



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

*In the care of the  
Franciscan Friars*

## Epiphany of the Lord January 2nd, 2011—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship  
is his, and government and power.

Psalm Response

Lord, every nation on earth will adore  
you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his  
star in the East; and have come to  
adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the east, and  
have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



**This week**

*Spend time this week reflecting on  
the new road you have taken. How  
has it changed the way you act or  
think?*

**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.

# Epiphany

(Matthew 2:1-12)

**They listened deep inside,  
Far into the darkness  
Where even a tiny bit of light  
Seemed like sunburst in the heart.**

**They pondered the silent music  
That echoed in their prayer:  
"Go, Search. Look. Follow. Find."**

**A journey without precedent,  
Adventure wrought with risk,  
A time of travel filled with faith.**

**They went lovingly, eagerly,  
Into the night of their lives,  
Trusting they would find the way.**

**They paused to inquire, to study,  
They went on in faith, patiently,  
Following with the hearts' eye,**

**And "the sight of the star  
Filled them with delight."**

**A journey not in vain,  
A patient search rewarded,  
Their steady courage in the unknown  
Led them to their heart's delight.**

**They found the long-sought One,  
Waiting to be found,  
Longing to be discovered,  
As they travelled the far stretches  
Of their long and hidden night.**

*Joyce Rupp*

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### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

#### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord shines  
upon you.*

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

*The revelation means that  
pagans now share the same  
inheritance, that they are parts of  
the same body.*

Mt 2:1-12

*We have come from the East to  
worship the king.*

**Monday**

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday**

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday**

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday**

1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22

**Friday**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday**

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

### NEXT SUNDAY BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

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

**Next meeting : 10 February 2011**

**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

**SFX Parish Office is closed for the Christmas break & will reopen on Wednesday January 19th at 9.30am.**

**Urgent messages only may be left on the answering machine & one of the friars will respond as soon as possible.**

**DONATIONS OF TOYS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING**

needed for Samata Sarana, Kindigoda, Sri Lanka. Samata Sarana feeds over 500 people a day, runs a day care centre for single parents, a school for over 300 plus children who also receive breakfast and lunch, a day centre for the elderly who are also fed and sent home with dinner packets. **Please contact: Michelle on 9898 7021.**

**AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

We have a function planned for 13th January - no details as yet. If you are interested in attending. Please ring Judy 9878 4212 by 10 January.

**ST CLARE'S PIETY STALL**

St Mary MacKillop medals are available for \$1 each.

**WALKING GROUP & MEDITATION GROUP**

Are both now in recess & will resume in 2011.



**POINTS TO PONDER**

- ✦ *What is leading your journey towards Jesus?*
- ✦ *What gifts do you bring to Jesus?*

**ROSTERS**

**DURING THE DECEMBER/JANUARY BREAK, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION & MINISTERS OF THE WORD ARE REQUESTED TO VOLUNTEER AT MASSES AS REQUIRED.**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S**

**Altar Linen**

January 2 E O'Brien  
January 9 J Reid

**Counters**

January 2 T&E O'Brien  
January 9 J Reid, M Rossely

**Collectors 5pm**

January 2 N Large  
January 9

**Rosary Statue**

Month of January—N Guinane, 63 Mersey St, BHN

**ITALIAN MASS**

**Commentator**

January 2 J Adamo  
January 9 P Grech

**Lettori**

January 2 N Pozzobon, A Lanza  
January 9 R Bidinost, C Gibellini

**Ministri dell'Eucarista**

January 2 M Casamento, G Tabacchiera  
January 9 R Bidinost, M Salamone

**ST CLARE'S**

**Piety Stall—January 9**

9.00am—D Tan

**"Fortunate are the poor in spirit"**

**That means:**

Fortunate are those who are willing to let themselves be censured by the word of God, to re-examine their views, to believe they haven't yet understood a thing, to be taken by surprise, to have their minds changed, to see their convictions, their principles, their tidy systems and everything they took for granted swept out from under them, and to face the fact, once for all, that there's no such thing as a matter of course and that God can ask anything.

Louis Evely

**Farewell to Fr Anthoni & Fr Ben**

**To honour this special occasion, Parishioners, Friends & Family are all invited to join in the celebration to say a big**

**THANK YOU!**

**When: Sunday January 30th**

**Combined Mass at 10.30am**

**At: St Francis Xavier's**

**After: BBQ Provided**

**BYO: Drinks & Glasses**

To help with catering arrangements Please RSVP by Sunday January 23 .

Drop this slip into the letter box or the collection plate or send the office an email [sfxbh@celestial.com.au](mailto:sfxbh@celestial.com.au) (& put FAREWELL in the subject line)

Name/s.....

Number attending.....

