



## 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—

**PLEASE NOTE NEW 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

## EPIPHANY

Arise, Australia, arise,  
for your light has surely come!  
The glory of the Lord is risen upon you,  
and the darkness cannot quench it.  
We, too, have seen the rising of his star  
and have come to worship him.  
Jesus, light of the world, we honour you!  
Jesus, light in our national darkness, we need you!

Come, prime minister and premier, stand in his light;  
parliaments and councils, learn his ways.  
Come business and trade unions, stand in his light;  
managers and shop stewards, hear his good  
news.

Let Sydney and Melbourne respond to his rising,  
Canberra and Darwin his freedom receive.  
Let Perth and Hobart respond to his rising,  
Adelaide and Brisbane discover his love.

Turn, magistrate and judge, face his glory;  
lawyers and jurors, discover his laws.  
Turn, teacher and professor, face his glory;  
graduates and students, give him your lives.

Let Port Hedland and Port Arthur respond to his rising,  
Gundagai and Coober Pedy receive his rare joy.  
Let Broken Hill and Mt Isa respond to his rising,  
Goondiwindi and Dimboola share his new day!

Journey, farmer and grazier, to follow his star;  
shearers and stockriders, venture a prayer.  
Journey, miner and timber worker, to follow his star;  
powder monkey and truckies, acquire his power.

Arise, Australia, arise and sing  
your light has surely come!  
The light and glory of a holy God  
in the face of Bethlehem's Son.  
We, too, have seen the rising of his star  
and have come to worship him.  
O that all would praise the Lord for his goodness  
and his wonderful works to the children of earth!

## My corner

I remember that last year I gave the wise men a big wrap in this column extolling their virtues of inquisitiveness, their passion and their sense of adventure. I even called them my heroes. They still are. In a world that recently has seen so much that appears to be disastrous, we need more wisdom, and I have been wondering, who are the 'wise men', or to be more politically correct, the wise people of today. And who are our heroes? Each person you ask for a list of the wise and the heroic would be likely to make a set of different suggestions. None of the financial wizards of the world would get a nomination right now, I'm sure. And political leaders wouldn't do too well either. Sporting heroes—so many of them in the spotlight for the wrong reasons, that it's hard to see the wood for the trees, and dare I say that there doesn't seem to be a great deal of wisdom emanating from their mouths or their behaviour. When I asked in the office I got very few nominations—Nelson Mandela and the Dalia Lama were the most obvious choices. Pope Benedict was also nominated. Fr Ben got a vote. And the women? Mothers as a group got good support.

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**SFX Parish Office is closed until  
Wednesday January 14.  
Urgent messages can be left on  
the answering machine & one  
of the friars will respond as  
soon as possible.**

## ROSTERS

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S

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

### Altar Linen

January 4 Bet Burns  
January 11 Mary Rossely

### Counters

January 4 J Reid, M Rossely  
January 11 B&M Walker

### Collectors 5pm

January 5 L Soulsby  
January 11 I Mahlstedt

### Rosary Statue

Month of January—N Guinane, 65 Mersey St

### ITALIAN MASS

#### Commentator

January 4 P Grech  
January 11 G Amato

#### Lettori

January 4 N Pozzobon, A Lanza  
January 11 R Bidinost, C Gibillini

#### Ministri dell'Eucarista

January 4 R Bidinost, M Salamone  
January 11 C Chessari, G Massarotti

### ST CLARE'S—JANUARY 11

#### Ministers of the Word

9.00am K McDonald, M Clark, M Farry  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**  
9.00am J Murphy, I D'Amato, J Easdown  
P O'Brien, D Tan, T Shallvey

#### Piety Stall—January 11

9.00am D Tan

### PARISH WALKING GROUP

**Walks will resume for 2009 on  
Saturday 17 January - with an earlier  
starting time. We will meet at SFX  
Parish House at 8.30am.**

**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.**

And .....

It appears to be extremely difficult to find wisdom in modern society. What's happening? Do we not listen? Do we not understand? Are we no longer wise? Do we even know what to look for? These are scary questions, and I don't have any answers. Do you?

May we all grow, like the child Jesus, in age, in wisdom and grace during the coming year.

*Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate*