



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

*In the care of the Franciscan Friars*

## The Body & Blood of Christ June 6th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.

### Psalm Response

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

*Corpus Christi*



*Jesus said: The man who feeds in my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him*

### **This week**

*Try to help someone find a way out of their 'lonely place' 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.

### **"Disciples to distribute among the crowd"**

Why is Mass so important to Catholics? Why is receiving communion fundamental to Catholics and how does the Eucharist form and shape our spirituality? At a time when Mass attendance is declining gradually, First Communions are still celebrated in a very big way, like a rite of passage. I am always humbled to see Catholics who are sick and in hospital or in nursing homes bow in silent prayer for a moment during communion, usually in a busy and public place.

We believe in the miracle of the Eucharist, we know we are receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. The second reading today outlines clearly the story of the Eucharist, but there is something more to it. As disciples we are called to emulate in some way this miracle in our lives. When we offer, transform and share, we mirror the Eucharist in our lives. What we have received in the Eucharist we are called on in turn to pass on to the world.

Jesus replied, "Give them something to eat yourselves", when the disciples asked Jesus to send the people away to find lodging and food. With five loaves and two fish, they fed the crowd and even collected twelve baskets of scraps. We worry that what we offer might be inadequate or unsuitable to God. Today's gospel story teaches us the lesson of offering what we have no matter how small it is. God would transform it for the crowd.

Ministers to the sick have the privilege of bringing Christ to the sick; the ministers represent the Church, but they also give themselves and are present to those who are in need of God's healing. In fact all of us who join in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, receive the Body and Blood of Christ and we are sent forth, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord". We bring Christ to all the places we go, our work environment, home, supermarket etc. May all who meet us, encounter Christ himself.

*Fr Anthony ofm*

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### **READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
**Gen 14:18-20**  
*Melchizedek brought bread and wine.*  
**1 Cor 11:23-26**  
*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.*

**Lk 9:11-17**  
*They all ate and were filled.*

**Monday**  
1 Kg 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday**  
1 Kg 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday**  
1 Kg 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**  
1 Kg 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday—SACRED HEART**  
Ezek 34:11-16; Rom 5:5-11;  
Lk 15:3-7

**Saturday—IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**  
Is 61:9-11; Lk 2:41-51

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
2 Sam 12:7-10,13; Gal 2:16,19-20;  
Lk 7:36-8:3

### 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

Pat Cleary  
Breta Cohen  
Ann-Marie Diggins  
Jane D'Souza  
Anthony Kennedy  
Peter Leonard

*Liz Clark*  
*Dianna Hardy*  
*Carmel Purdey*  
*Monique Waring*  
*(ex-officio)*

**Next meeting : 1 July 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 6 JUNE</b>	<b>12.30PM</b>	<b>SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR BURSARY FUND</b> <b>1 BAPTISM AT SFX</b>
<b>MONDAY 7 JUNE</b>	<b>8.30AM</b> <b>10.30AM</b> <b>4.00PM</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> <b>(CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)</b> <b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—IN ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)</b> <b>CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S</b>
<b>TUESDAY 8 JUNE</b>	<b>12.45PM</b> <b>3.00-3.30PM</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)</b> <b>PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH (SEE BELOW)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE</b>	<b>8.30AM</b> <b>9AM-11AM</b> <b>12.00PM</b> <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b> <b>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252.</b> <b>MINISTRY TO THE SICK REFLECTION DAY AT SFX</b> <b>FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD PLANNING</b> <b>MEDITATION GROUP WILL RECOMMENCE WEDNESDAY 23 JULY</b>
<b>THURSDAY 10 JUNE</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—MEET AT BOX HILL STATION FOR 11AM MASS AT ST FRANCIS IN THE CITY.</b>
<b>FRIDAY 11 JUNE</b>	<b>12.00PM</b> <b>5.00-6.30PM</b> <b>7.30-9.00PM</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL MASS</b> <b>LADIES DRINKS AT BOX HILL RSL</b> <b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)</b>
<b>SATURDAY 12 JUNE</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>
<b>SUNDAY 13 JUNE</b>	<b>11.30AM</b>	<b>SPECIAL COLLECTION-ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL</b> <b>MORNING TEA AT ST CLARE'S AFTER 9AM MASS</b> <b>1 BAPTISM AT ST CLARE'S</b>

### AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week—we will attend 11 am mass, at St. Francis Church, in the city. We will meet at Box Hill Station at 10.00 am and take the train to the city. Ring Marg (9803 4973) if you plan to come. Next week—Bingo in SFX PH MR at 1.15pm. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK

You are invited to attend a Reflection Day on Wednesday 9 June, commencing with Midday Mass at SFX, followed by lunch in SFX Parish House & an opportunity to reflect on your ministry. RSVP to 9890 2231 by June 7.

### FR BRIAN'S BAINBRIDGE MEMORIAL MASS

Fr Brian's ashes will be placed in the Memorial Wall at St Scholastica's at the 11 am Mass on Sunday 20 June 2010. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Jacob. Everyone is welcome to attend. Extra seating will be available in the hall and Mass will be televised to there. Communion will be distributed in the hall. Following Mass, refreshments will be served in the hall. Everyone is asked to bring something to share in true St Schol's style. This will be a fitting tribute to all of the service given to us by Fr Brian and to get to know Fr Jacob and welcome him into our lives. We ask that you spread the word. Thank you. Any other enquiries please ring St Scholastica's Parish office on 98081006 Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am till 2.30 pm.

### LETTER RECEIVED FROM RIGHT TO LIFE

Thank you for your generous gift (\$500) to support the Life Walk & its work to educate the wider community. The Life Walk is one of our oldest & most successful events & continues to gain momentum each year. The success of the Life Walk is due to the many dedicated volunteers who pull it together & give their time to running operations. This helps to keep down our costs & allows us to allocate the money raised to keep the most urgent areas of our profile work.

### MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION APPEAL

**Thank you** for your generous contributions last week towards the Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal. Your contributions will be forwarded to the Sisters of St Joseph who are very grateful for your support of Mary MacKillop's legacy. You can still contribute to the Appeal, please collect an envelope at today's Mass. Donations can also be made on-line or by phone: 1800 753 959.

### PRAYER GROUP

Each Tuesday - 3.00-3.30pm in SFX church, you are invited to join a group of school parents & parishioners as we pray for the needs & concerns of our world, our families, our parish & school.  
*Parents are encouraged to arrive early for school pick up, & spend a short time in prayer.*

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

Madrid, Spain in August 2011  
**Travelling with the official Melbourne Pilgrimage Group**

An official Melbourne pilgrimage group is being organised to provide pilgrims with a cost-efficient and safe journey to World Youth Day. Annaliese Wursthorn has been appointed the WYD Coordinator and will work within the Archdiocesan Office for Youth team to develop suitable pilgrimage options for those travelling from the Melbourne Archdiocese. To contact her, phone (03) 9412 3326 or email [wyd2011@cam.org.au](mailto:wyd2011@cam.org.au) OR [annaliese.wursthorn@cam.org.au](mailto:annaliese.wursthorn@cam.org.au)

### PRAY 2010: A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Whether you struggle with how to pray, desire to understand the Eucharist more, want to learn about a new form of prayer or go deeper with a prayer style with which you are familiar, then Pray 2010 offers a wide range of prayer workshops and presentations to meet your needs. For the full program go to: [www.pray2010.org.au](http://www.pray2010.org.au)

**A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 9**

Fr Woods encouraged Mary MacKillop's religious vocation and, when two ladies of similar mind joined her, he submitted to the Bishop his plan for their Rule. As Director General of the diocesan schools, he invited Mary and her Sisters to Adelaide in June 1867. Because they were prepared to be in places where they were deprived of Mass on weekdays and often Sundays as well, the Sisters became 'Church' for the locals. *Provided by Sr Marie White rsj 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)*

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

2011 Prep Enrolments now open. Please contact the school office to obtain an enrolment form. Enrolments close Friday 11th June 2010.

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 approx. 1 hour. Please meet at the school office by 9.10am. Mondays @ 9.15am—19 July, 9 August, 6 September, 11 October.

**My corner** When I read the story of the loaves and fish, I always think about my mum—the generosity of her providing, the endless chores associated with serving up meals for 40 years to hordes of hungry kids, the pressure to make ends meet, and the struggle to cook something we might appreciate. If I remember, there was little of 'that was great mum' going around, as we mostly had the same things rotated week after week. I think often dinner time was a joy to her because it meant that for at least 5 minutes everyone would be quiet for a change, busy eating. I think of the many countries where people are starving—and of how desperate parents must feel to know they have nothing to give their children to eat. How they must scrounge for anything at all for a meal, and with a shudder, what they probably end up having to eat because there is nothing else. There's been some talk on the radio recently about the amount of food thrown out in Australia each year; billions of dollars worth. How can this all be balanced? In an abundant world, why do so many have to go without? And an important question for me circles around what I buy, how I use it, what I leave in the back of the fridge too long. Food for thought. Jesus also provided us with food for the soul—in the eucharist. Food helps us grow, gives us energy, provides the opportunity for eating together and sharing our lives, gives us hope, offers honest work for so many people. It is something that calls us back time and time again to the table. The eucharist also provides us with these things, so it is vital for us to continue to participate, to share, to look forward with anticipation and joy to the opportunities we have each Sunday to come together with our community to share this precious meal. Come to the feast!

*Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate*

**NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**

St Francis Xavier School has named Trust, Respect, Forgiveness and Care as key Gospel values which inform our actions. Our Year Three families on Wednesday night, reflected on Forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance with the facilitator – Paul Spence. Paul led us to an understanding of the concept of sin as “missing the mark” or “missing the point”. As humans we often miss the point. Our Christian faith calls us to know that we are still loved by God and by those who love us most. As we reflected on the story, told by Jesus as a parable (a story which teaches a lesson), of the Prodigal Son we saw that the younger son in the story missed the point and was still loved by his father once he sought forgiveness. Forgiveness is a value which is paramount in any healthy relationship, community or family. *Carmel Purdey, Principal*

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all those parishioners who attended the Parish AGM last Sunday. A special thank you to Di & Marty Hardy, Breta & Laurie Cohen for the sausages, tea & coffee.

**SFX SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT**

The SFX School Annual Report is available on the homepage of our parish website [www.scsfx.org.au](http://www.scsfx.org.au). Just click on the link.

**DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN**

The draft Strategic Plan for the Parishes which was presented at the AGM is available at the back of the churches & also via the link on the homepage of the parish website. The Parish Pastoral Council would appreciate any comments by 1 July.

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

A new edition of the Statistical Yearbook of the Catholic Church covers the period 2000-2008. Some of the main items include:

- The number of Catholics in the world has grown from 1,045 million in 2000 to 1,166 million in 2008, an increase of 11.54%.
- Numbers in Africa grew by 33%, in Asia by 15.61%, in Oceania by 11.39%, in America by 10.93%, and in Europe by 1.17%.
- The number of bishops in the world went up from 4541 in 2000 to 5002 in 2008, an increase of 10.15%.
- The number of priests increased slightly from 405,178 to 409,166 in 2008.
- Non-ordained religious fell from 55,057 in 2000 to 54,641 in 2008.
- Female religious are almost double the number of priests, and 14 times that of non-ordained male religious, but their numbers are falling, from 800,000 in 2000 to 740,000 in 2008.
- The geographical distribution of female religious: 41% in Europe, 27.47% in America, 21.77% in Asia and 1.28% in Oceania. The number of female religious has increased in the most dynamic continents: Africa (up by 21%) and Asia (up by 16%).
- The number of students in seminaries increased from 110,583 to 117,024.

**ROSTERS**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—June 13**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**  
 6.00pm T D'Andrea, A Leonard, J Morison, M O'Brien, E Kimmet  
 8.00am J Reid, S Carney  
 10.00am E&I Abraham, M ferdinanado, A Netherway, M Blundy, J D'Souza, R Paul  
 5.00pm P Aldag  
**Ministers of the Word**  
 6.00pm J Wells, S Hengeveld  
 8.00am B Reid  
 10.00am K de Lacy, A M Diggins  
 5.00pm T Parker, L Sanelli  
**Welcomers**  
 6.00pm J Morison, G Machado  
 10.00am VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

**Children's Liturgy**

June 20—12OT C—Group C

**Altar Linen**

June 6 O Rewega  
 June 13 P Turner

**Counters**

June 6 P McLaughlin, G Kitch  
 June 13 B&C Parsons

**Collectors 5pm**

June 6 L Soulsby  
 June 13 P Aldag

**Rosary Statue**

June 6&13—C Mirabella, 159 Woodhouse Gve

**ITALIAN MASS**

**Commentator**

June 6 J Adamo  
 June 13 P Grech

**Lettori**

June 6 N Pozzobon, A D'Alessandro  
 June 13 J Adamo, C Ingresso

**Ministri dell'Eucarista**

June 6 M Salamone, M Casamento  
 June 13 D Amato, M Salamone

**ST CLARE'S—JUNE 13**

**Ministers of the Word**

9.00am—M Hardy, P Fitzgerald, D Hayes

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

9.00am—F Fitzgerald, D Hardy, D Tan, A McGovern, P Cleary, I D'Amato, H Keown

**Piety Stall—June 13**

9.00am—A Lindsey



**POINTS TO PONDER**

- ★ How do you make people welcome?
- ★ How is your 'hunger' being fed by Jesus?

*'Every Christian community must realize that not only do the weak need the strong, but also that the strong cannot exist without the weak. The elimination of the weak is the death of the fellowship.'* [Dietrich Bonhoeffer](#) (1906-1945)

**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.**