Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

Christ the King
November 21st, 2010—Year C

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
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

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

LORD,
you give us
Christ,
the King of
all creation,
as food for
everlasting
life.

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.

Jesus Christ Universal King

I like the idea behind this feast that everything and everyone will be gathered in Christ Jesus, defining clearly the role of Christ in creation and salvation. The second reading highlights the Primacy of Christ; the verses in this letter have the character of a primitive Christian hymn, traditional material was adapted by the author for instructional purpose. We may not have been aware of how intimately we are connected to Christ. This hymn presents to us Christ as Pre-existence, Wisdom and the Son of man, indicating the early Church's growing understanding of Christ, and their relationship to Him. If he is the head then we are the body.

Community or parish life helps us to see how important the relationship is between leaders and the community. As leaders of communities we endeavour to work toward a greater unity among members, great things can only be accomplished if we work together. As a healthy and happy environment is vital for the growth and well being of a person, so does the life of a community depends solely on the members' contribution and participation. Nurturing and blossoming go hand in hand in a healthy community. Any discussion on the Kingdom of God requires us not just to be observers, but participants. We are responsible and have to be committed in bringing about this kingdom.

The gospel passage shows the many different responses to Jesus on the cross; some stayed to watch, the leaders jeered, the soldiers mocked and one of the criminals abused him. What is our response to injustices?

In the face of injustice, losses, pain, tragedies and death, the Cross could become a sign of hope. The Kingship of Christ is always about the people whom he came to save. In the gospel of Luke we see how Jesus is always searching for the "lost"- stories of the lost coin, the sheep, the prodigal sons, the woman caught in adultery, the Samaritans and the tax - collectors. Jesus came to save the lost. Recognising Jesus as innocent, the other criminal said to Jesus, 'remember me when you come into the kingdom'. The saving work of Christ reached fulfilment by his death on the Cross. To all who look up in hope to the crucified Jesus as their King and Saviour, Jesus promised, 'today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Fr Anthoni ofm

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
CHRIST THE KING

2 Sam 5:1-3
They anointed David king of Israel.
Col 1:12-20
He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Lk 23:35-43
Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Monday—St Cecilia
Apoc 14:1-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday
Apoc 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday—St Andrew Dũng Lac & companions
Apoc 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday
Apoc 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9; Lk 21:20-28
Friday
Apoc20:1-4,11-21:2; Lk21:29-33
Saturday
Apoc 22:1-7; Lk 21:3436

NEXT SUNDAY
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 2:1-4;
Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

Friars of the Parishes

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

Pastoral 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 — *Dianna Hardy*
Breta Cohen — *Carmel Purdey*
Ann-Marie Diggins
Jane D'Souza — *Monique Waring*
Anthony Kennedy — *(ex-officio)*
Peter Leonard

Next meeting : 2 December

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

Sunday 21 November	12.30pm 2.30pm	4 Baptisms at SFX Concert with Organist Ron Mackay in SFX Church
Monday 22 November	8.30am 10.30am	Senior Mixed Social Tennis Group @ SFX (call Judy Reid 9878 4212 or just turn up) Francis/Clare Charismatic Prayer Community- in St Clare's Hall (Olive 9878 4103, Therese 9878 3706)
Tuesday 23 November	12.30pm 3.00-3.30pm 7.30pm	Legion of Mary (SFX phmr) Prayers in SFX Church RCIA (SFX phmr)
Wednesday 24 November	8.30am 9-11am	Tennis Group (As Monday) Playgroup at SFX (See Below). Contact Bridget on 0408 549 392
Thursday 25 November	1.30pm	Autumn Friendship Group - Film Luncheon Anointing Mass at St Clare's
Friday 26 November	7.30-9.00pm	Bible Discussion Group (SFX phmr)
Saturday 27 November	9.00am 7.00pm	Parish Walking Group. Meet at SFX Parish House Shared Advent Dinner at SFX Parish Hall
Sunday 28 November	2.00pm	Wedding at SFX

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PLAYGROUP
For all children 0 to school age
Every Wednesday morning
9am – 11am
At the building next to the church.
(Old School Library)
Contact Bridget on 0408 549 392

Autumn Friendship Club

The Autumn Friendship Club this week will attend a film – "Eat, Pray, Love" with Julia Roberts. The cost of $17.00 covers the film, transport to and from Box Hill and a light lunch. Ring Pat if you would like to come –9887 6790. Next Thursday, all those who have booked should meet at St. Clare's – the bus leaves from Woodhouse Grove at 9.15 am.
The following week, we will have Bingo and on December 9 is our Christmas luncheon, at Box Hill RSL. Ring Judy if you would like to attend. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information-Judy - 9878 4212.

Diary Date

Shared Advent Dinner on next Saturday 27th November at 7pm (after Vigil Mass) in SFX Hall. Bring a dish to share. BYO Liquor. Tea, coffee, soft drinks provided. No need to book—just come along and share with other parishioners.

Seniors Christmas Lunch December 12 @ SFX

Bookings open now-contact the Parish offices. $18pp. **Help wanted on Sat Dec 11th @ 1pm** to help set up.
Help wanted on Sunday Dec 12th from 12.30 on to help with serving & washing dishes.
We would love some youth - (Yr 8,9/ 10's) to help with the serving. Please advise the Parish Office if you are able to help.

Revised Roman Missal

New Words. Same Mass. 2011.
There are postcards in the church outlining what's happening next year concerning the introduction of the new translation of the Mass. Please take one home to read.

Anointing Mass

Anointing Mass will be celebrated at St Clare's Church at 1.30pm on Thursday 25th November followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. Should you require transport on the day would you please phone pat 9898 1536 or Denise 9898 5877 to arrange same.

ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY is seeking to engage a **cook** from February 2011. The position involves principally the preparation of the main meal at lunchtime, Monday-Friday, for between 12 to 15 members of the community. Hours and rates will be discussed during interviews with applicants. Please contact fr. Paul Rankin at the Priory (by phone 9912 6880 ext. 222 or by email paul.rankin@op.org.au) to arrange an interview'.

Call for Musicians

We are starting to think about music for the Christmas masses and would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved as a singer or instrumentalist, whether you started playing this year or have a lot of experience. Please contact Lucy Pfeifer on 9890 0828 or lucy_pfeifer@yahoo.com.au or Colin Bellis on 9898 8639 or vcdeb@optusnet.com.au

Feast Days of the Week

Mon 22 Nov St Cecilia (3rd Century)
Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. An inscription of the fourth century refers to a church named after her. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of liturgy.

Wed 24 Nov Andrew Dung Lac and Companions (19th Century)
St. Andrew was one of 117 martyrs who met death in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862, all canonized by Pope John Paul II. Christianity came to Vietnam when Portuguese Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. Severe persecutions were launched in the 19th century with between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics killed or subjected to great hardship.

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN BOTH CHURCHES. PLEASE COLLECT YOURS TODAY.

YOUR VOTE YOUR VALUES

Archbishop Denis Hart and Bishops Connors, Grech and Prowse of Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sales Dioceses have prepared some questions for parishioners to put to their parliamentary candidates prior to the Victorian State Elections on 27 November.

Their suggested questions, contained in a brief document ***your vote your values*** is available in the church today.

You can also read or download ***your vote your values*** from www.cam.org.au/stateelection .

your vote your values may help inform your decision on whom to vote for.

FRANCISCAN CALENDARS 2011

The 2011 calendar attempts to capture a little of the life & spirit as pilgrims experience it in the world of St Francis in photographs.

Available at the Parish Office for $6 each.

POINTS TO PONDER

- ***What do you think & Feel when you contemplate the image of Christ crucified?***
- ***Have you ever been punished when you have done nothing wrong? How did you feel?***

From Around the Corner

They say time flies when you're having fun—not that I think it's too much fun painting the house, handing over to the op shop the precious things I brought here and thought I needed, but now can't fit in the cupboards, digging a new garden in thick, gooey clay. But at long last, this is starting to look like our home—in another two weeks I think we will be able to relax into things more. Today, on the feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the Church's year, I look back over the past twelve months with a sense of amazement. So much has happened—good and not so good. Church is such a large part of my life, and I'm really feeling the changes deep in my heart—a new parish and loss of my old, familiar place of belonging; change from minister to participant; I'm missing the friars and the parish office where so much that is church comes alive; I miss you too, and the ways I found God in your lives. I remember with joy the RCIA program this year, all the baptisms, school visits, the children, old friends, community life in the parish, the blessings I received as I left the parish. I have thought about the many funerals at Box Hill this year, and see how fleeting life really is. Most particularly, I recall the blessed moments when so often I have felt God walking with me through the decisions, the hard times, the changes, the settling in. Throughout all that has happened, God has been here with me, as listener, companion, support. It's very helpful at the end of the year, to reflect on where I've been, how I'm are going, and what plans I will make for Advent, Christmas and all that the coming year offers. I hope you can all find time to ponder the year in your hearts.

-Liz Clark

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Our thanks and our congratulations go to the Fair Committee and to every person who contributed to the wonderful Fair. The joy on the children's faces said it all really. It was a celebration of the strength of our community as well as a sign of God's presence to the whole community. The food, the craft, the adult and children's entertainment, every aspect of it were all fantastic. You could *feel* the happiness which comes from a group of people coming together with a common cause. A big Thank You goes to the Parish Pastoral Council for the amazing contribution made by the raffle which they organized (approximately $2 000 profit). We are indeed privileged to belong to a community in which such a high level of cooperation exists within the parish school community. Such enjoyment and cooperation is a true sign of the presence of God in our community.

Carmel Purdey, Principal

GODSTART POST-BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

The GodStart Program is available to assist parishes in their efforts to keep in touch with families in the early years before their child enters school. The program enables parishes to take an active role in helping parents teach their child about the love of God, remembering them through the GodStart Kit, which includes a series of beautifully illustrated cards and a prayer book. We are looking for more helpers with this program in our parish, to deliver birthday cards to the children in our parish, approximately every 3 months. Please call Jennifer on 9898 7795 if you can help, or leave a message & she will call you back.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

A fresh look at law and order is required to build strong and safe Victorian communities, where prison is a last resort. The Inter Church Criminal Justice Taskforce of the Victorian Council of Churches has just developed a publication to consider issues of criminal justice from a broad Christian perspective. Practical recommendations are made to assist victims and families caught up in the justice system. Ideas are also canvassed in relation to such areas as education, mental health, decent employment, and accommodation so as to assist offenders to live a crime free life. Some copies are available in the church, or you can go to www.css.org.au and download a copy.

REFLECTION

'Mary's prayer is one of letting be – let it be done as God wills. The prayer of Mary is receptive to the movement of the Holy Spirit, it is being still enough to listen and to hear. This is the work of Mary – to listen, to hear and to allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to work the marvels within her. Mary's prayer is one of letting go and with Mary we must say 'let it go' to all the obstacles that prevent us from being open to God's possibilities and presence in our lives, in every moment. Only when we let it be and let it go are we able to respond to God's presence in our lives with 'let it be done as God wills, because the Almighty works marvels in me'.

Provided by the Benedictine Sisters, Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—November 28

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm M Slevison, L Lampard, E Colafella, E&I Abraham
8.00am J Reid
10.00am E&E VDW, W Tan, A Leonard, C Chin, E Kimmet, +1
5.00pm A Large H Dyjak

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm J Wells, M Rossely
8.00am B Reid
10.00am J Tan, K de Lacy
5.00pm A Netherway, T Parker

Welcomers

6.00pm C Gately, J Morison
8.00am M&B Walker
10.00am E&E VDW, A Galli
5.00pm M Plain

Children's Liturgy

November 28—1st Advent—Group B
December 5—2nd Advent—Group C

Altar Linen

November 21 L Chin
November 28 I Balchin

Counters

November 21 H Kerwin, M O'Connor
November 28 P McGlin, P Madzarevic

Collectors 5pm

November 21 L Soulsby
November 28 V Mudenda

Rosary Statue

November 21—P Stagg
November 28—L Chin

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

November 21 G Tabacchiera
November 28 G Amato

Lettori

November 21 A Lanza, L Ferola
November 28 M Salamone, V Peluso

Ministri dell'Eucarista

November 21 G Tabacchiera, R Bidinost
November 28 D Amato, M Salamone

ST CLARE'S—November 28

Ministers of the Word

9.00am—J Sakowski, T Nicholson, A McGovern

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—J Murphy, D Tan, T Shallvey, P O'Brien, D Wolbers, P Wolbers, T Nicholson

Welcomers

9.00am—P Cleary, H Keown

Piety Stall—November 28

9.00am—Glass family

From Fr Ben -

We should love God because he is God, and the measure of our love should be to love God without measure. (St Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153)

The whole point of this life is the healing of the heart's eye through which God is seen. (St Augustine of Hippo, 354-430)

I offer my PAT prayer to God: I Praise You, I Adore You, I Thank You.

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.