



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

Psalm Response

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

It is good for me to be with the Lord and to put my hope in him.

This week
Accept those things that you cannot change & change for the better those things that you can.



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.

TAKE CARE NOT TO BE DECEIVED

Often we hear stories of how people have fallen into scams and lost their money, others could have been locked into contracts with incorrect information and/or misled into signing contracts that are dodgy. Sometimes we buy goods that are useless because they were on sale. The list goes on how we have been deceived, but we all know at times we can be a bit naive or stupid. But I am also becoming more aware of how we can deceive ourselves into believing certain things to be true or acceptable, making up excuses for ourselves. It is amazing how even though we know what the right thing is, we fail to act on it. We hope that the choice we were making will lead us to the desired outcome, and it usually doesn't.

The world does not take responsibility for our lives, but it does give perceptions that can lead us astray. All the promises of happiness and what money can buy actually don't really reflect reality. In fact, we choose not to see the small print on the disasters they spell out. It also creates an unreasonable expectation of life. I wonder what people were thinking when they were making poor choices. Every time we sin we lose something of ourselves and we mess up our lives. Instead of attaining wholeness and balance in life, we disintegrate. Then peace and joy are replaced by anxiety, loneliness, fear, and pain, and restlessness reigns.

We know that we cannot live forever on this earth and that one day we have to give an account to the Lord of our life. Having faith is one thing, but living out that faith and being faithful to it is very important for the development of the human spiritual dimension of a person. Truth leads to justice and fullness of life, here and in the life to come. So never be discouraged nor allow disappointments, failures and rejection to rule our lives.

I am privileged to encounter many good and holy people. Their life journeys are always interesting and their deep relationship with God flows into their everyday life. What stands out for me is their integrity, honesty, faithfulness and commitment. Genuine people, who try to follow God in all things are not just free, but also have a very attractive personality.

Fr Anthony ofm

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This newsletter is also available on our website:
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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mal 3:19-20
The sun of righteousness will shine on you.
2 Thess 3:7-12
Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.
Lk 21:5-19
Your endurance will win you your life.
Monday
Apoc 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday
Apoc 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday—St Elizabeth of Hungary
Apoc 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday
Apoc 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
Friday
Apoc 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday
Apoc 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY
CHRIST THE KING
2 Sam 5:1-3
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

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 14 NOVEMBER		RESTRICTED PARKING AT SFX SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC DEAF MORNING TEA AT ST CLARE'S AFTER 9AM MASS
MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER	8.30AM 10.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—MASS IN ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)
TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER	12.30PM 3.00-3.30PM 7.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH RCIA (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER	8.30AM 9-11AM 7.30PM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT SFX (SEE BELOW). CONTACT BRIDGET ON 0408 549 392 MEDITATION IN SFX PHMR
THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER	1.00PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP GROUP - MUSICAL AFTERNOON
FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER	7.30-9.00PM	BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER	9.00AM 10.00AM-2.30PM 3.00PM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REFLECTION DAY WEDDING AT SFX
SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER	12.30PM 2.30PM	4 BAPTISMS AT SFX CONCERT WITH RON MACKAY IN SFX CHURCH



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

This 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. Next week—Film Luncheon. \$17, covers transport to & from SFX, the film & a light lunch. 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 in attached flyer.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH
DECEMBER 12 @ SFX

Bookings open now-contact the Parish offices. \$18pp. **Help wanted on Sat Dec 11th @ 1pm** to help set up.

Help wanted on Sunday Dec 12th from 12.30 on to help with serving & washing dishes.

We would love some youth - (Yr 8,9/ 10's) to help with the serving. Please advise the Parish Office if you are able to help.



IMAGES FROM THE WORD

- ★ *Destroyed*
- ★ *Near at hand*
- ★ *Your opportunity*
- ★ *The day is coming*
- ★ *Imitate us*

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.

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.

ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY is seeking to engage a **cook** from February 2011. The position involves principally the preparation of the main meal at lunchtime, Monday-Friday, for between 12 to 15 members of the community. Hours and rates will be discussed during interviews with applicants. Please contact fr. Paul Rankin at the Priory (by phone 9912 6880 ext. 222 or by email paul.rankin@op.org.au) to arrange an interview'.

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 or Colin Bellis on 9898 8639 or vcdeb@optusnet.com.au



Congratulations to Betty & Vic Burns on their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday 18th November.

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.

From Around the Corner

A number of things come to mind when I look at today's readings. They seem to be a lot about death and destruction, and about the end of things. Living at Anglesea, we've seen that there is a big focus on fire awareness. We attended the first CFA meeting for this season last week, and there was much discussion about preparedness, thinking ahead, having a real plan for what we might do in case of real emergency. There was little talk about the worst case scenario, about destruction, since they believe that they have put good strong measures in place both to prevent fire, and to fight it when/if necessary. We certainly intend to be well prepared over summer So, I guess that's the message from the gospel—be ready, think ahead, prepare. It's an Advent message a bit early, really, and I have already heard talk about Christmas - only 7 weeks to go. How did this happen? The other thing I am reminded of is that we must endure to gain the prize. I see this with our house at the moment—after being almost pulled apart, it's gradually coming together. I'm sure it will be worth the wait. I leave you with the words of the Entrance Antiphon: "The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster. When you call to me I will listen to you". Take heart!

-Liz Clark

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sarah Lombardi and the Sustainability Team! On Thursday the team presented a comprehensive plan and set of documents to the representative from the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative (AuSSI Vic). http://www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au/for_educators_2439.html As a result, St Francis Xavier has been accredited for the first module of the Initiative – the Core Module. I congratulate and thank the team of Maria Grazia, Miriam, Penny, Jane and Jemma who were led by Sarah. This has required a considerable amount of extra work for these staff members outside their teaching work. I am very proud to be working with a team of dedicated professionals who are prepared to 'go the extra mile'. Caring for our environment is consistent with the SFX vision and with the Franciscan ethos. Francis of Assisi was an early environmentalist – maybe ahead of his time.

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Carmel Purdey, Principal

FROM THE FCJ SISTERS IN INDONESIA

We, are able to do our bit in bringing some relief to those who have lost everything. We cook up to one thousand meals a day. We also supply dried food supplies, rice, sugar, noodles, baby food, dried biscuits, blankets, clothing, water, medicine etc to the families evacuated from the villages surrounding Mt Merapi. More and more villages are being evacuated each time there is an eruption. To date up to 140 people have died, 450 people being treated in hospital and 300 hundred thousand people have been evacuated. A lot of camps and centres have been set up here in Yogyakarta for the evacuees. The city of Yogyakarta is 25 kilometers from Mt Merapi and villages from a distance of 20kilometers have been evacuated. So we have our bag packed just in case!!!

The situation is very serious because people's homes, livelihoods, crops, animals, etc have been destroyed as well as the infrastructure and the environment. We are still covered in volcanic ash. Airports are closed. Schools, colleges and universities are also closed so that staff and students can help with relief aid.

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 17 Nov

St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231)

St Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207, the daughter of Alexander II, King of Hungary. As she grew in age, her piety increased by leaps and bounds. In 1221, she married Louis of Thuringia and began to lead an austere simple life and devoted herself to works of charity.

Her husband encouraged her in her exemplary life. After his death, Elizabeth left the court, made arrangements for the care of her three children, and in 1228 became a tertiary of St Francis. She built the Franciscan hospital at Marburg and devoted herself to the care of the sick until her death at the age of 24 in 1231.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—November 21

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm M&A O'Connor, R Meyers, J Morison, V Bellis
8.00am J Reid
10.00am K de Lacy, M Sinclair, V&G Mooney, M Hughes, C Chin

5.00pm M T Francisco, M Slevison

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Williamsz, M Jeffares
8.00am B Reid
10.00am P Fitzgerald, A M Diggins
5.00pm J O'Brien, M Waring

Welcomers

6.00pm E Castelletti, D Paes
8.00am J Reid
10.00am J Dominic
5.00pm B Cohen

Children's Liturgy

November 21—Christ the King—Group A
November 28—1st Advent—Group B

Altar Linen

November 14 P Fitzgerald
November 21 L Chin

Counters

November 14 B&M Walker
November 21 H Kerwin, M O'Connor

Collectors 5pm

November 14
November 21 L Soulsby

Rosary Statue

November 14—M Cahill, 167 Dorking Rd
November 21—P Stagg

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

November 14 G Amato
November 21 G Tabacchiera

Lettori

November 14 G Tabacchiera, G Amato
November 21 A Lanza, L Ferola

Ministri dell'Eucarista

November 14 G Massarotti, D Amato
November 21 G Tabacchiera, R Bidinot

ST CLARE'S—November 21

Ministers of the Word

9.00am—T Nicholson, K McMahon, C Abiad

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—P O'Brien, D Tan, P Wolbers, D Wolbers, P Ciccostosto, I D'Amato, H Keown

Welcomers

9.00am—E P Cleary, A Kennedy

Piety Stall—November 21

9.00am—D Tan

From Fr Ben -

No person desires anything so eagerly as God desires to bring us the knowledge of Himself. God is always ready, but we are very unready. God is near us, but we are far from Him. God is within, and we are without. God is friendly, we are estranged. *Meister Eckhart OP (1260-1327), Dominican philosopher & a master of Western mysticism.*

The highest education is that which brings the student face to face, not simply with something great, but with someone great, namely, Christ.

Donald Coggan (1909-2000), Archbishop of Canterbury (1974-1980)

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.