



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

*In the care of the
Franciscan Friars*

**5th Sunday of Lent
April 10th, 2011—Year A**

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

Psalm Response

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

He who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, said the Lord.

This week

Be 'life-giving' to others this week.

Acknowledge and affirm them in particular ways.

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.

'The story of Lazarus'

'The people of the Old Testament did not believe in life after death in the same way that we do. They thought that all who died ended up in a vague sort of existence called "Sheol" or "Shadow Land". The idea of posthumous reward or punishment only came in the last few centuries before Christ.



Lazarus, come out

'The story of Lazarus' resurrection is beautiful preparation for Easter. Lazarus is brought to life by Jesus, who will restore his own body. One of the less noticed, but still important aspects of the story, though, is the growth of Lazarus' sister Martha. We first saw her as the fussy, ever-busy hostess at a party for Christ. She is indignant that her sister Mary is dreamily lost in contemplation of Jesus. She demands that the Lord chasten Mary for her indifference to the cares of hospitality. Jesus chides her for being concerned about "too many things". Now, some time later, Martha has "come to believe" that Jesus is the messiah, the promised one. It is interesting to note that the Church does not observe a separate feast for Mary or Lazarus, but does hold a holy day for Martha. Her growth is a vital lesson in spirituality.'

*Excerpt from a commentary by
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**READINGS FOR
THIS WEEK**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Ezek 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Rom 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Jn 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

Monday

Dan13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62;
Jn8:1-11

Tuesday

Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dan3:14-20,24-25,28; Jn8:31-42

Thursday

Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

**NEXT SUNDAY
PASSION SUNDAY**

**Is 50:4-7,
Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14-27:66**

FRIARS OF THE PARISHES

FR PETER McGRATH OFM
PARISH PRIEST
FR BOB MATTHEWS OFM
ASSISTANT PRIEST
FR PETER TRAN OFM
ASSISTANT PRIEST

Pastoral Associate/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 : 5 May 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

Bookings can be made with SFX Parish Office for each Parish, and celebrated in the church requested. This is to avoid double bookings.

BAPTISMS

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.

St Francis Xavier's—
 1st and 3rd Sundays of month only,
 12.30 pm
 St Clare's—2nd Sunday, 10.30 am

SUNDAY 10 APRIL	10.30AM 2.00PM	BAPTISM AT ST CLARE'S MUSIC REHEARSAL FOR YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
MONDAY 11 APRIL	8.30AM 10.00AM 7.00PM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP— ST CLARE'S CONFIRMATION CLASS IN SFX PHMR
TUESDAY 12 APRIL	12.30PM 7.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) RCIA (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL	8.30AM 2.00PM 4.00PM 6.30-8.30PM 8.30PM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST CLARE'S CHOIR PRACTICE IN SFX CHURCH REHEARSAL—YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS (SFX CHURCH) MUSICIANS AT SFX CHURCH
THURSDAY 14 APRIL	7.30PM	LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST CLARE'S
FRIDAY 15 APRIL	7.30PM 7.30PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN ST CLARE'S CHURCH BIBLE DISCUSSION IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SATURDAY 16 APRIL	9.00AM 3.00PM	PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE. <u>CHOIR PRACTICE IN SFX CHURCH</u>
SUNDAY 17 APRIL	12.30PM	BAPTISM AT SFX

FROM FR ANTHONI

I am really pleased to inform you that I have been offered admission to the school of Theology and Ministry (STM), Boston, USA, beginning June 2011.

YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

✦ Rehearsal in SFX Church on Wednesday 13th April at 6.30pm.

TENEBRAE SERVICE AT ST THOMAS' BLACKBURN (57 Central Road Blackburn):

The Youth of St. Thomas' Blackburn will be presenting their annual 'Service of Shadows' called Tenebrae. The 'shadows' are caused by the candles which are lit for each 'shadow' of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus, which are gradually extinguished. It is quite a solemn service in which those present are invited to place themselves in the midst of Jesus' experience during the 24 hours before his death. The Service begins at 7.30pm on Monday, 18th April.

MAKE YOUR CHOCOLATE FAIR THIS EASTER:

Before you buy chocolates this Easter think about where it comes from and who makes it. About 40% of the world's chocolate is made from cocoa beans picked in West Africa, where many children, trapped in slavery and forced to work. **Help make a difference & choose FAIR TRADE chocolate. FAIR TRADE means NO child slavery.** Supporting FAIRTRADE ensures cocoa farmers get two things – a fair price for their crop and a premium for their community to spend on a community project. Supporting FAIRTRADE ensures cocoa farmers get two things – a fair price for their crop and a premium for their community to spend on a community project. It's the JUST Easter chocolate choice to make! Fair Trade chocolate is now widely available from supermarkets, **the Good Shepherd Trading Circle in Abbotsford** and at Oxfam stores.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EACH FRIDAY DURING
LENT AT ST CLARE'S
CHURCH AT 7.30PM

AVAILABLE: IN THE CHURCHES TODAY

- ✦ TROUBADOUR (formerly Box Hill Buzz)
- ✦ LENTEN CALENDAR 2011

AVAILABLE: IN THE SACRISTY TODAY

- ✦ **MINISTERS OF LIFE** (A handbook for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) Copies are available in the Sacristy today for perusal & maybe ordered at \$7.50ea from the Parish Office or online at www.kwl.com.au

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Holy Week Paraliturgies

This week the children have participated in the paraliturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. I thank all teachers, children and parents for your part in this wonderful aspect of our SFX culture. It is a privilege to be a part of it. The children were wonderful. I am sure this has contributed to their understanding of the Easter story. We will complete our Easter liturgies with the Year 5 and 6 children on Thursday 28th April, when we celebrate Easter Sunday. You are all welcome to attend at 9.15am.

Installation of School Fence

After much discussion and deliberation the installation of the school fence will commence in the school holidays. Work will begin on the Clota Avenue side of the school and we expect that this will be completed before the children return to school in Term Two. Early in Term Two there will be some major renovation works in the staff/parish car park. Once this work is completed the rest of the fence will be installed between the basketball court and car park. The fence and car park developments will add to the newly refurbished buildings and make the school grounds more secure during school hours.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Disasters, sickness and tragedy are realities for many people. Our Christian faith and compassion motivates us to offer practical and spiritual support for those whose lives have been affected by such realities. In this week's Project Compassion story we met Kose, a young man whose family home was destroyed in the 2009 Samoan tsunami. Your donation to Project Compassion offers hope and ensures that before, during and after the headlines, Caritas is there delivering life-saving assistance to communities affected by disaster and helping build community capacity to better respond to future disasters.



ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—April 17

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
6.00pm R Meyers V Bellis E Colafella
D Williamsz J Wells

8.00am J Reid
10.00am E&E VDW N Succar M Blundy
L Lampard M&L Soulsby
MT Francisco

5.00pm MT Francisco

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm L Norton, M Williamsz
8.00am B Reid
10.00am P Fitzgerald, H Miller
5.00pm M Slevison, M Waring

Welcomers

6.00pm D&M Williamsz
8.00am J Reid
10.00am E&E VDW, L Lampard
5.00pm M Plain

Children's Liturgy

Altar Linen

April 10 L Sanelli
April 17 B Burns

Counters

April 10 B&M Walker
April 17 H Kerwin, M O'Connor

Rosary Statue

April 10—M Charles, 4/97 Hawthorn Rd, FH
April 17—J&B Reid, 6 Hamilton St, Blackburn

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

April 10 G Amato
April 17 G Tabacchiera

Lettori

April 10 G Tabacchiera, G Amato
April 17 A Lanza, L Ferola

Ministri dell'Eucarista

April 10 G Massarotti, D Amato
April 17 G Tabacchiera, R Bidinost

ST CLARE'S—April 17

Ministers of the Word

K McMahon, T Nicholson, A McGovern
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
P O'Brien, T Shallvey, D Tan, J Murphy,
D Wolbers, P wolbers, P Cleary

Welcomers

A Kennedy, P Cleary

Piety Stall—April 17

B Murphy

ROOM VACANT

Large double room in a house of 3. Fully furnished. Good location in Box Hill South. Few minutes walk to buses, trams (No 70, 75) to all directions. Male students if possible. Contact Mary: 9833 5442 or leave a message.

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ 'Even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' What do you ask at this moment?
- ✦ 'Unbind him!' In what ways are you still bound? What must you do to shed your bindings?

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 & St Clare's.

Parishioners are invited to take the opportunity to attend the

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

on Wednesday April 13th at 2.00pm in St Clare's Church & Thursday April 14th at 7.30pm in SFX church.

to complete their spiritual preparation for Easter. After the service, the friars will be available for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**GOOD FRIDAY
YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS
@ 10am at SFX.**

LECTORS, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, ALTAR SERVERS

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR MASSES DURING THE EASTER PERIOD, COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE URGENTLY & INDICATE WHICH MASS YOU WILL BE ATTENDING, SO THAT ROSTERS CAN BE ARRANGED AND YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PREPARE.

REVISED ROMAN MISSAL

Have you had a chance to look at the Archdiocese's 'Revised Roman Missal' website? It's well worth a look. Everything you need to know about the new Mass texts and new musical settings is there, plus lots more. It's featured on the front page of the Archdiocese's website www.cam.org.au where you just hit the red logo: or go to www.evangelisation.org/missal

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL

Information, answers to questions, and details re text and music for the Revised Roman Missal can be found in addition to the diocesan website at that of the National Liturgical Council: romanmissalaustralia.org.au then click on the icons at the left hand side to find further detail.

REFLECTION: John 11:1-45

In this week's Gospel story, Jesus is asked to come to the aid of his friend Lazarus, who is sick. When he arrives, Lazarus is dead. Jesus is moved to tears when he sees the grief amongst Lazarus' family and friends. He calls Lazarus out of the tomb and his life is restored.

The raising of Lazarus strengthened the faith of Jesus' followers and helped them towards an understanding of Jesus' words: "I am the Resurrection and the Life".

Jesus' human compassion was also evident. We feel compassion when we see people who have been confronted by disaster, tragedy and loss. Tsunami seems to be a recent frequent addition to our language. In recent years our television screens have vividly informed us of the devastating impact of tsunamis on the lives of millions of people across the globe.

This week's Project Compassion story comes from Samoa where Kose and his family live in a community that was directly affected by a tsunami. Many were killed. Livelihoods were shattered. Emergency relief was needed in the short term to provide the essentials of life: fresh water, food and shelter. Later, Caritas Samoa, with support from Caritas Australia, worked with the people to rebuild for the long term – to restore life to affected communities.

We might wonder how it felt for Lazarus to rise and learn to live again. In a different sense, that is what communities in Samoa are doing. The media have moved on to other news stories, but Caritas continues to work with people to "build back better".

Responding to tragedy and loss, as Jesus did, involves more than feeling compassion. We can show our compassion in action by becoming partners in the process of rebuilding and restoring life to communities affected by disaster.

CATECHETIC CLASSES

Catholic children attending State schools are invited to enrol for catechetical classes in Terms 2 & 3 in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion. Classes begin with children in Grade 2. Please contact the Parish Office ASAP at sfxbh@celestial.com.au or 9890 2231 for Enrolment forms / information.