

St Francis Xavier and St Clare

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A ~ 9 October 2011

From the prophet Isaiah

Isa 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain. The word of the Lord.

Psalm (All)

Ps 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Phil 4:12f

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

(cf. Eph 1:17f)

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called. Alleluia!

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Gathering If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it?
But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

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

Communion When the Lord is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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SR MOIRA BRODERICK CSB

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!

The Liturgy of Eucharist

We begin in the second part of our Eucharistic ritual of the Mass –

- ◆ We offer To God
- ◆ God offers To Us

The Preparation and Presentation of our Gifts to the Altar

We are all familiar with the preparation of our family table before we gather for that special meal as family. We are attentive to the details and so too with our Eucharistic table.

The altar table is prepared with the chalices, water, candles and sacramentary for the celebrant. Then we have the wine and breads on the table on the table of the gifts placed at the far end of the church aisle. The priest goes to the front of the altar and awaits the gifts of bread and wine to come forward through the assembled community.

This action of Presentation of the Gifts involves us all, not just the family or two people who actually bring up the gifts. As those who represent all gathered at the eucharist, walk forward up the aisle, through the people, we are invited to place ourselves with these gifts. We offer who we are, all that is happening in our lives this week, and all we are going to face in the week ahead.

This is a very personal moment of bringing all we have to offer small as it maybe, sad, happy, challenging, in the good times or difficult times, this is me Lord and I offer to you with these gifts of bread and wine passing my seat as it goes to the altar.

We have often sung a hymn called “the Offertory hymn” but at this time quiet music allows us to offer our own personal prayer with the offering of the gifts.

- ◆ Don't miss this moment – it is easy to sit and doze off! But remember what the bread and wine represent for us.

The Bread of our staple diet, The Wine, fruit of the vine and pressed from fruit to wine. The Joys and Suffering of humanity are contained in these two elements. These were chosen by Jesus to return to us at Communion as this gift to us as the Bread of Life and Wine of Joy. Let us enter fully into this part of our eucharist.....

Sr Moira, Liturgy Coordinator

SFX & SC SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

We wish to thank our parishioners and friends for the support you extended to our appeal on Social Justice Sunday. Your donations to the Sri Lankan Housing project were overwhelming. In this time of economic stress your extending of a helping hand to the more needy brothers and sisters is welcome and heartening. Donations are still trickling in and we will give you a full account in due course.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER AT 11.15 AM AT THE SFX PARISH MEETING ROOM (please note venue and time). This is an important meeting as the Sr Superior of The Sion nuns will attend to fill us in on some of their current projects. We will also RECEIVE REPORTS ON the Social Justice Sunday Appeal and the Asylum Seeker Presentation. ALL ARE WELCOME

RCIA GATHERING— SAT 22ND 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 22nd 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:

Ersilia Poppito
those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Heery,
and the sick of our Parish:
Elizabeth Dwyer, Bodie Windsor

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK -

MON: ROM 1:1-7; LK 11:29-32
TUES: ROM 1:16-25; LK 11:37-41
WED: ROM 2:1-11; LK 11:42-46
THURS: ROM 3:21-30; LK 11:47-54
FRI: ROM 4:1-8; LK 12:1-7
SAT: ST TERESA OF JESUS (AVILA)
ROM 4:13, 16-18; LK 12:8-12
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IS 45:1, 4-6; 1 THESS 1:1-5; MT 22:15-21

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER		LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL
MONDAY 10 OCTOBER	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
	10.30AM	FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP AT ST C'S
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER	12.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER	1.00PM 7.30PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB - MUSICAL AFTERNOON AT SFX PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER	9AM-11AM 5.00—6.30PM 7.30PM	PLAYGROUP AT SFX (CLASSROOM NEXT TO FRIARS ROOM) LADIES DRINKS AT BOX HILL RSL BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER	9.00AM 4.00-5.30PM	PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX CHURCH RCIA - SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SUNDAY OCTOBER 16	11.00AM 11.15-12.15PM	RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 3 BAPTISMS AT ST CLARE'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING IN SFX PHMR

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Autumn Friendship Club this week will have a musical afternoon with the "Monashaires". Donation - \$5.00. 1pm in the SFX Hall. Please bring a small contribution for afternoon tea. The following week, we could have Bingo - or simply gather to chat; please let Judy know your preference. Early Warning - our film, on November 24, is "Midnight In Paris". All parishioners, members of the Whitehorse community, and their friends, are welcome to attend our activities. Information from Judy - 9878 4212.

MUSICIANS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS

We are starting to organise music for the Christmas eve family mass. We would love to have anyone interested involved, whether you sing along to the radio or have been playing an instrument for many years. Rehearsals will take place at 2pm on Sundays throughout November and December. If you would like to participate, please contact Lucy Pfeifer (cantor) on 0422 742 083 or lucy.pfeifer@gmail.com or after the 6pm or 9.30am mass.

TRIVIA NIGHT: SEE FLYER ATTACHED

Date: Saturday 22 October 2011
Time: 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start, until 10.30 pm
Venue: Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road
Cost: \$15 per person (cash or cheque payable to SFX Parents & Friends Association)
BYO: Beer, Wine, soft drinks, nibbles and tableware.
 Tea and coffee will be provided.
Dress Code: Smart Casual

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT NIGHT

Many thanks to all who came to a very inspiring and factual evening with Srs Brigid and Catherine on last Thursday. We met four great "new comers" from Iran, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kurdish Turkey each with a remarkable story of courage and gratitude to have arrived with us—none have yet been accepted by the Department of Immigration!
 We offered a donation to the Brigidine Sisters Project on behalf of those gathered. Please keep our Parliamentary Representatives on their toes! And let them know that we want care and compassion ahead of politics in regard to those seeking to be welcomed to our shores.

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 16

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm A Leonard, J Wells,
L Soulsby
5.00pm H Dyjak

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Soulsby, J Wells
5.00pm M Slevison, H Miller

Welcomers

6.00pm D&M Williamsz

Altar Linen

October 9 J Morison
October 16 M Rossely

Rosary Statue

October 9—P&M Poropat, 10 William St
October 16—M O'Meara, 14 Sweetland Rd

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

October 9 P Grech
October 16 G Amato

Lettori

October 9 J Adamo, C Ingrosso
October 16 M Salamone, V Peluso

Ministri dell'Eucarista

October 9 M Casamento, G Tabacchiera
October 16 G Massarotti, D Amato

ST CLARE'S—October 16

Ministers of the Word

Sr Moira, A McGovern, D Hayes

Ministers of Communion

I D'Amato, P O'Brien, J Murphy, T Shallvey,
A Kennedy, P Wolbers, D Wolbers

Welcomers—October 16

I Abiad, P Cleary

Piety Stall—October 16

A Lindsey

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Cleary Peter Leonard
Breta Cohen John O'Brien
Ann-Marie Diggins Annie Setiawan
Jane D'Souza Dianna Hardy
Maurice Ferdinando Carmel Purdey
Anthony Kennedy Monique Waring
Sr Moira Broderick (ex-officio)

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.