

St Francis Xavier and St Clare

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A ~ 23 October 2011

From the book of Exodus

Ex 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.” The word of the Lord.

Psalm (All) Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

1Thess 1: 5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (All) (Jn 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father
will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gathering Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength,
seek always the face of the Lord.

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

Communion Christ loved us and gave himself up for us a fragrant offering to God.

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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 pmMon—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

LITURGY SPOT SPECIAL!*The Eucharistic Prayer*

We open this great prayer of thanksgiving with the Holy, Holy, Holy Lords God of Hosts – we step into a sacred time and space.

This part of our liturgy of the eucharist is prayed by the celebrant, our ordained presider. The priest gathers the thanksgiving prayer into the very action of our Mass – the priestly ordination, is the invitation to our celebrant as leader, to give this prayer action, not just words said from a book. We do this together; we are not just spectators at this time. We are called to be deeply involved in it and as the prayer is offered aloud by the priest, the sacred event embraces layer upon layer of history.

The gospel tells us that Jesus, on the night before he died, had a Passover meal with his friends. This was no ordinary meal for, in the Jewish custom, the Passover meal presented again, every year, the great action of the God of Israel who freed them from slavery out of Egypt and led them forth. It was following this long-standing custom and ritual meal that Jesus took bread during the meal, blest it, gave thanks, broke it and shared it with his friends at the table. He took the cup filled with wine and having said the prayer of blessing passed it to be shared too. From this one bread, and one cup a whole new covenant was forged. To the already significant event of the Passover supper Jesus' death on Calvary and his rising on Easter Sunday added a whole new dimension for all future Christians, like us today, as we gather at the table of the Lord.

Since the earliest Christian families and countless generations of Catholic Christians over the years have been taking the words of Jesus at the Last Supper "Do this in memory of Me" quite literally. In our Mass we come together to remember, to celebrate in faith and to give thanks. We believe that here. As we celebrate the eucharistic prayer with the priest, Jesus who dies and was raised to life, is made present on the altar in the midst of all gathered.

The Eucharistic Prayer has several wordings and the one we hear the priest pray often dates back to the first form prayer used by the families of the early church gathered in homes. The word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word simply meaning "giving thanks" – the French have a saying that "gratitude is the heart's memory"!

As the prayer is prayed by the priest the silence falls, and the bells are rung, to remind us of the moments when 'memory' becomes 'presence' and we give some space in our hearts, as we listen, to the Lord for all His goodness to us, our families and to all peoples.

The Great Amen.....we conclude with Amen – yes, we believe, and we give ourselves in thanks and praise.

"With Him, through Him and In Him"...

Sr Moira, Liturgy Coordinator

**CHOIRS—SFX & ST CLARE—
A NEW BEGINNING**

On Sunday 23rd October afternoon at 4pm this weekend Joseph Batiller (0424 727 849) is hoping to help begin to form a choir of lead singers. All interested people are invited to come along and see how we can begin.

We have Christmas Masses coming soon, so we can have a couple of choirs or lead singer groups to cover this important Christmas Season for the parish with the extra Masses involved.

On 3rd December 2011, in St Clare's Church at 6pm, we will be celebrating with Harry Chan OFM his **ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE** and Sr Moira has been requested to form a choir with some members of the Chinese choir also. Archbishop Hart DD and many of the Franciscan Friars, along with lots of the Chinese community with whom Harry has been closely connected, will join our parish for this happy occasion. We would like a few more SFX/St Clare's singers so please contact Sr Moira at the parish if you are available.

We will have three rehearsals before the Diaconate—Thursdays, November 17th, 24th & December 1st at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church to which we will need singers to also be in attendance.

RCIA - MEETING TIME CHANGE—NOV/DEC

In the coming weeks of November and December our RCIA Team and Candidates are moving from the Saturday afternoon at 4pm gathering time to Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm.

Now that the brighter, longer evenings are bringing in the summer we will hold our meetings on the following Tuesday evenings—Nov 8th, 22nd, 29th / Dec 6th, 13th, 20th.

All parishioners are invited to join us on these evenings as we share & inform our faith as adults.

*We pray for those recently deceased:
 Anna Salvitti, Mark Emery; those whose
 anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes
 Newton; and the sick of our Parish:
 Elizabeth Dwyer, Bodie Windsor, Bev
 Poynton, Sr Joan Mack, Peg Walker*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK -

MON: ROM 8:12-17; LK 13:10-17

TUES: ROM 8:18-25; LK 13:18-21

WED: ROM 8:26-30; LK 13:22-30

THURS: ROM 8:31-39; LK 13:31-35

FRI: (SS SIMON & LUKE)

EPH 2:19-22; LK 6:12-19

SAT: ROM 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; LK 14:1, 7-11

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**MALACHI 1:14 - 2:2,8-10; 1THESS 2:7-9;****MT 23:1-12**

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER		WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
MONDAY 24 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 25 OCTOBER	12.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER	10.15AM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB - DAY OF REFLECTION / SR MOIRA
FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER	9AM-11AM 7.30PM	PLAYGROUP AT SFX (CLASSROOM NEXT TO FRIARS ROOM) BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX CHURCH
SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER		

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week, Reflection Day with Sr. Moira at 10.15am in the Friars Room/Hall. Please bring your lunch. Next week: Oaks Day Lunch at 12.45pm in SFX Hall. Bring plate to share & FANCY HAT! 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.



CATHOLIC CARE CHURCH APPEAL

CatholicCare would like the community of St Clare & St Francis Xavier Parish for its generous donation of \$1527.60 to our recent Church Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare. We work on behalf of the Archdiocese in Melbourne & Geelong to fulfill the Church's mission of service to the community. CatholicCare provides programs & services that help families & individuals in the development of strong & healthy relationships, & encourage a sense of connectedness within their communities.

Fr Joe Caddy, Chief Executive Officer

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL Car Park Repair

The Plan to repair the car park included reinstating the asphalt. After the existing asphalt was removed it was found that the sub terrain was inadequate for the reinstatement of asphalt. Consequently the decision was made to concrete the area. As a result of the heavy rain in the first week of the holidays, the project was delayed. Further advice was sought from the Archdiocesan Building & Management Advisory Service. Engineers have been consulted for advice. The consultation process is nearing the end and it is anticipated that the project will be completed in approximately four weeks.

Coles Sport for Schools Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in their Coles Sport for Schools Vouchers. The program has now finished, so if you still have any vouchers that have not been brought into school, could you please do so asap so we can tally them up and put in our order for new sports equipment.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—October 30

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm D Williamsz, J Hickey,
L Lampard
5.00pm MT Francisco

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Williamsz, M Slevison
5.00pm J O'Brien, K Ooi

Welcomers

6.00pm D Paes, J Hickey

Altar Linen

October 23 L Chin
October 30 I Balchin

SFX COUNTERS AT ST CLARE'S

October 23 B&M Walker
October 30 L&B Cohen

Rosary Statue

October 23—S Faulisi, 21 Bedford Rd
October 30—J&R Adamo, 3A Joseph St, Blackburn North

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

October 23 J Adamo
October 30 P Grech

Lettori

October 23 N Pozzobon, A Lanza
October 30 R Bidinost, C Gibellini

Ministri dell'Eucarista

October 23 M Casamento, G Tabacchiera
October 30 R Bidinost, M Salamone

ST CLARE'S—October 30

Ministers of the Word

P Fitzgerald, K McMahon, A McGovern

Ministers of Communion

P O'Brien, J Murphy, T Shallvey, E Lim,
P Wolbers, D Wolbers, I D'Amato

Welcomers—October 30

H Keown, A Kennedy

Piety Stall—October 30

D Tan

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Cleary	Peter Leonard
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Anthony Kennedy	Monique Waring
Sr Moira Broderick	(ex-officio)

Next meeting : 3 November 2011

You are invited to drop toiletries, toilet paper, cleaning & laundry products to the Parish House to be taken to the Brigidine Sisters for their

ASYLUM SEEKER AND REFUGEE PROGRAMS

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

World Mission Day Appeal this weekend.

Join with Catholic Mission this weekend and hear the voice of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Australia, Guatemala and across the world. You can help raise up leaders, enable them to reach out and serve the communities in the name of Christ, and bring new hope to Indigenous communities and future generations. Please hear their voice this World Mission Day 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.