

St Francis Xavier and St Clare

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A ~ 2 October 2011

From the prophet Isaiah

Isa 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah

that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 79:9f (All)

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Phil 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

(cf. Jn 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,

because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?' 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Gathering 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 Lord of all.

Acclamation When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

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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

LITURGY TIMES

(FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2011 UNTIL COMPLETION OF REFURBISHMENT OF SFX CHURCH)

St Clare's

Sunday 9.30 am
Wed, Fri & Sat 9.00 am
Confessions: Sat 9.30—10 am

St Francis Xavier's

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday (Italian) 11.30 am
5.00 pm
Mon—Fri 12 noon
Confessions: Sat 4.00—5.00 pm

MARRIAGES

Bookings can be made with SFX Parish Office for each Parish, and celebrated in the church requested. This is to avoid double bookings.

BAPTISMS

(FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2011 UNTIL COMPLETION OF REFURBISHMENT OF SFX CHURCH)

Anyone wishing to have a child baptised should give four to six weeks notice, so that parents can attend a preparation course.

St Clare's—1st & 3rd Sundays only,
11.00 am

LITURGY SPOT SPECIAL! PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

This is the point in our Liturgy of the Word when the whole assembly gathers the needs of all as a presentation to the God of our lives and of all the life of our universe.

Having made our profession of faith with the Apostles Creed, we turn with confidence to the God in whom we place our belief and hope.

These Prayers of the Faithful are indeed just that – our communal prayers as well as a moment for our own personal prayers each week.

The liturgical shape of these prayers of the faithful or community gathered tries to include each week:

- * the needs of our world with all its peoples and environment
- * the needs of our universal church throughout the world
- * the needs of our Leaders/Pope, Bishops, Priests, People & Country of Australia
- * the local needs of our own nation & local community
- * AND also our local parish needs of our sick, our deceased people.

We need to bring into our Prayer at this moment the true picture of our time, events, peoples, planet and all those facets of life which are part of the living-cell and of which we are a part with our own contribution. Gathering all the threads of life and presenting them to God, the Most High.

This ends the first part of our Liturgy of the Word.....

.....God Speaks To Us

.....We Speak to God

The time of Separation is now. Quiet music assists us to redirect and prepare to enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Collection – we offer our support in a tangible way to the needs of our community I all its many resources. We are keeping the works of care across the parish viable.

In the early church people gave of their "Treasure" by actual gifts of food, animals to sell, clothing for the needy, but in our 21st century the work of our parish needs financial gifts from our "Treasure" in order to provide for our own times.

Look around and just see how the Parish of St Francis Xavier/St Clare's is functioning now and how we keep abreast of responsible stewardship to our parish and this helps us all contribute to the Collections Weekly. Every contributor counts and adds to the whole – So ends our first part of the liturgy ---- we regroup for the movement forward.

Sr Moira, Liturgy Coordinator

OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP PRESENTS:

"Welcome the Stranger" –
Thursday, 6th October – 7.30pm in SFX Hall
The Brigidine Sisters Asylum Seekers Project presents of St Clare's/SFX an Information Evening. This is a very big issue in our Australian community in these times. Come and hear the facts. Come and meet people who are refugees, fleeing & seeking asylum Sr Brigid CSB and Sr Catherine CSB will facilitate the evening for us. These sisters have assisted refugees for these past ten years and are able to put us in the picture. (Flyer attached!)

RCIA GATHERING—
SAT 8TH OCTOBER

Our RCIA is growing.....we have had some further "enquirers" to join our team and we invite parishioners also to join us on these Saturday afternoons. Sometimes as "long-time" Catholics these sessions of RCIA bring us new enrichment of our faith and give us new insights as we are refreshed and renewed in the company of those preparing to join with us. All Welcome.

Our next gathering is on
Saturday 8th October from 4pm—
5.30pm in St Francis Xavier Parish
House.

A CHOIR FOR SFX - 2012

Joseph Batiller, new parishioner with lots of experience in the UK, has offered to gather interested parishioners and friends to begin to form a choir and also instrumental musicians. Joseph had a vibrant choir of Filipino folks and many other nationalities where the music & hymns were of great harmonies and joyous singing. Any interested person is invited to an initial gathering with Joseph on Sunday afternoon October 23rd at 4pm in the Friars Room. Contact Joseph on 0424 727 849.

We pray for those recently deceased: those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leo William Thorpe, Peter Stanisby and the sick of our Parish: Elizabeth Dwyer

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARG + LEO SOULSBY WHO ARE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE THIS WEEKEND! (2nd September)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK -

MON: JONAH 1:1 - 2:1, 11; Lk 10:25-37
TUES: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
JONAH 3:1-10; LK 10:38-42
WED: JONAH 4:1-11; LK 11:1-4
THURS: MALACHI 3:13-20; LK 11:5-13
FRI: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY:
JOEL 1:13-15, 2:1-2; LK 11:15-26
SAT: JOEL 4:12-21; LK 11: 27-28
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IS 25:6-10; PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20; MT 22:1-14

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER		
MONDAY 3 OCTOBER	9.15AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER	12.30PM	FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER	9.15AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER	7.30PM	"Welcome the Stranger" – see page 2
FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER	11.00AM 7.30PM	HOLY HOUR AT SFX BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER	9.00AM 4.00-5.30PM	PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX CHURCH RCIA - SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SUNDAY OCTOBER 9		<u>LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL</u>

THE ITALIAN SUNDAY MASS WILL BE HELD IN THE 'FRIARS ROOM' AT SFX AT 11.30AM DURING RENOVATIONS TO SFX CHURCH FROM 2 OCTOBER.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Saturday, 22 October for the St Francis Xavier's Primary School & Parish and St Clare's Parish, Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road Time: 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start, 'til 10.30 Cost: \$15 per person (see last week's flyer)

THE TRANSITUS OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The *Transitus* is a Franciscan devotion to ritually remember the passing of Saint Francis from this life into God. This ritual takes place each year, the evening of October 3rd. Daniel Grigassey, OFM, wrote in an article that "the *Transitus* has become a significant and even necessary annual event. To ritually revisit the story of Francis' passing is vital; without it something significant is missing. It specifies the living memory of Francis; it intensifies our commitment to follow Christ in the way of the poor man of Assisi".

The *Transitus* of Francis will be celebrated @ 7.30 pm in the YTU Study Centre, 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill on Monday evening 3rd October 2011. ALL WELCOME!

THANK YOU TEAM

To see the SFX church empty is amazing. All was so well done on last Sunday to set up the Friars Room as our temporary Mass Centre.

Thank you to all who carried chairs, seats, statues, tabernacle, tables, stands and all those sacristy items for storage. It all came together to give us a really lovely "chapel" for weekdays and a good space for the weekend Saturday/ Sunday evenings.

The church pews, Stations of the Cross, and organ are now in storage, safe & sound with Dawson's Container Storage until we need to have them returned. This has been a monumental task and many thanks to everyone for all your generous help!

Sr Moira/Fr Bob

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Three years ago, the Victorian Parliament passed a law making abortion legal from conception to the time of natural birth. Many young people are now getting the impression that abortion is the normal way of dealing with an inconvenient pregnancy and mothers who want help to manage a difficult pregnancy are made to feel burdensome. This is a very unpleasant state of affairs and prolife people are anxious to show there are alternatives. All the prolife groups in Victoria are combining in a rally to show their opposition to the current law. They need your presence to swell the numbers and give encouragement to the prolife members of parliament who want to change the law. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to join this rally, on Saturday, October 8, at 2 pm, at the Fitzroy Gardens, corner of Clarendon Street and Wellington Parade (the continuation of Flinders Street; Melway - 2G C4). It will finish at Parliament House, at about 4 pm.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL is taking part in both the Woolworths competition and the Coles Sport for your schools competition.

From now until September 18th 2011, you can earn one point for our school for every \$10 you spend at either Woolworths or Coles (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). **WOOLWORTHS:** Points automatically appear on your shopping dockets, so you have a couple of options:

1. bring those dockets to Mass and drop in the collection box at the back of the church
2. cut the number off the bottom of the docket and just drop that in the box
3. email the number to asildlawso@gmail.com to be entered in the system.

COLES: Like last year, **Coles** will be giving out vouchers to be brought to Mass and dropped in the box. **Woolworths** points can be used for educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & crafts materials and much, much more. **Coles** points can again be used to purchase sports equipment. Put receipts in the box at the back of the church.

St Francis Xavier School sincerely appreciates your support –

Thank you. **Carmel Purdey, Principal**

PRAYER CHAIR

The need for regular prayer, both private and liturgical, in our day to day lives was a major emphasis of Pope Benedict's words at WYD08. To carry this forward, you might like to take home one of the yellow sheets at the back of the church, choose a favourite chair at home as your prayer-chair and place the sheet within easy reach of it. Slide into it from time to time during the coming week, take up this sheet and aided by the reflections think over again the words of the Gospel this week.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—October 9

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm G Machado, J Hickey, T D'Andrea
5.00pm MT Francisco

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm L Norton, S Hengeveld
5.00pm T Parker, M Waring

Welcomers

6.00pm E Castellitti, L Lampard

Altar Linen

October 2 O Rewega
October 9 J Morison

Rosary Statue

October 2—M Curmi, 19 William St
October 9—P&M Poropat, 10 William St

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

October 2 J Adamo
October 9 P Grech

Lettori

October 2 R Bidinost, C Gibellini
October 9 J Adamo, C Ingresso

Ministri dell'Eucarista

October 2 G Massarotti, D Amato
October 9 M Casamento, G Tabacchiera

ST CLARE'S—October 9

Ministers of the Word

T Nicholson, M Hardy, C Hardy

Ministers of Communion

P Cleary, E Lim, D Tan, D Hardy,
P Ciccotosto, A McGovern, H Keown

Welcomers—October 9

H Keown, A La Scala

Piety Stall—October 9

Farry family

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Next meeting : 13 October 2011

You are invited to drop toiletries to the Parish House to be taken to the Brigidine Sisters for their **ASYLUM SEEKER AND REFUGEE PROGRAMS.**

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Staff car park works have begun. **Access to the rest of the school car park is from Clota Ave only; NO ACCESS FROM DORKING RD.**

PARISH WELCOMING BADGES

Are available for all parishioners to order. There are order forms in each church to be returned to the Parish Office with payment of \$10 for a pin or \$12 for a magnetic badge.

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.