



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

*In the care of the  
Franciscan Friars*

## Christ the King November 23rd, 2008—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.

Psalm Response

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

**This week**

We all know people in need—emotional, financial, spiritual. This week, make a point of doing what Jesus urges in this gospel—tend to someone in need.

**POINTS TO PONDER**

At Mass, when the music starts, do we join in, or sigh. Are we open to new things, or critical?

**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.

## Kingship

*What is a king?*

Royal  
Leader  
Powerful  
Loyal to his people  
Patriotic  
In charge

*What does a king do?*

Looks after his people  
Rules—makes laws  
Is encouraging, positive  
Seeks the best for others  
Ambitious  
Wise  
Helpful  
Sympathetic -  
(cares how people feel)  
Responsible

*If I were a king I would.....*

Make everything right  
Eat good food  
Be compassionate  
Be a true leader  
Ban smoking  
Work for harmony  
End war

**Grade 5 JW**

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at: [www.scsfx.org.au](http://www.scsfx.org.au)

**READINGS FOR  
THIS WEEK**

**CHRIST THE KING**

**Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17**  
*You, my flock, I judge between sheep & sheep.*  
**1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28**  
*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*  
**Mt 25: 31-46**  
*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*  
**Monday -St Andrew Dũng Lạc**  
Apoc 14: 1-5; Lk 21: 1-4  
**Tuesday**  
Apoc 14: 14-19; Lk 21: 5-11  
**Wednesday**  
Apoc 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday**  
Apoc 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9; Lk21:20-28  
**Friday**  
Apoc 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday**  
Apoc 22: 1-7; Lk 21:34-36  
**NEXT SUNDAY**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mk 13:33-37

## 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*  
Anthony Kennedy *Monique Waring*  
Peter Leonard  
Trish Nicholson (Chair)

**Next meeting : 5 February 2009**

### 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

<b>SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>12.30PM</b>	<b>MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA</b> <b>5 BAPTISMS @ SFX</b>
<b>MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>8.30AM</b> <b>10.00AM</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME. <b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY @</b> ST CLARE'S PARISH HALL (ENQUIRIES: OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)
<b>TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>12.45PM</b> <b>7.30PM</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY @ SFX</b> <b>RCIA ENQUIRY</b> —SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
<b>WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>8.30AM</b> <b>9.00AM</b> <b>12.30PM</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b> <b>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL.</b> (ENTER VIA HARRISON ST) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: LYNNE FOGALE 9898 2516 <b>ST CLARE'S SENIORS @ SC PARISH HOUSE</b>
<b>THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.15AM</b> <b>1.30PM</b>	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—FILM/LUNCHEON WAVERLEY.</b> 'AUSTRALIA' -COACH LEAVES FROM DORKING RD OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL AT 9.15AM SHARP. <b>ANOINTING MASS AT ST CLARE'S</b>
<b>FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>7.30-9PM</b>	<b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>
<b>SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP</b> —MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE.
<b>SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>12.30PM</b>	<b>1 BAPTISM @ SFX</b>

**ANOINTING MASS** will be celebrated at St Clare's Church on Thursday 27th November at 1.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish House. During the afternoon, donations will be accepted for our Partner Parish at Dotik in East Timor to aid in their Eco-Pastoral Project. Should you require transport on the day, please phone the Parish House or Denise 9898 5877 or Angela 9849 1492.

### AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—

**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. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO MAKE UP THE NUMBERS NEEDED.**

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS MASS TOMORROW MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM AT ST CLARE'S CHURCH. ALL WELCOME!**

### SENIORS CHRISTMAS

Our Thank You Christmas Lunch to the Seniors (60+) will be held on Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> in SFX Parish Hall @ 12.15. Bookings to the Parish Offices—\$15 pp, by Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.



**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.

*From Fr Ben No one can claim to be the door because Christ has reserved this function strictly to himself. But Christ has shared his being a shepherd with others...The difference between being a good shepherd & a bad one: the good shepherd is concerned about the welfare of his flock, the bad shepherd about his own welfare. (St Thomas Aquinas)*

Because of the current changes to Mass times, Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist will need to make a new commitment in regard to the times of Mass they wish to attend. I am **urgently** requesting that you contact either Monique or myself to advise of your availability until Christmas, or that you return the form below during the coming week. New rosters will be drawn up for the next 6 weeks or so, and then again in February. Welcomers are encouraged to make themselves available at any Mass they attend. Many thanks.

*Liz Clark*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MINISTRY \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to offer my services as a minister at**

**6 pm**

**8 am**

**9 am**

**10 am**

**5 pm**



As members of this parish community, we pray for those who are baptized this week: Marcus & Thomas Farchione, Stella Cheng, & Alexi Pisa; the sick: Sr Dorothy Renton; those who have died; our RCIA candidates: Diana, Olivia, & Garry.

We continue to pray for rain and we pray for those who are unemployed.

**PARISHIONER SEEKING EMPLOYMENT**

My name is Warren Norton and I'm currently seeking employment in the Information Technology area. I would like to highlight a couple of my skills and experiences below:

- **An advanced knowledge of PC Software and Hardware.**
- **Able to plan, implement and manage a local area network (LAN).**
- **Experienced within the areas of customer service / sales / management in retail.**

Please contact me on: 0417 494 789

**RECEIVE THE POWER 2 LIVE! (Acts 1:8)**

Saturday 29th November, 6.00pm—9.30pm  
Camberwell Civic Centre, 340 Camberwell Rd  
Featuring: Praise & Worship, Dynamic Speakers including Bishop Joe Grech, Live Music Bands, Various Youth Groups, Drama & Theatre Performances, Prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction.

**My corner**

I visited Grade 5JW this week to discuss Sunday's Gospel and to find some inspiration about kingship. What does it mean in this day and age to be a king? What do kings do? And what would the children do if they were king? (Or queen, for that matter). The children had some wonderful ideas, many of which are included on the front page of today's bulletin. These ideas lead to thoughts about images of Jesus—and the Grade 5's who have been looking at opinions/facts were able quite clearly to name the things that know about Jesus—and the things they think, imagine, hope, presume. The gospel today presents Jesus as judge, king and shepherd. We also hear of Jesus as healer, listener, pray-er, story teller, challenger, son, saviour, messiah, leader. You just need to read through a few New Testament stories to find even more images of who Jesus is. Or maybe you have your own idea of who Jesus might be. My dilemma this week is to try to reconcile the vision I have of a king with a baby born in the simplest of places, with a man riding a donkey surrounded by people throwing their cloaks on the ground before him, cutting greenery from the fields to wave at him, and the man beaten and humiliated, hanging on a cross. I find this all mysterious and puzzling.

*Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate*

**FEED THE HUNGRY**

Box Hill inter faith service provides a meal once a week for those in need. The parish has 2 teams of 6 or more women who prepare a roast meal & provide company and friendship.

We are selling Shortbread Biscuits (macadamia @ \$3, plain \$2.50) to assist with the running costs of the Food at the Barn centre.

Purchase from the SFX Parish Office or there will be a stall after 9am & 10am Masses on Sunday November 30.

East Timor Gift Cards & Ethiopian Fair-Trade Coffee will also be on sale.

**EAST TIMOR ECO PASTORAL PROJECT CHRISTMAS CARDS**

We have a limited number of lovely gift cards to purchase for presents this Christmas and in so doing to support the people of Dotik in East Timor. They are of the same design as our previous Christmas gift cards from our fundraising effort in 2006 and would make a thoughtful gift for that person who already has "everything"! Cards may be purchased through: Val Mooney 9898 2602, Helen Miller 9877 5760 or through Monique at the Parish House 9890 2231.

**Youth Event: VCSYA Conference 2008**

Join **AFL Footballers Daniel Wells** (Kangaroos) and **Jared Crouch** (Sydney Swans) and many other great speakers for the Victorian Catholic Students and Young Adults Conference for 2008. Includes workshops to help you with personal development and spiritual life as well as great talks to help you with work and study. **Ages:** 15-30, **Date:** Saturday December 6th, 9am-5pm **Venue:** Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. **Contact:** John (0430 032 666, [vcsya@melbourne.catholic.org.au](mailto:vcsya@melbourne.catholic.org.au)) Go to [www.vcsya.org.au/conf2008](http://www.vcsya.org.au/conf2008)

**R.C.I.A.**

In our RCIA meeting this week we discussed this Sunday's gospel and came to see it as a summary of everything Jesus taught and did. We talked about how we could respond to those in need, even something as simple as a smile or hello can make a difference to someone, and how we should see Jesus in the poor and needy and respond as he taught us.

We were also joined by one of our parishioners, Pat (who responded to Liz's "need" for assistance), who gave a presentation on the Bible. Pat spoke about all the different books that make up the bible and how it fits in with our catholic life. A lively discussion followed. – Thank you Pat. Something that seemed to tie the gospel reading and the bible discussion together was a passage from Micah: "The lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love and to live in humble fellowship with our God". Micah 6:8

Please continue to pray for all those involved in this important process. *Lisa Norton*

**ROSTERS**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S-NOVEMBER 30**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

6pm (5 ministers)  
7.30am (1 minister)  
9.30am (7 ministers)  
5pm (2 ministers)

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER**

**Ministers of the Word**

6pm  
7.30am  
9.30am  
5pm

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER 1 reader 1 commentator**

**Welcomers**

6pm  
9.30am

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER**

**Children's Liturgy**

December 7—2nd Sunday Advent—Group B  
December 14—3rd Sunday Advent—Group B

**Altar Linen**

November 23 Olga Rewega  
November 30 Celeste Chessari

**Counters**

November 23 P McGlin, P Madzarevic  
November 30 M Rossely, J Butler

**Collectors 5pm**

November 23 P Aldag  
November 30 A Cutts

**Rosary Statue**

November 23—P Stagg, 116 Dorking Rd  
November 30—L Chin, 1/95 Dorking Rd

**ITALIAN MASS**

**Commentator**

November 23 G Amato  
November 30 R Bidinost

**Lettori**

November 23 J Adamo, C Ingresso  
November 30 S Faulisi, A Dinardo

**Ministri dell'Eucarista**

November 23 G Massarotti, D Amato  
November 30 C Chessari, G Tabacchiera

**ST CLARE'S—NOVEMBER 30**

**Ministers of the Word**

8.30 P Fitzgerald, M Clark  
10.30 K McDonald, K McMahon

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

8.30am J Murphy, F Fitzgerald, I D'Amato  
10.30am P Ciccotosto, T Shallvey, P O'Brien

**Piety Stall—November 30**

8.30 E Boyle 10.30 D Tan

**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.

**FRANCISCAN CALENDARS ARE ON SALE AT SFX PARISH HOUSE—\$6 ea— A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT. St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards \$3 for a pack of 5 cards.**

**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.**