



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

2nd Sunday of Lent February 28th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.



TRANSFORMED

On Tuesday Sister Death visited one of our friars Fr Joachim O'Brien and he passed away peacefully. I have known Fr Joe since 1998; he was directing me for my Solemn Profession retreat at our prayer house in Guildford. I remember some of our discussions, but most of all I was inspired and humbled by his simple lifestyle, prayerfulness, commitment and faithfulness to religious life and to the Church.

At the time I was appointed here as Parish Priest, Joe came to see me and to welcome me, but also to brief me about his ministry with the Legion of Mary. He was always interested in ministry and people and willing to do anything, yet always accountable. At times Box Hill Hospital would ring St Paschal's in emergency cases and he would respond promptly and later call me to furnish details of the patient without any fuss. I have always had great respect and affection for Fr Joe, a brother, though with a gap of a few generations. I'll remember him for his faithfulness to religious life and his ministry as a priest, faithfully serving people.

Today's gospel passage reminds me about Christian life; we too are being transfigured through baptism and faith. We hear in the gospel today how Jesus was transfigured and revealed his glory. When we "listen to him", we too are transformed and reveal the glory of God. The temptation is to remain there soaking in the glory and we hear how Peter intended to make three tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. But the journey of Jesus was to end in Jerusalem through his suffering, death and resurrection. There are no short cuts or bypasses to life and salvation. What Christ did was to renew the Covenant with God for us, not by animal sacrifice but by giving his life.

Believing in God does not mean we are immune or saved from problems, struggles or pain in our lives. In actual fact when we love God and listen to God we seem to open our minds and hearts to the sufferings of others too. People like Fr Joachim loved God and gave their lives in serving others. It is not always smooth sailing, but God gives glimpses of glory and joy to help us along the way. We come to the fullness of life and the glory of God only by following in the footsteps of the crucified Lord.

Fr Anthony ofm

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Phil 3:17 - 4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Monday

Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday—Autumn Ember Day

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT SUNDAY

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

6pm Mass (First Scrutiny)

Gen 12:1-4; Tim 1:8-10;

Mt 17:1-9

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**Ex 3:1-8,13-15;**

**1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9**

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#### This week

*Spend extra time this week listening to the 'beloved Son'.  
What is Jesus saying to you?  
How are you able to respond?*

#### 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.

**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:**

**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

**In the event of needing a priest urgently, please telephone 9890 2231 at any time of the day.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Veronika Bellis *Liz Clark*  
Pat Cleary *Dianna Hardy*  
Breta Cohen *Carmel Purdey*  
Ann-Marie Diggins *Monique Waring*  
Jane D'Souza *(ex-officio)*  
Anthony Kennedy  
Peter Leonard

**Next meeting : 4 March 2010**

**LITURGY TIMES**

**St Clare's**

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

**St Francis Xavier's**

**Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm**  
**Sunday 8.00 am**  
**10.00am**  
**(Italian) 11.30 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

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|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY</b> | <b>10.00AM</b>       | <b>YEAR 4 FAMILY MASS</b>                                                                                 |
| <b>MONDAY 1 MARCH</b>     | <b>8.30AM</b>        | <b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b><br>(CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)               |
|                           | <b>10.30AM</b>       | <b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY IN ST CLARE'S HALL</b> (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706) |
|                           | <b>7.00PM</b>        | <b>CONFIRMATION CLASS—SFXPHMR</b>                                                                         |
| <b>TUESDAY 2 MARCH</b>    | <b>12.45PM</b>       | <b>LEGION OF MARY</b> (SFX PHMR)                                                                          |
|                           | <b>7.30PM</b>        | <b>RCIA</b> (SFX PHMR)                                                                                    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH</b>  | <b>8.30AM</b>        | <b>TENNIS GROUP</b> (AS MONDAY)                                                                           |
|                           | <b>7.30PM</b>        | <b>BAPTISM PROGRAM</b> (SFX PHMR) - <b>NO MEDITATION GROUP</b>                                            |
|                           | <b>7.30PM</b>        | <b>KSC AT ST CLARE'S</b>                                                                                  |
| <b>THURSDAY 4 MARCH</b>   | <b>12.45PM</b>       | <b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—SAUSAGE SIZZLE</b> (SEE BELOW)                                                  |
|                           | <b>7.30PM</b>        | <b>PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>                                                                            |
| <b>FRIDAY 5 MARCH</b>     | <b>9.30 FOR 10AM</b> | <b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN, STATION ST</b>                                                |
|                           | <b>11.00AM</b>       | <b>HOLY HOUR AT SFX</b>                                                                                   |
|                           | <b>4.00PM</b>        | <b>WEDDING AT SFX</b>                                                                                     |
|                           | <b>7.30PM</b>        | <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST CLARE'S</b>                                                                |
|                           | <b>7.30PM</b>        | <b>PRAYER/REFLECTION AT SFX</b>                                                                           |
|                           | <b>7.30-9.00PM</b>   | <b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP</b> (SFX PHMR)                                                                  |
| <b>SATURDAY 6 MARCH</b>   | <b>9.00AM</b>        | <b>PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE.</b>                                                    |
|                           | <b>6.00PM</b>        | <b>RCIA FIRST SCRUTINY AT SFX</b>                                                                         |
| <b>SUNDAY 7 MARCH</b>     | <b>12.30PM</b>       | <b>2 BAPTISMS AT SFX</b>                                                                                  |
|                           | <b>2.00PM</b>        | <b>YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS MUSICIANS IN SFX CHURCH</b>                                                |

**AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

We are having a Sausage Sizzle this week, to celebrate several birthdays, at St Clare's, at 12.45 pm; the sausages will be supplied; please bring a salad or something sweet. And PLEASE, let Jody know if you are coming! 9842 9409. Hats and sunglasses may be needed! **On March 11**, we will have gentle exercises with Marlene. Don't forget to book for the film "Up In The Air" – March 25. (Marg 9803 4973)

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society is no longer accepting donations left in the Church.**

If you think you have items that you think are suitable for the needy (eg: good, clean clothing), please deliver them to an Op-Shop. The nearest SVDP Op-Shop is at 24 Hamilton Street, Mont Albert. Thank-you for your cooperation.

**ST FRANCIS CHAPEL, EASTLAND**

St Francis Chapel needs both men & women to join our group of Volunteers who give 3 hours a week, every 4 weeks, to be a presence at the Chapel. You do not need to be a Special Minister or a Lector, but we need people who love the Lord enough to spend 3 hours with Him., so that others may call in & make a visit, or attend Mass each day, Monday to Saturday. If you can do this, please contact Pat on 9726 0335...or Joan on 9836 3236.

**CLEANING POSITION**

Cleaning position available for a reliable & honest person. Please call Vince on 0414 853 486.

**CHILD MINDING**

My name is Janine Ivory and I am looking to take care of children before or after school. I am very reliable, energetic and I have many years of experience. I have references, police check and an accredited foster carer. My interests are tennis, walking and a keen piano player. ph 9891 7574 or mobile 0417 337 582

**LENTEN GROUPS**

We have 4 groups meeting for Lenten study:

- ✦ Tuesday mornings @ 10.15am at Bedford Heights
  - ✦ Wednesday mornings @ **10.30am** at St Clare's Parish House
  - ✦ Thursday mornings @ 10am & Thursday evenings @ 8pm both at Clare Hangan's, 30 Watts St, Box Hill
- New members are most welcome.

**WORLD DAY OR PRAYER 2010 - 5th March**

*- Let everything that has breath praise God.*  
This year's service, prepared by Christian women of Cameroon, focuses on the many things for which we have to be thankful, with an aspiration that all breathing, living things unite as one to praise God for all that we have been given.

Through sharing in this worship service from beautiful Cameroon, we connect with each other around the world in prayer and praise to God for His glorious creation.

**ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Cnr Station St & Elland Ave, Box Hill**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**9.30am Morning Tea**  
**10.00am Service**



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** in Melbourne started on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Palm Sunday. Many pray-ers are needed – PLEASE, consider, whether YOU could help, even for an hour or two. There is a group going from Box Hill, each Wednesday, from 5.30 to 7.30 pm; if you would be interested in being part of it, ring Clare or Tom – 9890 4457. Further details on the back page - and on the prolife board in SFX porch and at back of SC church. And PLEASE - if you can't attend – PRAY for those who do and especially for those from our parishes - as well as the mothers and babies and the staff at the abortion clinic.

## RCIA

We joyfully welcome the new members of our community—Amber, Kate, Jennifer and Amanda—who became members of the elect at a ceremony in the Cathedral last Sunday. If their enthusiasm and excitement are things to judge by, our community should be in for an explosion of new life at Eastertime. It was great to see several parishioners there, offering their encouragement and support, as well as the faithful members of the RCIA team. Hundreds of candidates were gathered for this important step on their way to baptism, and it was both moving and immensely encouraging to witness the spirit of joy and hope in such a large gathering.



My name is Jennifer and I have been blessedly and blissfully part of the current RCIA group. My daughter Jessica was Baptized in October 2007 at St Francis Xavier by the kind and wonderful Father Anthoni.

This was my inspiration to commence the beginning of my journey of faith. Thanks to the dedication and encouragement of the lovely Liz Clark, I have become part of a very supportive and caring group every Tuesday evening. I am so happy and feel eternally blessed to have the overwhelming support and encouragement from my generous and loving group. I am so thankful, hopeful and enlightened for my future of faith filled with love, joy and hope ...Thank you all and God Bless : )

### Pray 2010: A Place for Everyone

Whether you struggle with how to pray, desire to understand the Eucharist more, want to learn about a new form of prayer or go deeper with a prayer style with which you are familiar, then Pray 2010 offers a wide range of prayer workshops and presentations to meet your needs. For the full program go to:

[www.pray2010.org.au](http://www.pray2010.org.au)

**My corner** I often think that if I didn't live in the city I could live more simply. Or if I didn't need to drive to work, or if I didn't want to keep in touch with so many people, or if I just read emails rather than printed them out, or if I grew my own vegetables, then I could live a simple life. But I don't do anything to mend my wicked ways. I continue to consume at a great rate, not just by going shopping and eating and clothing myself, but by taking easy options (driving not walking), pandering to my addiction with plants or craft magazines, buying presents for people who have already got far more than they need. I seem unable to imagine what it must be like to have nothing, to cherish everything I do have as gift, to declutter my life. It would also help if I could manage to declutter my mind a little. During this Lent, that's my intention - to try to follow Francis and Clare's example, to be much more focused on essentials and to put aside those things which aren't important.

*Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

As Christians we are called to walk with those who are in need. This week's story introduces us to Teneille, from Derby in Western Australia. Limited job opportunities, low family literacy levels and poor health and housing are some of the issues affecting poor school performance amongst Indigenous children in the area. Teneille participates in a Caritas Australia-supported program that is empowering children to attend school, have healthy and nutritious food and improve the school performance amongst the area's children. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to work towards the goal of ensuring primary education for all children.



### **THIS WEEK'S RECIPE FOR A MEAT-FREE LENTEN MEAL—VEGETABLE CURRY**

(Suitable to microwave)

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 15 minutes—Serves: 6

#### Ingredients:

200 g zucchini, chopped into 2cm cubes  
200g potatoes, chopped into 2cm cubes  
100g parsnip, chopped into 2cm cubes  
500 g sweet potato, peeled and chopped into 2cm cubes

2 cups chickpeas, canned or cooked, drained

2 tablespoons peanut oil or macadamia oil

1 tablespoon ginger, freshly grated

3 cloves garlic, crushed

1 teaspoon cumin, ground

4 pods cardamom

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, ground

1/4 teaspoon chilli powder or 1 red chilli,

seeded and finely chopped

2 teaspoons coriander, ground

#### Method:

1. Steam or microwave the vegetables until half cooked and set aside.

2. Heat oil in large pot or frypan.

3. Add the ginger and garlic and cook over a low heat for 2-3 minutes stirring occasionally.

4. Add the vegetables and chickpeas and spices and toss so that they are well-coated in the spices.

5. Put a lid on the pan and steam for a few minutes until the vegetables are tender.

*Notes: Excellent as a side dish or serve with cooked rice or green beans as a main meal.*

### **ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The School Office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm

Monday to Friday during school term. **Tours of the School** are held on the following dates. The tours are for approximately 1 hour. Please meet at the school office by 9.10am for Monday tours and 10.50am for Sunday tour.

**Mondays @ 9.15am—1 March, 15 March, 19 April, 3 May, 24 May, 19 July, 9 August, 6 September, 11 October and Sunday 11am on 2 May**

**PARISH LIFE**—We are hoping to make a DVD to showcase parish life this year. We would use it on our website & give it to new parishioners to introduce them to our community. Are there any **VOLUNTEERS** with expertise in filming/directing/editing or who have any helpful ideas? Please phone the Parish Office.

## ROSTERS

### **ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—March 7**

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

6.00pm I Abraham, M Slevison, J Wells, J&S Acuri

8.00am S Carney, F Neyland

10.00am C Hangan, V&G Mooney, E&E VDW, G Augustin, A Leonard

5.00pm MT Francisco, M Soulsby

#### **Ministers of the Word**

6.00pm L Norton, M Jeffares

8.00am F Neyland

10.00am M Hughes, L Hughes

5.00pm M Felix, J Gunanayagam

#### **Welcomers**

6.00pm M&D Williamsz

10.00am VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

#### **Children's Liturgy**

March 7—3rd Sunday of Lent—Group B

March 14—4th Sunday of Lent—Group C

#### **Altar Linen**

February 28 I Balchin

March 7 L Sanelli

#### **Counters**

February 28 P Eng & H H Yeoh

March 7 R&Y Roy

#### **Collectors 5pm**

February 28 A Cutts

March 7 L Soulsby

#### **Rosary Statue**

February 28 & March 7—

La family, 4/1095 Whitehorse Rd

#### **ITALIAN MASS**

#### **Commentator**

February 28 P Grech

March 7 G Amato

#### **Lettori**

February 28 J Adamo, C Gibellini

March 7 M Salamone, V Peluso

#### **Ministri dell'Eucarista**

February 28 M Casamento, G Tabacchiera

March 7 G Massarotti, D Amato

### **ST CLARE'S—March 7**

#### **Ministers of the Word**

9.00am T Nicholson, K McMahon, D Hayes

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

9.00am J Murphy, D Tan, I D'Amato,

P Ciccotosto, H Keown, D Wolbers, P O'Brien

#### **Piety Stall—March 7**

9.00am A Lindsey

### *From Fr Ben*

*In all life, one should comfort the afflicted, but verily, also, one should afflict the comfortable, and especially when they are comfortably, contentedly, even happily wrong.*

*There is something wonderful in seeing a wrong-headed majority assailed by truth.*

*John Kenneth Galbraith (1908-2006),*

*American-Canadian economist*

#### **POINTS TO PONDER**

✦ *'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here'. Reflect on what these words mean for you.*

✦ *'Listen to him'. What might Jesus be saying to you at this time?*

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.