VDW, G Augustin, W Tan, L Lampard

5.00pm A Large, H Dyjak

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Williamsz, M Jeffares
8.00am C Gately
10.00am A M Diggins, J Tan
5.00pm T Parker, J Gunanayagam

Welcomers

6.00pm E Castelliti, J Hickey
8.00am M&B Walker
10.00am J Dominic, L Lampard
5.00pm N Andrews

Children's Liturgy

October 10—28 Ordinary Time—Group B

Altar Linen

September 19 C Pollocks
September 26 M Cahill

Counters

September 19 P McGlin, P Madzarevic
September 26 L&B Cohen

Collectors 5pm

September 19 A Cutts
September 26 V Mudenda

Rosary Statue

September 19-La family, 4/1095 Whitehorse
September 26—M Curmi, 19 William St

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

September 19 J Adamo
September 26 P Grech

Lettori

September 19 A D'Alessandro, L Ferola
September 26 M Salamone, D Amato

Ministri dell'Eucarista

September 19 G Massarotti, R Bidinost
September 26 D Amato, M Casamento

ST CLARE'S—September 26

Ministers of the Word

9.00am—T Nicholson, A McGovern, J Sawowski

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—J Murphy, I D'Amato, P Wolbers, D Wolbers, P Cleary, P O'Brien, H Keown

Welcomers

9.00am—M Trentini, H Keown

Piety Stall—September 26

9.00am—E Boyle

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ *Are you the sort of person on whom others can rely?*
- ✦ *On what are your real friendships based?*

From Fr Ben

Dr W.A Spooner, absentminded Anglican priest and Oxford University administrator, famous for giving his name to "Spoonerisms" (e.g. saying "blushing crow" instead of "crushing blow" once concluded a sermon by stating: "In the sermon I has just preached, whenever I said Aristotle, I meant St Paul."

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.