



# Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

*In the care of the Franciscan Friars*

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

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

Psalm Response

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

We will rejoice at the victory of God and make our boast in his great name.



**This week**

*Notice occasion this week when it may be easy to judge someone badly. Do something positive to favour someone to whom we may feel in some way superior.*

**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.

### Humility before God

The books within the Hebrew Scriptures known as "Wisdom Literature" often personify human aspects of the mysterious God. In the First Reading from Sirach, God is pictured as having ears and someone who does not play favourites.

God tend to listen attentively to the poor, the orphan, the widow, and all who are lowly and oppressed. One other group whose petitions are heard are those who willingly serve God. This reading is poetically simple and charming, but does form God into our image and likeness a bit too much.

Two qualities of those to whom the parable is offered are "those who are convinced of their own righteousness", and consequently "despise everyone else." The Pharisee finds his security in having performed well in religious matters. He enjoys his sense that he is not like the rest of humanity and especially like the tax collector over there against whom, the Pharisee judges himself as "safe!" The "tax collector" has taken his place in the back. He possesses four characteristics of humility: distance, eyes cast down, beats his breast, and states his truth to God.

There is a popular means of finding our identity. We accumulate by possessing material goods and or, such as the Pharisees, spiritual accomplishments. We then measure what we have or have done against what others have or have done. Comparing is one way which the Pharisee does in exalting himself by shaming the tax-man.

Jesus, in relating this little story, is giving a teaching about prayer, but also about the ways of the Kingdom of God. Identity is received through the saving relationship which Jesus offers all. The Pharisee's hands were full of his practices. The tax-collector received what self-righteous virtue could not achieve.

This is not a story either endorsing false humility or comparing ourselves so we can feel spiritually inferior. We come to our places of prayer, not to win or achieve holiness, nor to buy the right tickets. We come to pray, because we are honoured by the saving love of Jesus and sent "home" justified by that love. We do not beat our breasts or beat up ourselves. Jesus exalts us, because we have humbly accepted who we are and who He is!

Larry Gillick, S.J. ([lgillick@creighton.edu](mailto:lgillick@creighton.edu))  
*"We will rejoice at the victory of God and make our boast in His great Name." Ps. 20, 6*

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19;**  
*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*  
**2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18;**  
*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*  
**Lk 18:9-14**  
*The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.*

**Monday**  
Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday**  
Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday**  
Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30  
**Thursday—Ss Simon & Jude**  
Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19  
**Friday**  
Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6  
**Saturday**  
Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:7-11

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Wis 11:22-12:2;  
2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2;  
Lk 19:1-10

**FRIARS OF THE PARISHES**

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj ofm  
Parish Priest  
Fr Benignus Clowes ofm  
Assistant Priest  
Fr Bob Matthews ofm  
Assistant Priest

**Pastoral Assistant—**

**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**

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

**Next meeting : 4 November**

**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

<b>SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER</b>	<b>12.00PM</b>	<b>SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY</b> <b>MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR PETER O'NEILL OFM AT ST CLARE'S</b>
<b>MONDAY 25 OCTOBER</b>	<b>8.30AM</b> <b>10.30AM</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> <b>(CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)</b> <b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—AT ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)</b>
<b>TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER</b>	<b>12.45PM</b> <b>3.00-3.30PM</b> <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)</b> <b>PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH</b> <b>RCIA (PHMR)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER</b>	<b>8.30AM</b> <b>9-11AM</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b> <b>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252</b>
<b>THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER</b>	<b>1.00PM</b>	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP GROUP - SENIORS RIGHTS VICTORIA</b>
<b>FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER</b>	<b>7.30-9.00PM</b>	<b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)</b>
<b>SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE TRADING CIRCLE AFTER 6PM MASS</b>
<b>SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER</b>		<b>TRADING CIRCLE AFTER MASSES</b>

**AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

This week a speaker from Seniors' Rights Victoria will talk to us about issues relating to seniors' rights and elder abuse. Next week is Oaks Day – we will attend the noon mass, with anointing; followed by a shared lunch, in the hall – fancy hats should be worn! All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

**MISSION SUNDAY 2010 - MESSAGE FROM BENEDICT XVI**

'Dear friends, on this World Mission Sunday in which the heart's gaze extends to the immense spaces of mission, let us all be protagonists of the Church's commitment to proclaim the Gospel. The missionary impulse has always been a sign of vitality for our Churches with their cooperation and their unique witness of unity, brotherhood and solidarity that gives credibility to heralds of the Love that saves! 'I therefore renew to everyone the invitation to pray and, despite financial difficulties, to offer fraternal and concrete help to support the young Churches. This act of love and sharing, which the precious service of the Pontifical Missionary Societies to which I express my gratitude will see to allocating, will support the formation of priests, seminarians and catechists in the most distant mission lands and will encourage the young ecclesial communities. Full text: [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/missions/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_mes\\_20100206\\_world-mission-day-2010\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/missions/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20100206_world-mission-day-2010_en.html)

*On appeal weekend:*

**FAMILY CARER NEEDED**

Busy working mum looking for extra support in caring for her 7 year old son before/after school hours. Regular interstate travel means early starts are required at times (pre 7am) with some weekend flexibility also needed. The ideal carer would be a mother whose children attend SFX Primary School and might be looking for extra income. Weekly hours required would vary pending work commitments. Rates negotiable. For further details please call Amber on 0403 182 490.

**BOARD WANTED**

A responsible young man from Geelong with good references is seeking board in the eastern area of Melbourne to facilitate his studies next year at the Box Hill TAFE. Further details from Rebecca, his mother, on 5243 9144 or 0423 314 724, or from Fr Kevin Dillon on 5222 1977.

**FRANCISCAN CALENDARS 2011**

The 2011 calendar attempts to capture a little of the life & spirit as pilgrims experience it in the world of St Francis in photographs. **Available at the Parish Office for \$6 each.**

**CALL FOR MUSICIANS**

We are starting to think about music for the Christmas masses and would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved as a singer or instrumentalist, whether you started playing this year or have a lot of experience. Please contact Lucy Pfeifer on 9890 0828 or [lucy\\_pfeifer@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lucy_pfeifer@yahoo.com.au) or Colin Bellis on 9898 8639 or [vcdeb@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vcdeb@optusnet.com.au)

**BUILD COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

Join with Catholic Mission this week to reach out to support the courageous work of the Church in 160 countries, like Timor-Leste. Each day missionaries put their faith in action to build communities free of oppression – and full of hope in Christ! Stand together with our brothers and sisters across the world today, and give generously. Or make a monthly donation as a Friends in Faith Partner to build strong communities throughout the world.



Free call: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au](http://catholicmission.org.au)



**A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - FINAL**

'In the ceremony of Canonisation in Rome, the life and spirituality of our Australian "Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop" have been officially acclaimed by the Universal Church. Her experiences and her many letters have inspired many to reflect on Mary in published and electronic format, and in musical and dramatic works. As we remember her final words, "Go on!" we are proud that her spirit is truly alive today, and her work continues.'

Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au). For further information, see [www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au) and [www.cathnews.com.au](http://www.cathnews.com.au)

**EAST TIMOR GIFT CARDS**

Christmas Gift Cards in support of East Timor will be available soon from the Parish Office. They make a thoughtful Christmas gift for that person who already has "everything"!

**FROM FATHER ANTHONI**

Christina Sorbello has now finished in her role as Pastoral Assistant to the parishes. There will be no new appointment to this position until early in the new year. Father Anthoni would appreciate your support and help during the next few months.

**THE PPC NEEDS YOU!**

Due to the positive feed back and as part of the Strategic Plan to improve communication between the Parish Pastoral Council and St Francis Xavier and St Clare's it is proposed that the Box Hill Buzz will be continued for the next few years. To ensure this communication continues to occur, parishioners with reasonable computer/publishing skills are asked to consider helping with the quarterly production of the Box Hill Buzz. For further information please contact Anthony Kennedy on 0411 121 509.

**From Around the Corner**

There seems to be a theme coming through Luke's gospels over the past few weeks about prayer, about justice, and about the ways God loves the poor. Recently I listened to a homily that reminded me that it is when I am most impoverished that I turn to God to find answers, and the only true way out of my poverty is to build a relationship with God. It gave me much to think about. Over years, I have noticed that although most days I talk to God, so often it is superficial, fitted in when I have time, a bit like sending an email to someone rather than going to visit and staying for a chat. It's impersonal, rushed, without much substance. However, when I am in trouble I storm heaven, I have God at the centre of almost every thought, I bring my poverty to God so that I can be enriched with renewed faith and hope. I become more aware of God as my loving Father who cherishes me no matter what, and who really cares for me. Poverty of spirit makes me more real. Being able to admit a need, an inadequacy, hopelessness or fear, uncertainty or weakness allows room for God to enter more closely into my life.

- Liz Clark

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RAFFLE AT SFX SCHOOL FAIR— SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER**

Raffle tickets will be sold before / after Masses TODAY. There are 12 prizes with a total value of over \$1000. Tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. Tickets are also available at the Parish House.

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to acknowledge the following generous donors to the raffle: E&S Trading, Bunnings, Purvis Cellars, Surrey Hills, Woolworth's, Donvale Gallery, Palace Cinema, Balwyn & a number of parishioners who donated gifts towards the raffle.

**GOOD SHEPHERD TRADING CIRCLE at SFX NEXT WEEKEND.**



Goods for sale after 6pm Mass on Saturday 30 & after all Masses on Sunday 31 October.

[www.thetradingcircle.com.au](http://www.thetradingcircle.com.au)

**MARY MACKILLOP THANKSGIVING MASS**

On Saturday 6 November 2010, when pilgrims have returned from Rome, Archbishop Denis Hart will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne commencing at 10.00am.

- \* 10.00am 'Welcome to Country' and reflection on Mary MacKillop's life and legacy (Please be seated by 9:55am)
- \* 10.30am Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart

Refreshments will follow at Dallas Brooks Hall, 300 Albert Street, East Melbourne

**NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**

**Help Please Green Thumbs!**

The Plant Stall at the S.F.X. Fair would really appreciate donations of plants and good quality garden ornaments (e.g. wind chimes, statues etc.) We are hoping that people with special gardening skills might pot up a few plants and pieces from their gardens for the garden stall. Unfortunately, we have very limited storage space but we are happy to collect donations from you closer to the fair in November. If you have any questions please phone Tricia 0425761246 or Lynne 0449893544. Thank you.

**REFUGEES**

The BARC community web site provides information on events, resources and opportunities for volunteering for anyone interested in supporting refugees in our community. It is an excellent way to get in contact with community groups supporting refugees. Go to <http://www.barc.org.au/> <http://www.jrs.org.au/>

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—October 31**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**  
 6.00pm G Machado, E Colafella, J Morison, M&A O'Connor  
 8.00am J Reid  
 10.00am K de Lacy, J D'Souza, E Kimmet, V&G Mooney, M Sinclair, + 1  
 5.00pm P Aldag, M Slevison  
**Ministers of the Word**  
 6.00pm M Jeffares, R Meyers  
 8.00am B Reid  
 10.00am H Miller, A M Diggins  
 5.00pm A Netherway, J Gunanayagam

**Welcomers**  
 6.00pm G Machado, D Paes  
 8.00am J Reid  
 10.00am J Dominic  
 5.00pm B Cohen

**Children's Liturgy**  
 October 31—31 Ordinary Time—Group A  
 November 7—32 Ordinary Time—Group B

**Altar Linen**  
 October 24 P Turner  
 October 31 M Rossely

**Counters**  
 October 24 J Reid, M Rossely  
 October 31 R&Y Roy

**Collectors 5pm**  
 October 24 P Aldag  
 October 31 A Cutts

**Rosary Statue**  
 October 24—P Tierney, 72/16 Bedford St, BH  
 October 31—M O'Meara, 14 Sweetland Rd, BH

**ITALIAN MASS Commentator**  
 October 24 R Bidinost  
 October 31 J Adamo

**Lettori**  
 October 24 N Amato, R Bidinost  
 October 31 N Pozzobon, A D'Alessandro

**Ministri dell'Eucarista**  
 October 24 R Bidinost, G Tabacchiera  
 October 31 M Salamone, M Casamento

**ST CLARE'S—October 31**  
**Ministers of the Word**  
 9.00am—K McMahon, T Nicholson, C Abiad

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**  
 9.00am—J Murphy, D Tan, A McGovern, I D'Amato, D Wolbers, P Wolbers, P Ciccostoto

**Welcomers**  
 9.00am—H Keown, A La Scala  
**Piety Stall—October 31**  
 9.00am—P Green

**POINTS TO PONDER**

- ✦ Are there times when you pass judgment on others or consider yourself as 'better' than certain people?
- ✦ How difficult do you find it to recognise your own shortcomings?

**From Fr Ben -**

*The whole point of this life is the healing of the heart's eye through which God is seen. (St Augustine of Hippo 354-430) It is the heart that experiences God and not the reason. (Blaise Pascal 1623-1662)*

**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.**