

St Francis Xavier and St Clare.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 29 January 2012

From the book of Deuteronomy

Dt 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'" The word of the Lord.

Psalm (All) Ps 94:1-2,6-9

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.
Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

From the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside. The Gospel of the Lord.

Gathering Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

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

Communion Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

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SFX Parish Office Hours:
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St Clare's Parish Office Hours:
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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
(Italian) 11.30 am
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
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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 TEAM - BIG AGENDA FOR 2012

Our first 2012 Meeting for the Liturgy Team will be on Tuesday, 31st January 2012 at 7.30pm in the SFX Meeting Room.

WANTED!

Is there a parishioner who could help out with a few handyman jobs around the parish? Please contact the Parish Office on 9890 2231 if you can help.

RCIA - 2012 - A JOURNEY TO EASTER

We will resume our RCIA meetings in SFX Meeting Room on Tuesday, 7th February 2012 at 7.30pm. We invite any parishioners who may like to join our group and support our two candidates, Greg & Lisa, who are preparing to be received into our Catholic Community here at Easter. We will be journeying together to celebrate the Easter Sacraments. Come and journey with us. *Sr Moira*

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Autumn Friendship Club will not be meeting again regularly until February 9, 2012; look for Term 1 programmes next weekend at St Clare's and SFX Friars' Room. All parishioners, members of the Whitehorse Community and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

THE CHURCH RENOVATIONS - UPDATE!

As we come to the end of January our "on-site meeting" with the architect and the builder has revealed a splendid "renewed" painting of the walls and timber sections also. What struck me most, apart from the pristine painting, it being a ¼ Spanish white! colour, is the stand-out of those beautiful stained-glass windows – they are vibrant and gleaming once again! The two front "old confessionals" are now lovely spot lit niches for our statues. The Marian chapel is perfect for our statue of Mary and the Perpetual Succour picture; it will be a very special, quiet prayer spot for us. The crucifix, to hang over the altar is having a "clean and polish!" with the cross and carved figure of Jesus being ready to be hung shortly. Next part – doors, floors, sanctuary, altar!! It is all still happening! Notice the "new steps" leading into the front foyer, and side entrances too. I promise you it is all looking fabulous!
Sr Moira

Our **SACRED ARTICLES** funds are growing with the total raised so far being \$6,545. We are now adding the "sanctuary lamp" as we can restore it for a bar on the wall of the sanctuary, rather than hanging from the beams. The **Total Amount** required for all our articles including the "sanctuary lamp" is \$10,500.

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.

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

Altar Linen
 January 29 C Pollocks
 February 5 W Tan

Rosary Statue
 Month of Jan—N Guinane, 65 Mersey St
 February 5—A Leonard, 1/22 Graham Place

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator
 January 29 C Gibellini
 February 5 G Tabacchiera

Lettori
 January 29 G Tabacchiera, G Amato
 February 5 A Lanza, L Ferola

Ministri dell'Eucarista
 January 29 G Massarotti, D Amato
 February 5 G Tabacchiera, R Bidinost

ST CLARE'S—February 5**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—February 5

P Cleary, A Kennedy

Piety Stall—February 5

Glass family

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."

- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never truly receive anything.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Cleary	Peter Leonard
Breta Cohen	John O'Brien
Ann-Marie Diggins	Annie Setiawan
Jane D'Souza	Dianna Hardy
Anthony Kennedy	Carmel Purdey
Sr Moira Broderick	Monique Waring

(ex-officio)

Next meeting : 9 February 2012**30 YEAR SCHOOL REUNION**

St Leo's College Box Hill students who completed HSC in 1982, commenced in Grade 4 in 1974 - or attended with this group for any number of intervening years - please contact Dominic Pagliaro on 0403 390 425 or pagliaro@bigpond.com.au regarding an upcoming reunion on Friday 17 February.

Sacred Heart Parish, Yea, invites you to attend a **PICNIC RACE MEETING** on Sunday the 26th Feb. This is our only fundraiser for the year. We have a fun day organized. Pick up a flyer on the way out. Further info 0417 0417 77.