



# Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

*In the care of the  
Franciscan Friars*

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 5th, 2008—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

Psalm Response

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who are searching for his love.

### This week

This week I will be fruitful in these ways.....

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Sunday Statement 2008 is available at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/)

### 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.



Today's feast fills our spirit with emotion and joy. But it also makes us feel the need for Francis. Yes, Brother Francis, we still need you. The world needs you.

We need you, you who teach that there is no wisdom, that there cannot be knowledge of God or of the things of God, without a personal relationship with Christ.

We need you who believed in love so as to conquer the signs of death present in the world, in your time as well as today.

We need you to rediscover the dignity and the greatness of our body, a body made in the image of God, a body assumed by Christ, a body crucified to give life, eternal life.

We need you, the faithful disciple, "the first after the only One", to confirm our 'yes' to the discipleship of the poor and humble Jesus each day, and to follow Him for love.

We need you, Brother Francis, the stigmatised of La Verna, to bring to the men and women of today those credible signs of the crucified Love, of the unloved Love, of the Love who gave Himself to all, of the Love which converts, regenerates and transforms.

We need you to bring to every creature the meaning of existence and to find again our vocation to be a praise of the Creator. We need you, Brother Francis "as an icon of the crucified Jesus", because, like you, we need love, we need Christ.

**José Rodríguez Carballo OFM**  
[From the Minister General's Homily on the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis La Verna, Italy, 17th September 2008]

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Is 5: 1-7**  
*The kingdom  
of the Lord God of  
hosts is the House of  
Israel.*

**Phil 4: 6-9**  
*Do these things and the God of  
peace will be with you.*

**Mt 21: 33-43**  
*He leased his vineyard to other  
farmers.*

**Monday**  
Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday-Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday**  
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday**  
Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday**  
Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday**  
Gal 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

### NEXT SUNDAY

**28th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
**Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;**

**Mt 22:1-14**

**27th ORDINARY  
SUNDAY**

## 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:

|                               |            |  |
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| <b>Sunday 5 October</b>       | 12.30pm    | <b>DAY OF INTERCESSION</b><br>MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA<br>3 BAPTISMS @ SFX  |
| <b>Monday 6 October</b>       | 8.30am     | <b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b><br>(CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME.<br><b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY</b><br>(ENQUIRIES: OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706) |
| <b>TERM 4 BEGINS</b>          | 9.45am     |  |
| <b>Tuesday 7 October</b>      | 12.45pm    | <b>LEGION OF MARY @ SFX</b><br>RCIA ENQUIRY—SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM  |
| <b>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b> | 7.30pm     |  |
| <b>Wednesday 8 October</b>    | 8.30am     | <b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b><br>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL. (ENTER VIA HARRISON ST) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: LYNNE FOGALE 9898 2516<br><b>ST CLARE'S SENIORS @ SC PARISH HOUSE</b>                        |
|                               | 9.00am     |  |
|                               | 12.30pm    |  |
| <b>Thursday 9 October</b>     | 1.30pm     | <b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—BINGO IN SFX HALL</b><br><b>PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>  |
|                               | 7.30pm     |  |
| <b>Friday 10 October</b>      | 9.15am     | <b>SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI</b><br><b>PARISH DINNER @ BOX HILL GOLF CLUB</b><br><b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>  |
|                               | 7.00pm     |  |
|                               | 7.30pm-9pm |  |
| <b>Saturday 11 October</b>    | 9.00am     | <b>PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE—</b><br><b>ALL WELCOME!</b>   |

## EAST TIMOR FUNDRAISER ECO PASTORAL PROJECT FRIENDSHIP/ FOOD/ FUN

*IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY BEEN INVOLVED, WOULD YOU PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING A GROUP TO SHARE A MEAL & RAISE SOME MONEY?*

PICK UP YOUR KIT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT **VAL MOONEY ON 9898 2602.**

## ACU FORUM—CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION— A RIGHT FOR ALL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

MONDAY 6TH October –5-6.30pm, Mercury Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, St Patrick's Campus, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

Speakers: Rev Professor Frank Brennan SJ AO, Professor of Law, ACU - "Human Rights Law & Freedom of Conscience", Dr Helen Mcacbe, Researcher, Plunkett Centre for Health Care Ethics, registered nurse - "The Health Professional Context on Conscientious Objection".

Professor Nicholas Tonti Filippini, Associate Dean & Head of Bioethics, John Paul II Institute for Marriage & Family - "Ethics & Professional Conscience"

If your marriage has ended, you may find **Centacare's Tabor™ Journey** helpful. This program is designed for those who are grieving the end of their marriage or who are still feeling the hurt, anger or sadness. Participants may still be feeling restless or perhaps just feeling lost, or they may not have quite found themselves again. For further information phone 03 5221 7055. The last program for 2008 begins on 31 October with a live-in-weekend at Templestowe. Bookings are essential and places are limited so please book early.

**Secular Franciscans** are to be found in every phase of Parish life, especially the areas of Eucharistic Ministry, Care for the poor, Social Justice, and Care for the environment. Their power source is found in Fraternity, where they meet regularly to pray together; to study the Gospels and the Rule as a life-long and life-giving commitment; to support and encourage each other in their efforts to live simply in the Franciscan tradition and to follow Christ in the footsteps of Francis; and to spend time enjoying the company of like-minded brothers and sisters. **We look forward to meeting with you after the 9.30a.m. Mass on 12th October.**

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](mailto:pwatson@netspace.net.au) or  
Sr Mary Lotton [lotton@netspace.net.au](mailto:lotton@netspace.net.au)

## Second Hand Book Fair

Quality Second Hand Books for Sale

Saturday 11th October 8am-4pm

Sunday 12th October 10am-2pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Cnr Cotham & St John's Parade, Kew

Proceeds to the FCJ Missions in Romania & the Philippines & St Mary's House of Welcome

## From Fr Ben

The English word "SINCERE" comes from the Latin SINE (without) CERA (wax). The ancient face-mask was made with wax, and served to hide the face-the real thing. So sincere means free from pretence or deceit, genuine, honest, frank. By the way we all have masks.

**LAST CHANCE TO  
BOOK FOR THE  
PARISH DINNER !**

**THIS FRIDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7.00 PM at BOX HILL GOLF CLUB**  
**Tickets \$40 per head**  
**(drinks not included)**  
**BOOK AT THE PARISH HOUSE**

**RCIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN  
INITIATION OF ADULTS**

For the past six weeks, the RCIA team has gathered with our new inquirers to begin the process of introducing them to our faith. It is exciting once again to have two people interested in finding out who we are as a Church, what we do, what we believe. They are enthusiastically moving towards the first stage of this process—the Rite of Acceptance. If you can cast your mind back to Easter this year, you may remember how exciting it was to have our new Catholics baptised and welcomed into the Church. If you would like to be part of our team, you would be most welcome to attend any Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the Parish House. In the meantime, please keep our inquirers in your prayers.

**My corner** Could you have watched the Paralympics without being inspired and challenged—without a tear, or without immense admiration for the athletes? Could you have failed to be moved by the amazing efforts they made, their dedication and commitment, their energy and skills?

There was an almost tangible generosity of spirit displayed between the athletes, which in no way diminished the fact that they all wanted to win. And those who didn't achieve all they had planned were already saying "Well, in London I'll get there."

I felt exhausted just watching some of the events, and can't imagine what strengths they had to draw on to achieve their goals. Maybe adversity has taught them greater courage.

All this has me thinking about the report on page 21 of Wednesday's Herald Sun that said less than 200 people turned up to their welcome home ceremony in Sydney. If the Hawks can be offered the keys of the city, (of Hawthorn), what sort of honours should have been showered on our athletes? Where were the media?

I didn't see any reports or hear anything else about this event. I'm wondering what it says about us—that we don't give due honour to people who are so deserving? Maybe we don't know how to express our admiration, or maybe we think the Paralympics were not too important.

I'd like to think we have been humbled and inspired by these fine athletes.

*Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate*

**What does the Church teach about the humanity and divinity of Jesus?**

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation is offering the following unit:

**Jesus Christ: Revealer of God and Saviour of Humanity** to be taught by Fr Steven Rigo (Six Thursdays commencing 16 October 2008, 6pm – 8pm)

This unit is being offered as part of the Certificate – Foundations for Pastoral Ministry at the Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne.

For more information see the flyer on the parish noticeboard, visit our website [www.evangelisation.org](http://www.evangelisation.org) or contact Annemarie 9412 3325 / [office@evangelisation.org](mailto:office@evangelisation.org)

**New Course Commencing at the School of Prayer—The Mystical Traditions of the World: (Buddhism etc)**

How do these stand in relationship to the Catholic Mystical Tradition?

Saturdays 11 & 25 October & 8 November  
 10am - 2.30pm

Thursday 23 October: 6.30 - 8.30pm

Venue: 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Cost: \$80.00. Enquiries & Enrolment ring Annemarie on 9412 3325

**JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

A weekend retreat at the Edmund Rice Centre, Mulgoa, From Friday evening 7th November 8pm, to Sunday afternoon 3pm. 9th November, conducted by Fr. Keith Comer M.S.C. The cost of the retreat is \$230 (\$40 less for shared room) The retreat will comprise talks, meditations, and times for reflection and quiet. (Details of topics for the talks available on request or see notice board.) Fr. Keith is a Missionary of the Sacred Heart from Erskineville N.S.W.

He has had twenty years experience in Parish Ministry. For the past twelve years he has been working full time conducting Retreats, Seminars, and Scripture Courses. Enquiries and booking, Fr. Keith, 95165388 (Directions will be forwarded after booking.)

**MICAH CHALLENGE & THE UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, AND WHAT MORE CAN WE DO?**

**Speaker Rev Joel Edwards**

Incoming Director of Micah Challenge International

Micah Challenge International is the international campaign by churches to mobilise public support to lift millions out of hunger and acute poverty.

**Venue:** Study Centre of Yarra Theological Union, 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill

(also accessible via 34 Bedford St)

**Date:** Thursday 16 October 2008

**Time:** 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Donation appreciated to help offset the cost

**POINTS TO PONDER**

At Mass, when we say "Lord have mercy", do we truly think about anything we have done during the week that hasn't pleased God, that could have been done better, that we know requires forgiveness? Do we consider what God has done for us to show us we are forgiven?

**ROSTERS**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S-OCTOBER 12**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

6pm M Chadler, J Morison,  
 P&A Leonard, M O'Brien

7.30am F Neyland

9.30am K Fazio, M Chan, M Mackay,  
 M Sinclair, I Abraham,  
 V&G Mooney

5pm M Soulsby

**Ministers of the Word**

6pm P Tierney, M Rossely

7.30am J Manshon

9.30am K De Lacy, AM Diggins

5pm M Waring, T Parker

**Welcomers**

6pm M Buhler, G&J Metral

9.30am L Lampard, P Turner

**Children's Liturgy**

October 19—29th Sunday OT—Group A

November 9—Lateran Basilica—Group B

**Altar Linen**

October 5 Ursula Clifford

October 12 Marie Cahill

**Counters**

October 5 M Rossely, J Butler

October 12 R&Y Roy

**Collectors 5pm**

October 5 A Cutts

October 12 L Soulsby

**Rosary Statue**

October 5&12—J&P Crummy, 15 William St

**ITALIAN MASS**

**Commentator**

October 5 G Tabbachiera

October 12 D Amato

**Lettori**

October 5 M Salamone, D Amato

October 12 C Gibillini, P Grech

**Ministri dell'Eucarista**

October 5 R Bidinost, G Tabbachiera

October 12 M Casamento, M Salamone

**ST CLARE'S—OCTOBER 12**

**Ministers of the Word**

8.30 M Clark, D Hayes

10.30 A Kenna, D Hardy

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

8.30am E Lim, D Wolbers, P Wolbers

10.30am P O'Brien, P Ciccotosto, T Shallvey

**Piety Stall—October 12**

8.30 Glass family 10.30 Farry family

**Ministers to the Sick** call on families during the week. If you or someone in your family is unable to come to Mass, please let us know at the office and we can arrange for a Minister to visit you at home.

Would parishioners please note that it is preferable if Mass intentions are brought to the Parish House and entered into the diary kept for intentions. This will avoid, as much as is possible, any disappointment, when 2 or more intentions are requested for the same Mass.

**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.**