



# Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

*In the care of the Franciscan Friars*

## 4th Sunday of Easter April 25th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

### Entrance Antiphon

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### Psalm Response

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd is risen! He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock, he is risen, alleluia.

### This week

*Attend very carefully to the needs of those people who are in your care this week.*



### 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.

### **THEY WILL NEVER BE LOST**

On my first visit to Melbourne I was taken to the Shrine of Remembrance. It was a bit of a shock to see the long list of names of those who were lost during the wars. Maybe I didn't quite comprehend the extent of the war. The following year with another visit to Australia, this time I managed to visit the War Museum in Canberra, it gave me a deeper awareness of what happened during the war in Asia-Pacific especially the involvement of Australia. Today's gospel passage reminds us of Jesus' promise, our Saviour, the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. The horror of war will be part of our history, for those who lost their lives, may the Lord give them eternal life. Their memories will continue to live; we rejoice with Pat Miller and Helen Opie. I asked Helen to share this story.

*Fr Anthoni ofm*

### **FROMELLES / FRANCE 1916**

On July 19th 1916, Private Thomas Joseph Cosgriff, a member of the A.I.F., aged 19 years, was killed at Fromelles. He was my uncle and also the uncle of Pat Miller (St Clare's). Owing to the intensity of the attack, the bodies were not buried until Armistice in 1918 when only bones and dog tags remained so he was identified as being in the battle. Last year, Lambis Engleszos and Tim Whitford identified the unmarked mass graves at Pheasant Wood.

As a result I was asked to provide D.N.A as the daughter of his sister. From this he was identified and will now be interred with full military honours on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Afterwards our cousin Fr Brian Cosgriff will conduct the dedication ceremony which is for our family alone.

We were asked to provide the wording for the headstone which reads

WHEAT GRAIN DIES HERE  
A GRATEFUL FAMILY HARVEST  
FLOURISHES THERE  
AND EVEN MORE FONDLY  
REMEMBERED.

By the generosity of my children, I am travelling to France to attend the ceremonies and am very excited by the prospect. I will also meet Prince Charles and The Duchess of Cornwall. My son is going with me so I don't get lost! Fr Anthoni asked me to share my story with you.

*Helen Opie*

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### **READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Acts 13:14, 43-52**

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

**Apoc 7:9, 14-17**

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

**Jn 10:27-30**

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

**Monday—St Mark**

1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

**Tuesday**

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday—St Peter Chanel**

Acts 12:24 - 13:5; Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday—St Catherine of Siena**

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

**Friday**

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday**

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### **5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Acts 14:21-27;**

**Apoc 21:1-5;**

**Jn 13:31-35**

### FRIARS OF THE PARISHES

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj ofm  
Parish Priest  
Fr Benignus Clowes ofm  
Assistant Priest  
Fr Bob Matthews ofm  
Assistant Priest

**Pastoral Associate**—Liz Clark

### 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

Veronika Bellis *Liz Clark*  
Pat Cleary *Dianna Hardy*  
Breta Cohen *Carmel Purdey*  
Ann-Marie Diggins *Monique Waring*  
Jane D'Souza *(ex-officio)*  
Anthony Kennedy  
Peter Leonard

**Next meeting : 6 May 2010**

### 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

<b>SUNDAY 25 APRIL</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	<b>12.30PM</b>	<b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS</b> <b>2 BAPTISMS AT SFX</b>
<b>MONDAY 26 APRIL</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
<b>TUESDAY 27 APRIL</b>	<b>12.45PM</b> <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)</b> RCIA
<b>WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL</b>	<b>8.30AM</b> <b>9AM-11AM</b>  <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b> <b>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY</b> FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252. <b>MEDITATION GROUP IN SFX PHMR</b>
<b>THURSDAY 29 APRIL</b>	<b>9.15AM</b> <b>1.00PM</b>	<b>YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY</b> <b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—MOVING GIFTS' DEMONSTRATION</b> AT ST CLARE'S.
<b>FRIDAY 30 APRIL</b>	<b>7.30-9.00PM</b>	<b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)</b>
<b>SATURDAY 1 MAY</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE.</b>
<b>SUNDAY 2 MAY</b>	<b>2.30PM</b>	<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT SFX</b>

### MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

As I prepared the ministry rosters for the next few months, I found I was unable to add names for welcomers at 10 am Masses, and I have fewer people available for 6 pm. Our newly baptized Catholics cannot speak more highly of the warmth of the welcome they have received in the parish. This means that a very large percentage of parishioners is capable of offering welcome to others.

This may mean you.

Could you please give some prayerful consideration to joining this ministry. It involves arriving 10 minutes early for Mass, handing out the newsletters and greeting members of the congregation with a smile and a word of welcome. Let me know if you feel moved to assist.

In the meantime I invite all Ministers of the Eucharist to take part in the welcoming ministry by arriving early and greeting the members of the congregation as they arrive.

—Liz Clark

### AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB will have a speaker from "Moving Gifts", this Thursday, at 1.00 pm at St. Clare's. There will be various items to see and some for sale. Next week we will have Gentle Exercises with Marlene.

All parishioners and their friends are welcome to attend our activities. Information - Judy—9878 4212.

Advance notice – our next film, on May 27, will be "The Blind Side". All parishioners and their friends are welcome to attend our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

We have a petition in the churches calling for the repeal of the "Abortion Law Reform Bill of 2008". Please consider signing it – it is extremely important to keep this matter before our politicians, especially as there will be an election later this year.

### LIFE AS A FRIAR MINOR

Franciscan life is one lived with the joy of the Gospel at its core. St Francis loved and he loved to the full regardless of the work he found himself engaged in doing. If this way of life attracts you then Paul Ghanem ofm, the director of vocations, is there to help you discern this call. Fr Paul can be contacted on 02 9369 9369 or at [vocations@franciscans.org.au](mailto:vocations@franciscans.org.au)



### CONFIRMATION

The Grade 6 children from the school, along with the children who have been prepared by our catechist will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday May 2nd.

Please pray for them at this important time—they will be participating in a Reflection Day on Thursday 29th April as the final stage of their preparation for the reception of this sacrament.

**HUGHES – MONA AGNES RIP 20.04.2010.** After a short illness, died peacefully aged 93 at Nazareth House, Camberwell. Funeral Mass at Nazareth House Chapel, 16 Cornell Street, Camberwell, at 10.30am Tuesday 27 April. (Rosary 11am Monday 26 April at Nazareth House Chapel)

### GRIEF SUPPORT

All those who attended the Tobin Bros course on grief last year are invited to come to a meeting in SFX Parish House on Wednesday May 5 at 1.30pm to discuss how we can support other parishioners in times of grief or loss. Any other interested parishioners are most welcome to join us.

### CITY OF WHITEHORSE PRAYER BREAKFAST

An annual event held in cooperation with the City of Whitehorse Council—Saturday, 15 May 2010 / 8:00 - 9.45am at The Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading. Details at [www.wpn.net.au](http://www.wpn.net.au)

Three course breakfast (table service). Father Anthoni would like to put together a table of 10. Cut-off date for registration is 7 May, please ring the Parish Office if you are interested.

### PHOTOGRAPHER!

During the past few weeks, you may have noticed a photographer taking photos at some of the Easter ceremonies and other church activities, which may be published on our website. If you would prefer not to have your photo published, please let the Parish Office know.

## A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US'

The deep love between Mary and her mother, Flora, shines through their letters. Mary always began with 'My dearest Mamma' and on August 14, 1866, reminded her mother of the importance of her example: 'You so often sought, not by precept only but by example also, to impress on the minds of your children ... that "God will comfort you and that God will provide".' Provided by Sr Marie White sj of the Sisters of St Joseph - [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au). For further information, see [www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au) and [www.cathnews.com.au](http://www.cathnews.com.au)

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

In today's Gospel, the Evangelist records that Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Let us listen to the Word of God in our Mass today, get to know the Lord in the Eucharist, hear his voice and then our only response can be to follow him!

### Prayer for Vocations for Families

We thank you, Lord Jesus, you who in becoming man, chose to belong to a human family, teach families the virtues which filled with light the family home of Nazareth. May families always be united, as you and the Father are one, and they be living witnesses to love, justice and solidarity; make them schools of respect, forgiveness & mutual help, so that the world may believe. Help them to be sources of vocations to the priesthood & the consecrated life, & all forms of firm Christian commitment. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## My corner

Last weekend I went to Bendigo. It was an uneventful drive there, and I remember at one stage looking out the window and thinking what stupid, dumb animals sheep are. They just stand around all day chewing grass, and unless one of them makes a move, nothing happens. Then, when one gets the idea into its head that something interesting may be happening nearby, and heads off in that direction, they all follow. The gospel for this Sunday is about community and about intimacy.

I wonder, is our community like a flock of boring sheep, standing around doing the same old thing, waiting in case someone finds a new direction, a new challenge, a good idea? If you toot the car horn as you drive past sheep in a paddock, they look up startled and then run away. Are we like that? Do we shy away from something new? What does it take to make us move? The other question I've considered is whether, as sheep, we get to truly know one another, or whether we even allow Jesus to know us. The word intimacy can be broken up— 'into me see.' What opportunities do we take to allow God to see who we really are, to allow other members of the community to know who we are? And what opportunities do we make to listen to Jesus to find out who he is? - fodder to chew over as we head into this long weekend.

*Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISHES—SUNDAY MAY 30 AT 12.30PM IN ST CLARE'S HALL SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 11.30AM

GROUPS ARE ALSO INVITED TO SUBMIT BRIEF REPORTS TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 12 MAY FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

*Plans & future projects for the year ahead & a brief summary of the past year's activities, preferably by email, would be appreciated.*

## FRIENDS OF MARY OF THE CROSS CENTRE FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Please support the Mary of the Cross Centre by buying a ticket or two in their 2010 Fundraising Raffle. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Three attractive prizes. (see notice board) Tickets are \$2 each OR 3 for \$5. All Proceeds go to the free counseling service of the MOC Centre.

## ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School Office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school term. Tours of the School are held on the following dates. The tours are for approximately 1 hour. Please meet at the school office by 9.10am for Monday tours and 10.50am for Sunday tour. Mondays @ 9.15am—3 May, 24 May, 19 July, 9 August, 6 September, 11 October and Sunday 11am on 2 May

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

### Student Surveys

This week I have visited the entire Year P-6 classrooms where the children have completed an anonymous 'Attitude to School' survey. In my role as Student Well-being Coordinator I administered the surveys across the whole school to help ensure consistency. The survey questions for Year P-2 children are different to those completed by Year 3-6 children. The purpose of the survey is to provide each individual classroom teacher with feedback on the children's feelings and thoughts towards various aspects of school. The questions address *teaching and learning, relationships and student wellbeing*. From the feedback we hope that we can achieve increased learning outcomes and further improved teaching practices across all year levels at Saint Francis Xavier's. At our staff meeting the teachers will analyse the student feedback data and form focus goals and key improvement strategies where appropriate. *Marcus Gill, Deputy Principal*

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## ROSTERS

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—May 2

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**  
6.00pm E&A Fabian, J Wells, k L Lampard, D Williamsz  
8.00am J Reid, S Carney  
10.00am K De Lacy, M Sinclair, E&I Abraham, M Ferdinando, J D'Souza, M Blundy  
5.00pm P Aldag  
**Ministers of the Word**  
6.00pm M Williamsz, M Dodds  
8.00am B Reid  
10.00am M Kirwan, K Kirwan  
5.00pm M Felix, M Waring  
**Welcomers**  
6.00pm G&J Metral, M Buhler  
10.00am VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

### Children's Liturgy

May 2—5th Sunday of Easter—Group A  
May 9—6th Sunday of Easter—Group B

### Altar Linen

April 25 M T Francisco  
May 2 M Buhler

### Counters

April 25 H Kerwin, M O'Connor  
May 2 M Rossely, J Butler

### Collectors 5pm

April 25 L Soulsby  
May 2 P Aldag

### Rosary Statue

April 25—G Rae, 9 Derwent St, BH  
May 2—B&V Burns, 2/11 Loddon St, BHN

## ITALIAN MASS

### Commentator

April 25 J Adamo  
May 2 P Grech

### Lettori

April 25 A D'Alessandro, L Ferola  
May 2 M Salamone, D Amato

### Ministri dell'Eucarista

April 25 G Massarotti, R Bidinost  
May 2 D Amato, M Casamento

## ST CLARE'S—MAY 2

### Ministers of the Word

9.00am—M Hardy, P Fitzgerald, D Hayes

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—T Nicholson, F Fitzgerald, H Keown, D Hardy, I D'Amato, P Cleary, P Ciccotosto

### Piety Stall—May 2

9.00am—E Boyle

## ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Quiet catholic female looking for 1 bedroom accommodation. Can afford \$150 per month. Please phone Ronnie on 9737 9041.

### POINTS TO PONDER

★ *What are the things that may 'steal' you away from listening to the voice of Jesus?*

### From Fr Ben

*A person at a cocktail party said to a friend: "I never repeat gossip, so I'll say this only once."*

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.