



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23rd, 2011—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Look up at the Lord with gladness and smile; your face will never be ashamed.



This week

Try to be a light for other people this week. Be aware of opportunities in which you could draw other people to Christ.

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.

Follow me and I will make you fishers of man

The past few weeks I have been thinking of the first time when I had say good bye to my family and friends to join the friars. I left behind everything that was familiar to me; the hardest thing was and continues to be my family. I feel for my family, they too need to let go because of my choices and decisions. At the moment I feel Ben and I have managed to make some of you sad with our imminent departure. When faith is so central to our lives, all that is associated with God, Church and parish life becomes so dear to us. You have had many farewells already and this one adds to your sense of loss too.

It is not just Ben and I who have to start all over again, I am very conscious that all our parishioners have to begin again. It is hard, but I know it is important for our faith development. If I had not left home, I would not have met so many wonderful, holy, fun loving, generous and hospitable people from Box Hill and Box Hill North. All these changes entail our constant need for repentance, growth and development. We are here to build God's kingdom and not our own, you might not move physically but you too have to change and move spiritually.

God calls and sends us to his people; I feel God has sent me to work here with you.

After more than a year of discernment I applied for Australian Citizenship. I will be making my pledge of commitment on Australia Day. Maybe this is my way of responding to God's call too and it is not easy to let go of my Malaysian citizenship.

The story of Ruth and Esther and many others in the scriptures reminds me of how God calls and sent men and women to his people.

I am sad to leave behind a great bunch of people, wonderful and generous staff, a team of people of integrity, hardworking and committed to Kingdom building. You have not just welcomed me but made me one of you; you have worked with me and celebrated life with me as your brother. It has been a privileged and joy to have had this opportunity in building God's kingdom here. I hope you are able to join Fr Ben and me for the thanksgiving mass on next Sunday 30th at 10.30am.

Fr Anthony ofm

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8:23 - 9:3;

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

Mt 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Monday—St Francis de Sales
Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday—Conversion of St Paul
Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday—Australia Day
Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

Mt 5:1-12

Thursday

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday—St Thomas Aquinas
Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

NEXT SUNDAY
4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13;

1 Cor 1:26-31;

Mt 5:1-12

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

Next meeting : 10 February 2011

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

WORKING BEE:

A working bee will be held on Saturday January 29 at SFX at 1pm to prepare for the farewell Mass & BBQ celebration on Sunday 30th. If you have a trailer or van to help move chairs from St Clare's please call Gerry Mooney on 98982602.

DONATIONS OF TOYS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

needed for Samata Sarana, Kindigoda, Sri Lanka. Samata Sarana feeds over 500 people a day, runs a day care centre for single parents, a school for over 300 plus children who also receive breakfast and lunch, a day centre for the elderly who are also fed and sent home with dinner packets. **Please contact: Michelle on 9898 7021.**

ST CLARE'S PIETY STALL

St Mary MacKillop medals are available for \$1 each.

WALKING GROUP & MEDITATION GROUP

Are both now in recess & will resume tba.

DIARY DATE

Saturday 5th February 2011—
Celebration of Chinese Lunar New Year.
Details attached.

"ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, GREYTHORN, is celebrating its 50th Jubilee (1961 - 2011). Events are planned throughout this year, commencing with a Jubilee Mass on 6 Feb 2011 at 10:00am, followed by a BYO family picnic in the church grounds. All past parishioners, friends and supporters are welcome to attend."

From Fr Ben -

Two Glasgow football clubs are well known for rivalry among their supporters. Celtic flourishes in a Catholic area; Rangers has predominantly Protestant backing. Fans are evenly divided in numbers but someone asked why the Rangers had more vocal support, the answer given was: it is so much easier to shout, "hang the Pope" than "Hang the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland".

ROSTERS

DURING THE DECEMBER/JANUARY BREAK, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & MINISTERS OF THE WORD ARE REQUESTED TO VOLUNTEER AT MASSES AS REQUIRED.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S

Altar Linen
January 23 MT Francisco
January 30 M Cahill

Counters
January 23 B&C Parsons
January 30 B&M Walker

Collectors 5pm

January 23
January 30

Rosary Statue

Month of January—N Guinane, 63 Mersey St, BHN

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator
January 23 G Tabacchiera
January 30 D Amato

Lettori

January 23 L Ferola, S Faulisi
January 30 G Amato, C Gibellini

Ministri dell'Eucarista

January 23 R Bidinost, M Casamento
January 30 M Salamone, G Massarotti

ST CLARE'S

Piety Stall—January 30
9.00am—Farry family

A Further Conversation with Elders: Bringing you up to date with the impacts of living under the Intervention.

In May 2010 Elders, Rosalie Kunoth Monks OAM from Central Australia and Dr. Rev. Dr. Djiniyini Gondarra OAM from Arnhem Land joined in conversation with Prof. the Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC expressing their views on the Northern Territory Intervention. They have since shared their concerns with the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, (details at www.concernedaustralians.com.au Rosalie and Djiniyini will again visit us, accompanied by other Elders/ leaders including Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann AM. They will share what has been happening and highlight the changes taking place in the various communities/ homelands of the NT. For further information and registrations follow links at www.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/news-and-events/all-forthcoming-events or ph: Dianne Costello 8344 1153 9am- 5pm. Date: Monday 7Feb; Time: 5.45 for 6.00pm start – 7.30 pm; Location: Theatre G08, Ground Floor, Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton (Melways 2B C9); RSVP 3rd Feb.

Farewell to Fr Anthoni & Fr Ben

To honour this special occasion, Parishioners, Friends & Family are all invited to join in the celebration to say a big THANK YOU!

When: Sunday January 30th Combined Mass at 10.30am
Presentations at 12.30pm
At: St Francis Xavier's After: BBQ Provided
BYO: Drinks & Glasses

To help with catering arrangements Please RSVP ASAP.

Drop this slip into the letter box or the collection plate or send the office an email sfxbh@celestial.com.au (& put FAREWELL in the subject line)

Name/s.....

Number attending.....

