

# St Francis Xavier and St Clare

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 15 January 2012

**From the first book of Samuel**

1Sam 3:3-10.19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground. The word of the Lord.

### **Psalm (All)** Ps 39:2.4.7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.  
I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.  
You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.  
In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.  
Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

**From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

1Cor 6:13-15.17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God. The word of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation (All)**

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

**From the holy Gospel according to John**

Jn1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock. The Gospel of the Lord.

**Gathering** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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

**Communion** We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

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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  
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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

**Please note that Parish Office Staff are on leave until Wednesday 18th January 2012 & the office will be closed until that time.**

***Urgent messages only may be left on the answering machine & one of the friars will respond if and when they are able.***

#### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Next month we begin our 2012 Stewardship Program. Christian Stewardship is the realisation that everything we have & everything that we are is a gift from God, held in trust by us, to be used to praise God & serve our neighbour & to be returned with increase to the Lord. Please get involved in the program & please pray for its success.

#### Month of January - 2012

- Weekdays: Daily Midday Mass SFX/Monday-Friday
- No 9am Mass at St Clare's on Wednesday & Friday
- Weekends: 9am Saturday Mass with Holy Hour and Confessions as usual at St Clare's.
- Saturday: 6pm SFX, Sunday: 9.30am SC, 5pm SFX

***Lunar New Year Celebration for the Parish will be on Saturday January 28th 2012, with Mass at 6pm (normal weekend time) at ST CLARE'S CHURCH (no Mass at SFX that night), followed by a celebratory meal in St Clare's Hall. Details to follow.***



#### 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.*

#### ROSTERS

**DURING THE DECEMBER/JANUARY BREAK, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & MINISTERS OF THE WORD ARE REQUESTED TO VOLUNTEER AT MASSES AS REQUIRED.**

#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER

**Altar Linen**  
January 15 R Meyers  
January 22 MT Francisco

#### Rosary Statue

Month of Jan—N Guinane, 65 Mersey St

#### ITALIAN MASS

#### Commentator

January 15 J Adamo  
January 22 P Grech

#### Lettori

January 15 N Pozzobon, A D'Alessandro  
January 22 J Adamo, C Ingresso

#### Ministri dell'Eucarista

January 15 M Salamone, M Casamento  
January 22 D Amato, M Salamone

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38*

What are you looking for? It is a question Jesus asks each of us. Are we wasting our time looking for the material pleasures of the world? Or are our hearts really longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God?

The **AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will not be meeting again regularly until February 2, 2012; however, we plan to get together on Thursday, January 12 for lunch, at Box Hill RSL. We will meet after the noon mass; there will be transport for anyone who needs it. Please let Judy know if you will be coming.  
All parishioners, members of the Whitehorse Community and their friends are welcome at our activities.  
Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

#### DONATIONS OF TOYS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

needed for Samata Sarana, Kindigoda, Sri Lanka. Samata Sarana feeds over 500 people a day, runs a day care centre for single parents, a school for over 300 plus children who also receive breakfast and lunch, a day centre for the elderly who are also fed and sent home with dinner packets. **Please contact: Michelle on 9898 7021.**