



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

O Lord, remember the words you spoke to me, your servant, which made me live in hope and consoled me when I was downcast.



This week

Share what you have with someone who has less this week.

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.

TEN STEPS TOWARDS BEING A PEACEMAKER.

ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING.
All human beings are precious because we are all made in the image & likeness of God & deserve to be respected by other human beings.

ENGAGE WITH OTHERS NON-VIOLENTLY.

Peace Bene offers four steps for engaging non-violently. We are invited to meet others, including our opponents, face-to-face in a non-violent way by: centring ourselves, articulating & sharing our piece of the truth, receiving the other's piece of truth, agreeing on a new way.

FORGIVE.

All spiritual traditions speak of the value of forgiveness. Look truthfully at one hurt you have not been able to forgive.

REJECT VIOLENCE.

Safe & strong communities reject violent language & action. Think about how you can respond in these situations.

SUPPORT & CELEBRATE CULTURAL DIVERSITY.

The policy of multiculturalism has given vibrancy to our national identity. Our common humanity is strengthened where cultural diversity can be expressed.

PROVIDE A MEETING PLACE.

How we engage with our broader community has a huge bearing on the common good. Without dialogue, silence on issues of violence or the threat of it can allow feelings of retaliation that can beget more violence.

GIVE HELP & SEEK SUPPORT.

Emotional & physical violence cause tragic injury to individuals & destroy families. Consider how the parish community can support those who are abused or caught in a cycle of violence in a way that respects people's dignity & is not intrusive.

CULTIVATE AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE.

A non-violent stance is one of deep gratefulness for our life & for all life. Take some time in a quiet place & think of 5 people who have given of themselves so that your life could be better, while acknowledging how your entire life is a gift from God.

ATTEND TO PRAYER & YOUR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

Prayer creates a renewed sense of the presence of God, and peace fostered in our hearts lifts our vision above the trivial to consider what really matters.

REFLECT ON YOUR DAY AS A PEACEMAKER.

If you want to see how you are doing as a peacemaker, look at how you behaved during the day. Reflect on this & think about what you will do the same or differently tomorrow.

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK **26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Amos 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

1 Tim 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

Lk 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Monday—St Vincent de Paul

Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday—Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

Thursday—St Jerome

Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday—St Teresa of the Child

Jesus—Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday—Guardian Angels

Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

NEXT SUNDAY

27th SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

FRIARS OF THE PARISHES

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

Pastoral Assistant—

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
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 26 SEPTEMBER		SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY
MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER	12.45PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER		
FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER	11.00AM 7.30-9.00PM	HOLY HOUR AT SFX BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE
SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER	7.30PM	TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS AT YTU (STUDY CENTRE)

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr Anthoni is 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.

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.

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.

TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS

All welcome to the Transitus of St Francis at Yarra Theological Union (Study Centre), 98 Albion Rd, at 7.30pm on Sunday 3rd October.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 26 SEPTEMBER

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday today. A summary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Statement is printed below. For further details visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.acsjc.org.au) or call 02-8306-3499.

2010 Social Justice Sunday Statement – Violence in Australia: A message of peace

In the 2010 Social Justice Sunday Statement, the Catholic bishops of Australia address the anger and violence in our society, and the effects on individuals, families and the community as a whole.

The Statement, *Violence in Australia: A message of peace*, considers how the Christian values of forgiveness and reconciliation lead to peace and non-violent ways of addressing conflict and divisions. The call to be peacemakers can be especially challenging when so much of our culture encourages aggressive attitudes, convinces us of the need to succeed at all costs, or fosters the desire for revenge.

Australia is essentially a peaceful country, with strong traditions of fairness and justice, but there are also deep roots of violence in our story: the dispossession of the Aboriginal peoples, the violence of our convict history, and the strand of racism that has been directed at immigrants at different stages of our history. The Bishops draw on the Gospels, social teachings of the Church and examples of individuals and groups working for peace in the Australian context. They highlight the role we all share in making a difference for peace as individuals, as a community and as a nation. They also make clear how radical and central are Jesus' teachings about peacemaking in the Gospel, how discipleship of Jesus leads naturally to a desire to make peace, and how his power working in us makes that desire a reality. At the centre of the story of Jesus is the terrible violence he endured and his triumph over it in his resurrection. As followers of Christ crucified and risen, we are called to go into the world and to bring a peace that the world alone cannot give.

Peace and peace-building go beyond simply the absence of conflict. They are positive, constructive ways of living that require constant nurturing, and reflect the sacredness that is in the deepest part of our being. The 2010 Social Justice Sunday Statement gives practical suggestions and poses important questions that will help individuals, parishes and groups as they consider their part in bringing the peace of Christ to our world.

A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 25

A loving member of her family and compassionate Mother to her Sisters, Mary made good friends from all walks of life. Especially dear were Joanna Barr-Smith and Emanuel Solomon in Adelaide, and Monsignor Kirby and Fr Anderledy in Rome. Nearest to her heart, however, were the poor and disadvantaged: 'These are the children I love'. Dogged by sadness and ill health throughout her life, she was sustained by her love of a Provident God. *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 ARE PARISHIONERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE PROCESSION & REPRESENT OUR PARISHES, PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW ASAP.

GOOD SHEPHERD TRADING CIRCLE 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 up on Saturday & to man the stall on both Saturday & Sunday. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.**

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. 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 & 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.

THOUGHT ON THE GOSPEL

'The theme of last Sunday's readings, covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, is the main focus of this Sunday's texts as well. Once again the oracle proclaimed by Amos is scathing: "Woe to the complacent in Zion!" The prophet does not condemn the people for their wealth, but for their complacency in the face of the hardships that others are forced to endure.

'Why does the prosperous man suffer such a horrendous fate? The man's own dialogue with Abraham answers that question. First, since both he and Lazarus have a connection with Abraham, they must be covenant partners. He is told that his brothers should not need an extraordinary revelation from heaven to remind them of their covenant responsibilities; they have Moses and the prophets.

'This is one of the few places in the Gospels where divine judgment is described. And the judgment here is quite harsh. It seems, in fact, inappropriately harsh. After all, the rich man did not do anything wrong. He did not steal from Lazarus or physically assault him. But he had a weighty responsibility toward Lazarus, and he failed to fulfill it. This was a serious sin of omission. The severity of his punishment throws light on the gravity of this responsibility.' *Excerpt from a commentary by Sr Dianne Bergant*

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—October 3

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm E & A Fabian M Rossely
M & A O'Connor
8.00am J Reid
10.00am K de Lacy M Sinclair C Chin
E Kimmel, M Ferdinando J D'Souza
G Augustin
5.00pm P Aldag M Slevison

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm E Colafella, R Meyers
8.00am B Reid
10.00am M Robotham, M Edwards
5.00pm J O'Brien, M Waring

Welcomers

6.00pm M&A O'Connor
8.00am J Reid
10.00am S Liew, G Augustin
5.00pm M Plain

Children's Liturgy

October 10—28 Ordinary Time—Group B

Altar Linen

September 26 M Cahill
October 3 W Tan

Counters

September 26 L&B Cohen
October 3 P Eng & H H Yeoh

Collectors 5pm

September 26 V Mudenda
October 3 P Aldag

Rosary Statue

September 26—M Curmi, 19 William St
October 3—M Curmi, 19 William St

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

September 26 P Grech
October 3 G Amato

Lettori

September 26 M Salamone, D Amato
October 3 C Gibellini, P Grech

Ministri dell'Eucarista

September 26 D Amato, M Casamento
October 3 R Bidinost, G Tabacchiera

ST CLARE'S—October 3

Ministers of the Word

9.00am—M Hardy, T Nicholson, C Hardy

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—H Keown, P O'Brien, D Hardy,
D Wolbers, P Ciccosto, J Murphy, P Wolbers

Welcomers

9.00am—A La Scala, I Abiad

Piety Stall—October 3

9.00am—D Tan

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ *When have you closed your eyes to the plight of another?*
- ✦ *Have you ever failed to listen to good advice?*

From Fr Ben -

If created things are so utterly lovely, how gloriously beautiful must he be who made them!
St Anthony of Padua(1195-1231)

I believe there is no one lovelier, deeper, more sympathetic and more perfect than Jesus.
Fyodor Dostoyevsky(1821-1881)

What other people think of me is becoming less and less important; what they think of Jesus because of me is critical.
Sir Cliff Richard (1940-)

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.