

St Francis Xavier and St Clare

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 16 October 2011

From the prophet Isaiah

Isa 45:1.4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing. The word of the Lord.

Psalm (All)

Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Thess 1: 4:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Gathering I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings.

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

Communion The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

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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!

The Eucharistic Prayer

All good fiction, non-fiction or historical books usually set out a Preface or Foreword before we launch into Chapters – these introductory passages set up for us a background to the greater part of the book. So too with an Overture prior to the curtain rising on an Opera or Musical Event – we get snippets of the fuller music score ahead!

The Preface – of the Mass

We are about to enter into the great prayer of thanksgiving – the ancient “Berekah” prayer. One of the big challenges, for us at this point, is to bring together the great acts of God that we celebrate in this liturgy and what we do in our everyday life. To come to this great prayer of thanksgiving we recognize that here is the point at which the eternal meets the earthly passing, the sacred meets the secular and the personal relationship with God meets the large public events of the world. As a community gathered we all count in shaping this action of the eucharist.

The Preface prayer draws us into the entrance hall of the eternal “heaven”. We leave behind our burdens and put on joy and with the angels and archangels raise our voices as we stand to sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

All the prayer of the preface leads us into an “otherworldly” character of its language, signs and symbols – the beautiful imagery, music and prayer of the formality of the liturgy brings us into contact with the world of God’s revelation and saving action of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord.

As we acclaim in the voices of our assembly, we enter into the liturgy as God’s people accepting God’s invitation to be open to God’s mystery both here at the table of the Lord and to God’s mystery in our world inviting us to live thankfully every day. We need to bring a thankful attitude to all the aspects of our living in these times. The greed, intolerance, materialism and consumerism of our secular society needs us to take hold of the great Thanksgiving prayer of our eucharist and have it transform us!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sr Moira, Liturgy Coordinator

IS ANYTHING HAPPENING IN SFX CHURCH???

Yes, the renovations have started! The builders are working away inside the church, but what they are doing is not visible from outside. Noises can be heard from within that indicate great activity is taking place!



SFX & SC SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

NEXT REGULAR METING ON TODAY 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

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.



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.

We pray for those recently deceased: Vincenza Fontata, Mary Patricia Fincher those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Glourey, Frank Rowan and the sick of our Parish: Elizabeth Dwyer, Bodie Windsor, Bev Poynton, Sr Joan Mack, Peg Walker

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK -

MON: ROM 4:20-25; LK 12:13-21 - ST IGNATIUS
TUES: 2 TIM 4:10-17; LK 10:1-9 - ST LUKE
WED: ROM 6:12-18; LK 12:39-48
THURS: ROM 6:19-23; LK 12:49-53
FRI: ROM 7:18-25; LK 12:54-59
SAT: ROM 8:1-11; LK 13:1-9
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex 22:20-26; 1 THESS 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER	11.00AM 11.15-12.15PM	RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY 3 BAPTISMS AT ST CLARE'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING IN SFX PHMR
MONDAY 17 OCTOBER	8.30AM 10.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP AT ST C'S
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER	12.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER	1.00PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB - CHAT & CHEW AT SFX
FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER	9AM-11AM 7.30PM	PLAYGROUP AT SFX (CLASSROOM NEXT TO FRIARS ROOM) BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER	9.00AM 4.00-5.30PM	PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX CHURCH RCIA - SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM TRIVIA NIGHT—BOX HILL TOWN HALL
SUNDAY OCTOBER 23		WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Autumn Friendship Club this week Chat & Chew. Next week, Reflection Day with Sr. Moira at 10.15am in the Parish House Meeting Room. Please bring your lunch. 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.



CASUAL WORK AVAILABLE in family cleaning business. Contact Vince 0414 853 486

CUMQUATS! Do you have any to spare? If so Fr Peter Cantwell would love to hear from you. Please drop them into SFX Parish Office or leave your name & phone number & Father will collect from you.



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

Until October 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**

TRIVIA NIGHT

There is still time to buy a ticket/s in the raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets are available after Masses or at SFX Parish Office. See list of fabulous prizes on the back of this newsletter!

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—October 23

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm J Morison, M O'Brien,
N Succar
5.00pm T Parker

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm L Hughes, M Dodds
5.00pm H Dyjak, K Ooi

Welcomers

6.00pm J Morison, M Rossely

Altar Linen

October 16 M Rossely
October 23 L Chin

Rosary Statue

October 16—M O'Meara, 14 Sweetland Rd
October 23—S Faulisi, 21 Bedford Rd

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

October 16 G Amato
October 23 J Adamo

Lettori

October 16 M Salamone, V Peluso
October 23 N Pozzobon, A Lanza

Ministri dell'Eucarista

October 16 G Massarotti, D Amato
October 23 M Casamento, G Tabacchiera

ST CLARE'S—October 23

Ministers of the Word

K McMahon, T Nicholson, C Abiad

Ministers of Communion

D Tan, P O'Brien, P Cleary, E Lim,
P Ciccotosto, D Wolbers, I D'Amato

Welcomers—October 23

P Ciccotosto, P Cleary

Piety Stall—October 23

P Green

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Cleary	Peter Leonard
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Jane D'Souza	Dianna Hardy
Maurice Ferdinando	Carmel Purdey
Anthony Kennedy	Monique Waring
Sr Moira Broderick	(ex-officio)

Next meeting : 3 November 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.

HEAR MY VOICE ... BELIEVE

Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Day Appeal.

This year we are invited to hear the voice of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Guatemala and here in Australia as they face incredible challenges. Indigenous leaders are calling for reconciliation, forgiveness and hope as they reach out and serve their communities in the name of Christ. You can hear their voice by helping raise up leaders and bring new hope to Indigenous communities and future generations. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.



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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.