



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

*In the care of the  
Franciscan Friars*

## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9th, 2008—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

### Entrance Antiphon

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
like a bride adorned in readiness for  
her husband.

### Psalm Response

The waters of the river gladden the city  
of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and  
sanctified this house, says the Lord,  
that my name may remain in it for all  
time. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

Like living stones let yourselves be  
built on Christ as a spiritual house, a  
holy priesthood.

### This week

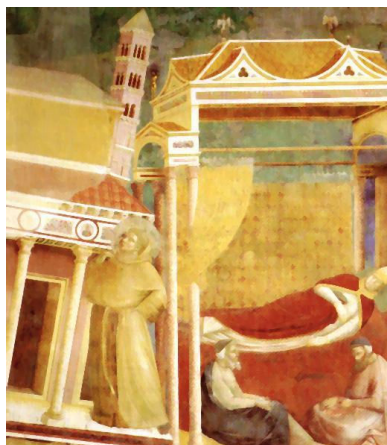
Spend time this week reflecting on  
how, for you, Jesus is the way to the  
Father. What, for you, is the centre  
of your prayer and worship?

### 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.

### DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

*Origin of the feast:* One of the first  
recorded public dedications of a Christian  
church building happened in the fourth  
century when on November 9, 324, Pope St  
Sylvester consecrated a basilica built on the  
grounds of the Lateran palace, which had  
belonged to Emperor Constantine's wife  
Fausta. After Constantine's conversion the  
palace was donated to the Pope for his  
private residence and a church was built  
there. Quickly this basilica became the  
mother church for Rome and for all of  
Western Christendom. It was named the  
Basilica of St John Lateran because of the  
adjoining baptistery, which had been  
named after St John the Baptist. Because it  
is the cathedral church of Rome, many  
church councils have been held there. Since  
it is Rome's cathedral and this is our  
mother diocese, even Christians outside  
Rome may enjoy the privilege of being  
baptised, married, or buried from this  
cathedral.



*(Pope Innocent's dream about Francis &  
the Lateran Basilica)*

When the dedication date of a church is  
known, this day is always celebrated locally  
as a solemnity (in a parish, the dedication  
of the diocesan cathedral is celebrated with  
the rank of feast). The dedication of St John  
Lateran is on the General Roman Calendar  
because of its status as being the cathedral  
church of the pope.

*Living Liturgy 2008*

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at: www.scsfx.org.au**

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

**Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12**

*I see water flowing from the temple  
and all who were touched by it were  
saved.*

**1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17**

*You are the temple of God*

**Jn 2:13-22**

*He spoke about the temple of his own  
body.*

**Monday—St Leo the Great**  
Titus 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday—St Martin of Tours**  
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday—St Josaphat**  
Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday**  
Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

**Friday**  
2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday**  
3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**33rd SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
1 Thess 5:1-6  
Mt 25:14-30

## 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 9 NOVEMBER</b> <b>COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC DEAF</b>  11.30AM	<b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b> <b>9.30AM MASS - RITE OF RECEPTION (RCIA)</b> <b>MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, IN SFX RESOURCE AREA</b> <b>2 BAPTISMS AT ST CLARE'S</b>
<b>MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER</b> <b>ST LEO THE GREAT</b>  8.30AM  10.00AM	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> <b>(CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) ALL WELCOME.</b> <b>FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY @</b> <b>ST CLARE'S PARISH HALL</b> <b>(ENQUIRIES: OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)</b>
<b>TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER</b> <b>ST MARTIN OF TOURS</b>  12.45PM 7.30PM	<b>LEGION OF MARY @ SFX</b> <b>RCIA ENQUIRY—SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER</b>  8.30AM  9.00AM  12.30PM 12.30PM 7.30PM	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b> <b>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL. (ENTER VIA HARRISON</b> <b>ST) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: LYNNE FOGALE 9898 2516</b> <b>ST CLARE'S SENIORS @ SC PARISH HOUSE</b> <b>FOOD AT THE BARN</b> <b>RCIA (07/08) - SFX PHMR</b>
<b>THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER</b>  1.30PM	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—TRISH'S TREASURES.</b> <b>REASONABLY PRICED JEWELLERY &amp; SCARVES FOR SALE. A</b> <b>GOOD TIME FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING</b>
<b>FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER</b>  5-6.30PM 7.30PM-9PM	<b>LADIES DRINKS AT THE BLACKBURN HOTEL</b> <b>BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP @ SFX PARISH HOUSE</b>
<b>SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER</b>  9.00AM	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP—MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE.</b>
<b>SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER</b>  12.30PM	<b>7 BAPTISMS @ 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—

**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.

### POINTS TO PONDER

At Mass, for Communion, do we consider deeply just what God has done for us by his dying and rising?  
Does it make any difference in our lives?  
Do we go to Communion thoughtlessly?

### 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.



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

*Betty Chiron would like to thank parishioners for their prayers, cards and good wishes during her recent stay in hospital and her time recuperating at home.*

*From Fr Ben*

*Love is a splendid 'gold coin. On one side is love; on the other side is pain. One side never comes without the other. Love without pain is fiction; Pain without love is dismal.*

**R.C.I.A.** . PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT OUR THREE NEW CATECHUMENS WHO CELEBRATE THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AT THE 9.30AM MASS TODAY. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

**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.

**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**

I was stunned to note that from the beginning of October until the end of the year, we have 36 Baptisms booked (so far). An amazing inflow of new families, and some wonderful parents who are really keen to bring their children to be part of our community. I wonder if the baby bonus has anything to do with this massive increase in the numbers of babies in the area. As well, we have 3 candidates to be received into the catechuminate this Sunday—2 who are seeking to be baptised at Easter next year and one who would like to be accepted into the Church. With so much negative talk around about church, clergy, I wonder what it is that makes the church remain so much in demand, and what is it that Baptism offers that is worth pursuing? In a recent effort to explain to a 6 year old what it meant to be baptised, I used words like belonging, knowing more about God, knowing God loves you, being part of the church. To explain that Baptism means so much more isn't always easy, and I wonder whether the faithful, everyday church going Catholic has a better appreciation of what Baptism is about, what it calls each of us to, what difference it makes in our lives. To belong isn't enough really—we are called to live our faith, to immerse ourselves in Christ and his call to build the kingdom of God.

I believe we could all benefit from further discussion and catechesis about Baptism and its meaning and relevance in our lives.

*fiz Clark, Pastoral Associate*

**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  
*(The question of the Italian Mass is still under discussion at the present time)*

**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](mailto: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.

**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.*

**RECEIVE THE FIRE! - PARISH EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE**

Friday, 14th – Sunday, 16th November, 2008 at St Francis of Assisi, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park, Victoria

**Evangelisation! Too hard? Scary? Don't know where to start??**

Conference Delegates will be shown a way forward to Evangelisation in a Catholic context, covering:

- \* The Core Message of Jesus that is to be shared (Kerygma)
- \* Creative ideas for Parish Outreach Programs
- \* Hands-on Experience participating in parish Creative Evangelisation

**AFTER THE INTERVENTION IN THE NT: A HIGH WATER MARK: A LOW WATER IN OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS—Fr Hilary Martin OP—**Tuesday 11 November, 7.30pm—Study Centre YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION—98 Albion Rd, BOX HILL—Donation appreciated.

**ROSTERS**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S-NOVEMBER 16**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

6pm M O'Brien, M&A O'Connor, R Meyers, V Bellis

7.30am S Carney

9.30am C Hangan, K Kirwan, V&G Mooney, E&E VD, W Tan

5pm E Umashankar

**Ministers of the Word**

6pm M Williamsz, D Williamsz

7.30am F Neyland

9.30am E Abraham, J Tan

5pm K Ooi, L Mayne

**Welcomers**

6pm J Morison, B&M Mahoney

9.30am Hangan family

**Children's Liturgy**

November 16—33rd Sunday OT—Group C

November 22—Christ the King—Group A

**Altar Linen**

November 9 P Turner

November 16 E Vogel

**Counters**

November 9 B&M Walker

November 16 R&Y Roy

**Collectors 5pm**

November 9 L Soulsby

November 16 I Mahlstedt

**Rosary Statue**

November 9—Mrs S Faulisi, 21 Bedford St

November 16—M Cahill, 167 Dorking Rd

**ITALIAN MASS**

**Commentator**

November 9 G Amato

November 16 G Tabacchiera

**Lettori**

November 9 N Amato, R Bidinost

November 16 N Pozzobon, A Dinardo

**Ministri dell'Eucarista**

November 9 M Salamone, M Casamento

November 16 C Chessari, M Salamone

**ST CLARE'S—NOVEMBER 16**

**Ministers of the Word**

8.30 A McGovern, J Sakowski

10.30 M Hardy, D Hardy

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

8.30am J Murphy, J Easdown, I D'Amato

10.30am H Keown, P O'Brien, P Ciccostoto

**Piety Stall—November 16**

8.30 B Murphy 10.30 C Mirabella

**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.**