



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come before you, Lord; listen, and answer me.

Psalm Response

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me beside the waters of peace.

This week

Visit the graves of your loved ones at some stage during the month of November



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.

GOD WHO GIVES AND SUSTAINS LIFE BEYOND THE GRAVE

Every year during the month of November we remember and pray for those who have died. As Christians not only do we remember but also we pray in the certain hope of what Jesus has done for us through his death and resurrection. If we don't believe in the resurrection, then truly life is short and we want to cramp everything into life. The sad thing is it does come to an end.

What is life? Is life not more than just our human experience? There are things that we struggle to put into words like marriage, children, friendship, love, family, community, work, hobbies, art and music which are necessary and important for enhancing our well being. Without these things life can be empty and meaningless. At the same time we cannot reduce life only to experiences or what we can measure and test. Relationships define who we are to others. One of the hardest things we face is to lose a loved one to death; we grieve the loss all our days.

Is the life to come a continuation of the life on earth? No life is complete whether it is single or married and no one person can fulfil all our desires and give us total happiness except God alone. The current life that we live is incomplete and there is a longing for intimacy, completeness, fulfilment. The gospel passage today is not about married or single life. It is about resurrection and the new life it brings.

The question of Sadducees is an important one. For many people life continues through their children, the propagation of life. Jesus' answer attacks the basic premise of the Sadducees. We do not experience fullness of life here on earth; the first reading isn't about martyrdom but conviction and hope in the resurrection. The brothers kept the law and were faithful to God in the face of adversity in the certainty of life to come.

The promise of the resurrection does carry us to the next level; we put up with many trials, pain, struggles and difficulty with hope. If we are focused on Christ we live, and live life in a manner that points to life everlasting. If not we allow or make the distractions and things that enhance life to become our focus and life itself. The cross of Christ teaches us how to attain life.

Fr Anthony ofm

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

2 Thess 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Lk 20:27-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Monday

Titus 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday—Lateran Basilica

Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday—Leo the Great

Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday—St Martin of Tours

Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday—St Josaphat

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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 : 2 December

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

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER	12.30PM	4 BAPTISMS AT SFX
MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
	10.30AM	FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—AT ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)
TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER	12.30PM 3.00-3.30PM 7.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH RCIA (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER	8.30AM 9-11AM	TENNIS GROUP (As MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT SFX (SEE BELOW). CONTACT BRIDGET ON 0408 549 392
THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER	1.00PM 7.30PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP GROUP - JEWELLERY DISPLAY & SALE BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE
FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER	5.00-6.30PM 7.30-9.00PM	LADIES DRINKS AT BOX HILL RSL BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER	9.00AM 9.00AM-4.00PM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE SFX SCHOOL FAIR—NO PARKING FOR 6PM MASS
SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER		RESTRICTED PARKING AT SFX SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC DEAF MORNING TEA AT ST CLARE'S AFTER 9AM MASS



ST FRANCIS XAVIER PLAYGROUP

For all children 0 to school age

Every Wednesday morning
9am – 11am

At the building next to the church.
(Old School Library)
Contact Bridget on 0408 549 392

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Autumn Friendship Club this week will have a jewellery display and sale. The jewellery is silver with semi-precious stones. Prices will be at wholesale levels, starting at \$5.00 for chains and earrings. 1.15 pm in the SFX Hall. The following week Annie Hellema, Enid Doran's daughter, will sing for us. Many parishioners will remember Anne Doran singing at parish functions and weddings, in the 1980's. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

DIARY DATE

Shared Advent Dinner on Saturday 27th November at 7pm (after Vigil Mass). Keep the date free. More details next week.

Thank you post appeal:

ANOINTING MASS

Anointing Mass will be celebrated at St Clare's Church at 1.30pm on Thursday 25th November followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. Should you require transport on the day would you please phone pat 9898 1536 or Denise 9898 5877 to arrange same.

THANK YOU!

GOOD SHEPHERD TRADING CIRCLE

would like to thank parishioners for the wonderful support given at their sale last week-end. The amount raised was \$1,150.00. ALL money raised goes to the people who produce the goods.

FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY

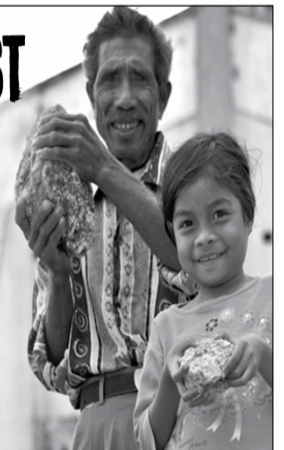
Fr Anthoni will celebrate Mass for the Francis/Clare Charismatic Prayer Community, in St Clare's Hall (enter from Killara St church car park) on **Monday 15th November**. Commencing with Praise & Worship at 10.15am, (Mass at 10.30am). Light Lunch & Fellowship to follow. All welcome.

BUILD COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Thank you for your faithful support for missionaries in 160 countries, like Timor-Leste. Your generous donations to Catholic Mission amounting to \$_____ will help build community together with brothers and sisters worldwide, and share the hope of Christ in practical and pastoral ways with people who face extreme poverty and hardship. Please consider becoming a **Friends in Faith Partner** with a regular monthly gift to support missionaries and remote parish communities. Call 1800 257 296 for more information.



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NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN BOTH CHURCHES. PLEASE COLLECT YOURS TODAY.

YOUR VOTE YOUR VALUES

Archbishop Denis Hart and Bishops Connors, Grech and Prowse of Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sales Dioceses have prepared some questions for parishioners to put to their parliamentary candidates prior to the Victorian State Elections on 27 November.

Their suggested questions, contained in a brief document **your vote your values** is available in the church today.

You can also read or download **your vote your values** from www.cam.org.au/stateelection.

your vote your values may help inform your decision on whom to vote for.

GENERAL HOME HELP

Person required for 1 to 1½ hours a day, Monday to Friday from 9am. Kitchen duties, no vacuuming. Box Hill area. Please call 9890 3204.

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.**

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.

SFX SCHOOL FAIR SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 11AM—5PM

PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE: NO PARKING AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR 6PM MASS, RESTRICTED PARKING ON SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER.

VIGIL FOR NASCENT HUMAN LIFE

Immediately before the First Sunday of Advent, the Holy Father is celebrating an evening vigil honour of prayer for human life. In Melbourne, the Hour of Prayer for Human life will take place on Saturday 13th November 2010 at 5 p.m. in St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by Mass at 6pm celebrated by the archbishop. Parishioners, life groups and friends are most welcome to join this important moment of prayer.

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ *How do you understand the idea of the resurrection of the dead ?*
- ✦ *What emotions arise when you consider your own death?*

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Energy Savings

SFX has been part of exciting changes in the past four years with our Building Projects; the final stages finishing this year. Students were actively involved in the design of the buildings and some energy efficient strategies were implemented in these buildings to decrease our energy usage. These initiatives included energy efficient light globes, timers on all lights and the use of natural light in the classrooms. We are excited that through these initiatives and through educating our students on reducing energy wastage in our classrooms (heaters/air – conditioners, turning switches off when not in use) our electricity usage in the past year has decreased by 32%.

Where to now...?

The year ahead is an exciting time for SFX in sustainability. We have got the momentum rolling in 2010 and want the enthusiasm across our community to continue to grow! Our next step is to attain our Waste Module in 2011 to decrease our paper and food scrap wastage and we are excited about starting our own sustainable Vegetable Patch with Compost.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—November 14

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm T D'Andrea, A Leonard, J Morison, E Kimmert, J Wells
8.00am M Rossely
10.00am M&L Soulsby, M Ferdinando, M Hughes, M Blundy, J D'Souza, +1

5.00pm A Large, H Dyjak

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm L Norton, S Hengeveld
8.00am C Gately
10.00am H Miller, M Edwards
5.00pm T Parker, J Gunanayagam

Welcomers

6.00pm M&D Williamsz
8.00am M&B Walker
10.00am S Liew
5.00pm N Andrews

Children's Liturgy

November 14—33 Ordinary Time—Group C
November 21—Christ the King—Group A

Altar Linen

November 7 J Morison
November 14 P Fitzgerald

Counters

November 7 T&E O'Brien
November 14 B&M Walker

Collectors 5pm

November 7 V Mudenda
November 14

Rosary Statue

November 7—S Faulisi, 21 Bedford St, BH
November 14—M Cahill, 167 Dorking Rd

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

November 7 P Grech
November 14 G Amato

Lettori

November 7 J Adamo, C Ingrosso
November 14 G Tabacchiera, G Amato

Ministri dell'Eucarista

November 7 D Amato, M Salamone
November 14 G Massarotti, D Amato

ST CLARE'S—November 14

Ministers of the Word

9.00am—P Fitzgerald, J Sakowski, T Nicholson

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—T Shallvey, I D'Amato, J Murphy, P Wolbers, D Wolbers, P Ciccostoto

Welcomers

9.00am—E Sakowski, P Ciccostoto

Piety Stall—November 14

9.00am—E Boyle

From Around the Corner

Like most people of my age, as a child I was shielded from death. I didn't attend my grandparents' funerals, and was allowed little time or room to mourn their deaths. I had a sister, older than me, who died when she was 2 weeks old. She was never mentioned at home –I think my aunt told me a little about Susan, but Mum and Dad never spoke of her, and she was really ignored as a member of the family. We always said we had 11 children in the family, rather than 12. I often think how sad this was, especially considering the way families who lose children these days really celebrate all that this particular child has brought to their lives. I think these sorts of things were done so that we wouldn't worry and fret about dying— will I be next, or will Mum or Dad die? However, it didn't give us a very realistic view of life, or any indication that dying is part of this life. Obviously, there's no point worrying and fretting about how I'll die, or where, or when, or how those left behind will cope. I can do nothing about that. The thing I can do is to live my life in such a way that I am always ready, and with an awareness that at the end of this life, I will meet my God—something to be anticipated with great excitement rather than dread.

-Liz Clark

From Fr Ben -

A Melbourne Cup/Oaks Day Story

A horse trainer was suspected of malpractice. Before a race the stewards swooped on him as he was giving something to his horse.

The trainer said: these are only peppermint pills to calm the horse down. Tom, my assistant, & I will take one each to show you how harmless they are.

The stewards were satisfied, and walked away.

The trainer then told the jockey: ride your mount quietly, and then let him go in the straight. Don't worry about anything passing you; it will only be Tom or me.

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.