



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

*In the care of the
Franciscan Friars*

All Souls November 2nd, 2008—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus. Just as in Adam all men die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son have eternal life, and I will raise them up to life again on the last day. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies, he will live. Anyone who lives and believes in me, will not die for ever.

This week

Try to reveal something of your faith this week to someone who may not know of the journey you are undertaking.

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.

Until we all meet in Christ

I am pushing my cause for canonisation, even before dying, for putting up with people. Fr Ben is aiding me by recording, but also censuring, things that would not help the cause. And if asked I could nominate quite a number of people who would also qualify to be canonised for martyrdom and for being exemplary Christians who serve the community faithfully and generously. You are not only good people, but men and women of faith who do so much for the love of God and neighbours. I sense that I am a better Christian now and am enjoying life, for I have learnt so much from your collective wisdom and have been edified by your wonderful example of love and forgiveness. We don't really have to wait until someone dies to acknowledge that they are a saint.

This weekend is special because we are celebrating, "All Saints Day" and "All Souls Day". Usually in November we pray in a special way for those who have died. *We believe that all ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death.* Praying for the dead helps and consoles those who have lost their loved ones and reminds us all about the "Communion of the Saints". For those who are grieving prayer becomes an avenue by which they can transform their pain into hope and gain a sense of connection where they long to see or touch their loved ones.

This is also a time for healing; relationships are never perfect. Sometimes we miss the opportunity to be reconciled, or sort things out, and struggle in a state of unfinished business. Unresolved issues, guilt feelings or anger can weigh us down. In prayer we bring these issues, and also those who have died, to God. This allows for healing to take place and broken relationships to be restored in the mystery of the resurrection both for the living and the deceased. In the shared mystery we continue to change and grow in communion with Christ. Even though death has separated us physically we know we are connected in Christ. *Help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brothers and sisters forever. Amen.*

Fr Anthony ofm

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

ALL SOULS
Isaiah 25:6-9 *love is eternal.*
The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

Romans 5:5-11
Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Mt 11:25-30
You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to mere children.

Monday
Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday—St Charles Borromeo
Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday
Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday
Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10

Friday
Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday
Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY
**DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA**
Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17;
Jn 2:13-22

Friars of the Parishes

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

Pastoral Associate—Liz Clark

**SFX Parish Office Hours are
9.30 am to 4.30 pm
Monday, Wed, Thurs, Friday
Parish Secretary**— Monique Waring

**St Clare's Parish Office Hours
are as follows:
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

Liz Allan *Liz Clark*
Veronika Bellis *Dianna Hardy*
Vince Fazio *Carmel Purdey*
Clare Hangan *Monique Waring*
Anthony Kennedy
Peter Leonard
Trish Nicholson (Chair)
Next meeting : November 6

Liturgy Times

St Clare's

**Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30am
Weekdays:
Wed, Fri & Sat 9.00 am
Confessions Sat 9.30—10 am**

St Francis Xavier's

**Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 7.30 am
9.30am
(Italian) 11.00 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 2 NOVEMBER	ALL SOULS DAY MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA
MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 8.30AM	SCHOOL CLOSURE SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME.
TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 8.30AM 9.00AM 12.30PM 7.30PM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL. (ENTER VIA HARRISON ST) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: LYNNE FOGALE 9898 2516 ST CLARE'S SENIORS @ SC PARISH HOUSE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 1.30PM 7.30PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—OAKS DAY—SFX HALL— SHARED LUNCH, DRINKS PROVIDED, WATCH THE RACES. PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL—PHMR
FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 4.30PM-8PM 7.30PM-9PM	SFX SCHOOL SPORTS BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE
SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 9.00AM 8.30AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET OUTSIDE SFX PARISH HOUSE—NOTE: MEETING ROOM UNAVAILABLE—MORNING TEA ON THE TRAIL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REFLECTION DAY—PHMR
SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	CATHOLIC DEAF COLLECTION 9.30AM MASS—SFX—RITE OF RECEPTION—RCIA

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—

NOVEMBER 13—1.30PM—TRISH'S TREASURES. REASONABLY PRICED JEWELLERY & SCARVES FOR SALE. A GOOD TIME FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

NOVEMBER 20—1.30PM—HAHNDORF CHOCOLATE DEMONSTRATION. SAMPLES PLUS CHOCOLATES FOR SALE.

NOVEMBER 27—9.15AM—FILM/LUNCHEON WAVERLEY. 'AUSTRALIA' -KIDMAN, JACKMAN. \$16. BOOKINGS: MARG 9803 4973, PAT 9887 6790.

DECEMBER 4—9.30AM—COACH TRIP TO BLUE LOTUS WATER GARDENS AT YARRA JUNCTION. \$44. 2 COURSE LUNCH AT UPPER YARRA RSL. DEPOSIT \$10 AT TIME OF BOOKING, BALANCE BY 20/11. BOOKINGS: MARG 9803 4973, JODY 9842 9409.

ST CLARE'S PIETY STALL

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE AVAILABLE \$3 FOR A PACK OF 5, \$6 FOR \$10. ALSO AVAILABLE FRANCISCAN & COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR 2009.

The passing of the Decriminalisation of Abortion Bill

was a great disappointment after we all tried so hard to persuade our members to vote against it. However, we will keep on working. If you would like to be involved, or simply know what is proposed, do come to the next meeting of the Box Hill group of the AUSTRALIAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION on Wednesday, 5 November, at 4, Taldra Street North Box Hill. Inquiries - Majella Clark 9890 3857.

Many thanks to all those who contributed (\$127) to the **October 1st Friday collection** for the Sacred Heart School in Sideia, PNG. *Imelda, Ivan, Judy.*

**NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES
ARE AVAILABLE FOR
COLLECTION AT BOTH CHURCHES.
PLEASE COLLECT YOURS & SAVE
POSTAGE COSTS TO THE PARISH.**

SENIORS CHRISTMAS

Our Thank You Christmas Lunch to the Seniors (60+) will be held on Sunday December 7th in SFX Parish Hall @ 12.15

Bookings to the Parish Offices—\$15 pp, by Nov 27th.
Help wanted on Sat Dec 6th @ 1pm to help set up.

Help wanted on Sunday Dec 7th from 12pm on to help with serving & washing dishes.

We would also like **Young Parishioners in Yrs 9 or 10** to help wait on the tables.

Please advise the Parish Office if you are able to help.



POINTS TO PONDER

At Mass, during the sermon, are we ready to hear something new, or are we assuming that we've heard it all before? Do we listen not only to what the priest says, but to what God may be saying to us today?

From Fr Ben

A girl sobbed: "He said he'd love me till the cows come home. How was I to know he was a dairy farmer?"

R.C.I.A. PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT OUR THREE NEW CATECHUMENS WHO WILL CELEBRATE THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AT THE 9.30AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

If we are too busy to take time for prayerful reflection every day, we are too busy to be human, too busy to be good, too busy to grow, too busy to be peaceful.
(Joan Chittister)

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE FROM ETHIOPIA
NOW AVAILABLE FROM SFX
PARISH HOUSE**



Sidamo is a very smooth pleasant strong coffee.
[Fairtrade](#) coffee is Certified Organic. Fairtrade

guarantees a just return to the grower, as the grower group exports directly to overseas buyers. An additional Fairtrade Premium levy provides extra funds for socially important programs to the grower cooperatives. Fairtrade is an important way forward to assist with re-aligning trade to bring a just return for poor coffee farmers. The coffee is a mild roast. **250 gram ground \$7 ea**

My corner

One day during the week I went to visit a family

to discuss their baby's Baptism. I was invited inside and when I sat down to talk to the mother, the 3 year old child said to me "Take your shoes off." Obviously this was something that was normal procedure for anyone entering the house, but I hadn't noticed a pile of shoes at the front door, and hadn't realized this was the procedure.

Of course the mother was somewhat embarrassed and assured me that I didn't have to conform. When I get home at night, it is usually one of the first things I do—kick off my shoes.

I wander around in bare feet in this sort of weather, or head for the fluffy slippers in winter. It makes me feel very comfortable, at home, part of the place. It's familiar ground. In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to a place of security and comfort: "Come to me, all who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." To take/make the time to sit with Jesus is like taking the shoes off and feeling at home. It gives us an opportunity to stop, to think, to share the burdens and troubles of life, to listen for the guidance we need. It is a place where we find rest for our souls. I am sure all of us feel weary and overburdened at times, so I really urge you to make a definite time at least once during this week to spend some time talking with Jesus. Bare your soul.—or is it your sole?

Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate

**PROPOSED NEW MASS TIMES
to commence Advent 2008**

SATURDAY 9.00am St Clare's
6.00pm Vigil SFX

SUNDAY 8.00am SFX
(while we still have an extra priest)
9.00am St Clare's
10.00am SFX
5.00pm SFX

BAPTISMS 11.30am St Clare's
12.00/12.30pm SFX

PARISH DIARY DATES 2009

It is essential for planning purposes that all proposed dates for 2009 be submitted to the Parish Office by Friday November 28.

Dates can be emailed to the Parish Office at: sfxbh@celestial.com.au OR the Parish Calendar for 2009 is available during Office Hours for groups to fill their dates. Please call Monique on 9890 2231 with any queries.

Centacare Catholic Family Services would like to thank the community of St Clare's & St Francis Xavier's Parish for its generous donation to our recent church appeal. Your generosity will enable Centacare to provide programs to foster good relationships within families and encourage greater connections of families with their community.

WELCOME!

If you are reading this then you are one of the people we are seeking to recruit. What we would like is to have someone at each door for the few minutes before Mass to hand out the newsletters and welcome those attending. All you need to do is arrive about 15 minutes before Mass is due to start. You need to take a few copies of the newsletter and stand near a door and welcome those arriving and offer them a copy of the newsletter. We don't plan to roster you on unless you want to be, but it takes no more than arriving early for you to assist in this important ministry. Ask another parishioner, a family member or a friend to join you. Please try it a few times over the next few months. There are plenty of doors so we need plenty of people every week. Lets keep alive that welcoming spirit that inspired the WYD pilgrims who visited us in Box Hill earlier this year and extend a regular welcome to everyone who joins us.

JOIN US FOR THE "GAAIYIP (COME TOGETHER) WALK AND PICNIC"

Blackburn Lake Sunday Nov 9th 12noon-4pm. (Mel 48 B 11) Feb 13th marked a turning point for our nation. Whitehorse Friends for Reconciliation are providing a rich opportunity for us at the local level to help take the necessary further steps forward. Come and enjoy a brief walk around the lake, have a chat with members of the stolen generations and enjoy an Indigenous BBQ or BYO picnic. Enquires Howard 98982514 howardtankey@iprimus.com.au

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S-NOVEMBER 9

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6pm D Willaims, E Kimmet,
M Chandler, A&P Leonard

7.30am J Reid

9.30am M Mackay, M Sinclair,
I Abraham, L Lampard, K Fazio,
C Chessari, F Fitzgerald

Ministers of the Word

6pm L Sanelli, M Rossely

7.30am J Manshon

9.30am M Nitz, J D'Souza

5pm J O'Brien, R Paul

Welcomers

6pm D&M Williamsz

9.30am Fazio family

Children's Liturgy

November 16—33rd Sunday OT—Group C

November 22—Christ the King—Group A

Altar Linen

November 2 J Morison

November 9 P Turner

Counters

November 2 T&E O'Brien

November 9 B&M Walker

Collectors 5pm

November 2 A Cutts

November 9 L Soulsby

Rosary Statue

November 2—M O'Meara, 14 Sweetland Rd

November 9—Mrs S Faulisi, 21 Bedford St

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

November 2 P Grech

November 9 G Amato

Lettori

November 2 C Chessari, LA Lanza

November 9 N Amato, R Bidinost

Ministri dell'Eucarista

November 2 D Amato, G Tabacchiera

November 9 M Salamone, M Casamento

ST CLARE'S—NOVEMBER 9

Ministers of the Word

8.30 J Sakowski, P Sakowski

10.30 A Kenna, K McDonald

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8.30am E Lim, P Wolbers, D Wolbers

10.30am P O'Brien, D Tan, T Shallvey

Piety Stall—November 9

8.30 Glass family 10.30 Farry family

Ministers to the Sick call on families during the week. If you or someone in your family is unable to come to Mass, please let us know at the office and we can arrange for a Minister to visit you at home.

Would parishioners please note that it is preferable if Mass intentions are brought to the Parish House and entered into the diary kept for intentions. This will avoid, as much as is possible, any disappointment, when 2 or more intentions are requested for the same Mass.

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.