

# St Francis Xavier and St Clare

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 30 October 2011

### From the prophet Malachi

Mal 1:14f

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors? The word of the Lord.

### Psalm (All) Ps 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.  
I have not gone after things too great or marvels beyond me.  
Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.  
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

### From the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

1Thess 2: 7-9.13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it. The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation (All) (Jn 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

### From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.' The Gospel of the Lord.

**Gathering** Do not abandon me, Lord. My God, do not go away from me!

Hurry to help me, Lord, my Saviour.

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

**Communion** Lord you will show me the path of life and fill me with joy in your presence.

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email: [sfxbh@celestial.com.au](mailto:sfxbh@celestial.com.au)**FRIARS OF THE PARISHES****PARISH PRIEST****FR PETER McGRATH OFM****ASSISTANT PRIESTS****FR BOB MATTHEWS OFM****FR PETER TRAN OFM****PASTORAL ASSOCIATE****SR MOIRA BRODERICK CSB****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 11.30 am****(Italian) 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! COMMUNION RITE**

In earlier times "going to communion" was the real moment people waited for, as the rest of our Mass was all in the Latin language, so really people were focused on the receiving of communion – this was personal, private and devotional for everyone. Today, in post-Vatican II times, our liturgy gives us a wider focus on the action of moving to receive communion. The Lord's Prayer opens up the beginning of the Communion Rite – we together pray the prayer Jesus gave us. We pray as a community as Jesus taught us. This is followed by the Sign of Peace. Why does this action come at this particular part of the eucharist? At the key moment when we all prepare to move together towards the table of the Lord we are invited to turn to those around us and offer each other a sign of "The Peace of the Lord" – it is not just my personal peace I offer or wish for those whose hand I shake, but more importantly the Lord's peace, a peace far greater and truer than any "worldly" peace....."the peace of the Lord be with you" is the offer best to make.

The Lamb of God completes the peace sign as we call upon Jesus three times to take away our sin and grant us peace.

The Fraction Rite, as it is called, centres around the breaking-up of the large host of the Body of Christ to be shared and the cup of the Lord, to be offered, poured into several cups for sharing. From the one cup or decanter of consecrated wine, the Lord's cup is prepared for the sharing among all who approach to receive.

Yes, this still a very personal moment when the Body and Blood of Christ is offered to each of us personally and we accept in faith by replying Amen.....when the priest or eucharistic ministers say to each..."the Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ". Amen is our word of thanks and belief of acceptance. But we do approach as a whole gathered community, so it is a communal receiving on our part too – our parish of SFX/St Clare comes in faith and thanks and we are transformed week after week. We become what we receive – The Body of Christ as a community!

We conclude this rite by our singing of a Communion reflection hymn. Sometimes people say why don't we just pray privately after Communion instead of singing a hymn – because the whole Mass is a community act of worship when we celebrate at weekends; during weekdays our quieter time after Communion is more devotional personally for us.

The Eucharistic Ministers are part of our renewal of the liturgy from the Vatican II Council.

The original supper of Jesus called The Last Supper, the bread, blest and broken by Jesus was passed from one to the next at table – each person gathered ministered to the next person as he/she was offering the sacred bread and cup. So it is, we are invited to share with each other and as Jesus consecrated or changed the bread and wine present at the first Lord's Supper, the priestly ministry does this with us and then invites the community to minister with him to all gathered. We share in the fullness of the Lord's wish to "Do this in memory of Me" as we accept both the host and the cup...

*Eat this bread; drink this cup; Come to me and never be hungry;**Eat this bread; drink this cup; Come to me and you will not thirst.***Sr Moira, Liturgy Coordinator****MUSIC & CHOIR SFX/ST CLARE'S**

We need more VOICES! At present Sr Moira has only 6 parishioners to come and prepare for leading as a choir/or lead singers for the coming liturgies—we need lots more!?

✦ The Ordination to the Diaconate of Rev Harry Chan OFM and

✦ Christmas Masses/Carols

We will begin rehearsals for these events on: Thursday evenings at St Clare's November 17, 24—December 1, / 8, 15,22

The first three rehearsals are preparing for the Diaconate ceremony to be held on Saturday 3rd December at 6pm at St Clare's.

The second three rehearsals are for our Christmas Eve/Day Masses. [times to be finalized]

Please come to help, as it is very difficult when response is not "forthcoming!"

Contact Sr Moira on 9890 2231 or let her know after Mass of your help with the singing.

**LITURGY TEAM MEETING—  
CHANGE OF DATE!**

The date of our meeting is for Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm in the SFX Parish Meeting Room.

**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:***Frances Diaz; those whose anniversaries**occur at this time: and the sick of our**Parish: Elizabeth Dwyer, Bodie Windsor, Bev Poynton, Peg Walker***READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK -****MON: ROM 11:29-36; LK 14:2-14****TUES: ALL SAINTS****APOC 7:2-4,9-14; 1 JN 3:1-3; MT 5:1-12****WED: ALL SOULS****IS 25:6-9; ROM 5:5-11; LK 7:11-17****THURS: ROM 14: 7-12; LK 15:1-10****FRI: ROM 15:14-21; LK 16:1-8****SAT: ROM 16:3-9,16,22-27; LK 16:9-15****32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****WIS 6:12-16; 1 THESS 4:13-18; MT 25:1-13**

<b>SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER</b>		
<b>MONDAY 31 OCTOBER</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
	<b>10.30AM</b>	<b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP AT ST C'S</b>
<b>TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>12.30PM</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>8.30AM</b> <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b> <b>LITURGY TEAM MEETING IN SFX PHMR</b>
<b>THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>12.45PM</b> <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB - OAKS DAY LUNCH</b> <b>PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>
<b>FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9AM-11AM</b> <b>11.00AM</b> <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>PLAYGROUP AT SFX (CLASSROOM NEXT TO FRIARS ROOM)</b> <b>HOLY HOUR AT SFX</b> <b>BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM</b>
<b>SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX CHURCH</b>
<b>SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>11.00AM</b>	<b>5 BAPTISMS AT ST CLARE'S</b>



### **AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

The Autumn Friendship Club this Thursday will have an **OAKS DAY LUNCH**, at 12.45 pm in the SFX Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share - and wear a hat! Sr Moira has hers ready!

### **ALL WELCOME!**

Next week, we will have "The Girls With the Gadgets"; there will be a demonstration, and items for sale. All parishioners, members of the Whitehorse Community and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - 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](mailto:lucy.pfeifer@gmail.com) or after the 6pm or 9.30am mass.

### **CASUAL WORK AVAILABLE**

in family cleaning business. Contact Vince 0414 853 486

### **OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE**

Gathering of Past Students & Friends—Sunday 13 November at the College; 1.30pm-5.30pm. Donation \$5. RSVP - Friday 4 November to Sr Patricia Watson ([pwatson@netspace.net.au](mailto:pwatson@netspace.net.au)) or Sr Mary Barbuto ([mbarbuto147@hotmail.com](mailto:mbarbuto147@hotmail.com)) or 179 Cotham Rd, Kew 3101.

### **FRANCISCAN CALENDARS**

These are available for purchase from St Francis Xavier Parish Office and St Clare's Piety Stall for \$6 each. This year the calendar celebrates the 800 years since Clare left her family & joined Francis & his brothers in the Portiuncula, the little church of St Mary of the Angels, & made her commitment to Christ.

### **MASS TIMES**

**All Saints Day** (Tues 1 Nov) - 12pm at SFX;  
**All Souls Day** (Wed 2 Nov) - 9am at St Clare's, 12pm at SFX;  
Sat 5 Nov - 10am at Box Hill Cemetery

### **SFX SCHOOL/PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL TRIVIA NIGHT**

Saturday night was a great success and everyone was in fine spirits.  
"Thank you" to all who organised and participated in making the night such a success!  
The results of the raffle:  
1<sup>st</sup> BBQ (Blue A630—Mr. Geary)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Picnic Hamper (Orange B8) - Jenny B.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Cool Bag (Red B22) - Jenny Toohey  
4<sup>th</sup> Chief Deep Frypan (Purple A9)-Marnie Wyld  
5<sup>th</sup> ipod/iphone System (Green C8) - Di Hardy  
6<sup>th</sup> Heavy Duty Hose (Red A61) - Peter Leonard  
7<sup>th</sup> Six Bottles of Wine (Purple A21) - Anthony Kennedy  
8<sup>th</sup> Electronic Scales (Orange B60)-Selene Tang  
9<sup>th</sup> BBQ Tool Set (Orange B5) - Tian  
10<sup>th</sup> Movie/Zoo Pass Package (Red B53) - Maria Proietto

Thanks have been received from:  
**THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** for the donation from the parish of \$676.25 and from **THE LORD MAYOR'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** for the donation of \$200 during their recent special collections.

### **A SPECIAL CHARITY CONCERT**

Caritas will give all proceeds to the children of East Africa. This is an URGENT appeal. The Australian Government during the month of November will give dollar for dollar raised by the communities around Australia for this appeal. **SEE BACK PAGE FOR DETAILS.** Let us all support this Charity Concert.

### **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.

### **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.

### **ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—November 6**

#### **Ministers of Communion**

6.00pm J Wells, M Soulsby,  
L Soulsby  
5.00pm H Dyjak

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

6.00pm M Jeffares, L Norton  
5.00pm C Gately, M Waring

#### **Welcomers**

6.00pm E Castelletti, L Lampard

#### **Altar Linen**

October 30 I Balchin  
November 6 P Fitzgerald

#### **SFX COUNTERS AT ST CLARE'S**

October 30 L&B Cohen  
November 6 P McGlin, M Rossely

#### **Rosary Statue**

October 30—J&R Adamo, 3A Joseph St,  
November 6—M Cahill, 167 Dorking Rd

#### **ITALIAN MASS**

#### **Commentator**

October 30 P Grech  
November 6 C Gibellini

#### **Lettori**

October 30 R Bidinost, C Gibellini  
November 6 J Adamo, C Ingresso

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

October 30 R Bidinost, M Salamone  
November 6 D Amato, G Tabacchiera

### **ST CLARE'S—November 6**

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

T Nicholson, J Tan, C Abiad  
**Ministers of Communion**  
P Wolbers, D Wolbers, P Ciccotosto,  
H Keown, W Tan, K de Lacy, M Ferdinando

#### **Welcomers—November 6**

A La Scala, I Abiad

#### **Piety Stall—November 6**

Glass family

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Pat Cleary	Peter Leonard
Breta Cohen	John O'Brien
Ann-Marie Diggins	Annie Setiawan
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, 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.