

Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

Passion Sunday April 17th, 2011—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the solemn passover the Lord came to Jerusalem, and children waving palm branches ran out to welcome him. They loudly praised the Lord: Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy.

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this cup may not pass, but I must drink it, then your will be done.



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.

Some Thoughts on the Gospel

'Passion Sunday, known also as Palm Sunday, is a day of many journeys but the particular journey we remember today is that of Jesus riding on an ass from Bethany into Jerusalem to begin his Passion. The crowd hails him exultantly as 'he who comes in the name of the Lord', but that same crowd, fickle as ever and reflecting our own moral instability, will in a few days cry out with the demand for his crucifixion.

'Perhaps the most important journey we make during our lives, and which we should contemplate every Holy Week, is from our own sin and selfishness to a life lived with God. That journey is made possible by yet another journey we remember today, Jesus' ultimate journey to Calvary. Today, and for the rest of this week, we join our life's journey with his and our two journeys merge on the same road as we accompany him on his journey towards our salvation.

From a homily by Fr Anthony Axe OP

'Why did the crowd choose Barabbas? Pontius Pilate tried to avoid trouble at Jesus' trial. He was not sympathetic, but being a politician wanted to offend the fewest number. He must have known Jesus' popularity. To save face he offered a choice of Jesus or a recently-arrested brigand. The name "Barabbas" (bar abba) means "son of the father" and was commonly used for illegitimate children. There is an irony in that Jesus is the true Son of the ultimate Father. Brigands were more than simple thieves. They were often considered folk heroes, sort of like Robin Hood or Bonnie and Clyde. Brigands attacked the rich, which made them popular with the poor.

'Pilate's ploy to free Jesus failed because of Barabbas' popularity and the pressure of the religious and political leaders. Jesus' arrest had been done secretly, before many of his followers had time to gather. Barabbas apparently did have time to marshal his friends and won the day.'

From a commentary by Fr Richard Lonsdale

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

PASSION SUNDAY

Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Mt 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

HOLY THURSDAY

Friday

GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday

HOLY SATURDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34, 37-43;

Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8;

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Many people face and live with discrimination. Even in our own land, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people struggle to access healthcare and educational benefits that other Australians enjoy. On this final Sunday of Lent we met Judy, a Murrawarri woman from Western Sydney, who is a part of a Caritas Australia-supported training program at Aboriginal Catholic Social Services. We are called, by the life of Jesus to stand in solidarity with our indigenous sisters and brothers. The work of Caritas Australia gives us this opportunity. Please donate to Project Compassion today.



ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—April 24
See special roster on page 2

Children's Liturgy

Altar Linen

April 17 B Burns
April 24 R Meyers

Counters

April 17 H Kerwin, M O'Connor
April 24 L&B Cohen

Rosary Statue

April 17—J&B Reid, 6 Hamilton St, Blackburn
April 24—G rae, 9 Derwent St, BH

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

April 17 G Tabacchiera
April 24 G Amato

Lettori

April 17 A Lanza, L Ferola
April 24 M Salamone, V Peluso

Ministri dell'Eucarista

April 17 G Tabacchiera, R Bidinost
April 24 M Salamone, D Amato

ST CLARE'S—April 24—9am

Ministers of the Word

See special roster on page 2

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

See special roster on page 2

Welcomers

P Ciccotosto, A Kennedy

Piety Stall—April 24

Farry family

MAKE YOUR CHOCOLATE FAIR THIS

EASTER: Before you buy chocolates this Easter think about where it comes from and who makes it. About 40% of the world's chocolate is made from cocoa beans picked in West Africa, where many children, trapped in slavery and forced to work. **Help make a difference & choose FAIR TRADE chocolate. FAIR TRADE means NO child slavery.** Supporting FAIRTRADE ensures cocoa farmers get two things – a fair price for their crop and a premium for their community to spend on a community project. Supporting FAIR-TRADE ensures cocoa farmers get two things – a fair price for their crop and a premium for their community to spend on a community project. It's the JUST Easter chocolate choice to make! Fair Trade chocolate is now widely available from supermarkets, **the Good Shepherd Trading Circle in Abbotsford** and at Oxfam stores.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2011

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated just over \$1 million to this cause. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.



REFLECTION: Matthew 26:14-27:66

This week we listen to the recount of the Passion. Jesus approaches the end of his mission on Earth. For us the Lenten journey is almost complete and we look to the greatest of celebrations – Jesus' glorious Resurrection to new life.

During Lent we have heard stories from communities in Nepal, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bolivia, Vietnam and Samoa. We have been invited to respond in compassion to those living in poverty – people facing challenges, experiencing isolation, protecting their cultural identity, surviving trauma, living with disability and rebuilding after disaster.

Here in Australia our Indigenous sisters and brothers also work for justice. Judy, from Western Sydney, lives in a community that is in need of skills related to employment, health care, and education. A Community Centre supported by Caritas and managed by Aboriginal people nurtures spiritual and cultural well-being and provides practical skills training.

As the celebration of new life draws closer, we are reminded of the possibilities for renewal and hope in many communities around the world.

Jesus' suffering, like the experiences of so many communities in our world, is shocking and real. Yet it is followed by the Resurrection. We emerge at Easter renewed and aware of our connection to others and capacity to make a difference in the lives of others.

CATECHETIC CLASSES

Catholic children attending State schools are invited to enrol for catechetical classes in Terms 2 & 3 in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist. Classes begin with children in Grade 2nd May 2nd. Please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday 20th April at sfbh@celestial.com.au or 9890 2231 for Enrolment forms / information.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL

Information, answers to questions, and details re text and music for the Revised Roman Missal can be found in addition to the diocesan website at that of the National Liturgical Council: romanmissalaustralia.org.au then click on the icons at the left hand side to find further detail.

FROM FR ANTHONI

I am really pleased to inform you that I have been offered admission to the school of Theology and Ministry (STM), Boston, USA, beginning June 2011.

TENEBRAE SERVICE AT ST THOMAS'

BLACKBURN (57 Central Road Blackburn): The Youth of St. Thomas' Blackburn will be presenting their annual 'Service of Shadows' called Tenebrae. The 'shadows' are caused by the candles which are lit for each 'shadow' of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus, which are gradually extinguished. It is quite a solemn service in which those present are invited to place themselves in the midst of Jesus' experience during the 24 hours before his death. The Service begins at 7.30pm on Monday, 18th April.

REVISED ROMAN MISSAL

Have you had a chance to look at the Archdiocese's 'Revised Roman Missal' website? It's well worth a look. Everything you need to know about the new Mass texts and new musical settings is there, plus lots more. It's featured on the front page of the Archdiocese's website www.cam.org.au where you just hit the red logo: or go to www.evangelisation.org/missal



POINTS TO PONDER

✦ *Like Simon of Cyrene in today's gospel, help someone carry their cross this week.*

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 & St Clare's.

FRIARS OF THE PARISHES

FR PETER McGRATH OFM
PARISH PRIEST
FR BOB MATTHEWS OFM
ASSISTANT PRIEST
FR PETER TRAN OFM
ASSISTANT PRIEST

Pastoral Associate/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.

SUNDAY 17 APRIL	12.30	BAPTISM AT SFX
MONDAY 18 APRIL	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
	7.00PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS IN SFX PHMR
TUESDAY 19 APRIL	11.00AM	CHRISM MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
	12.45PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)
WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
	4.00PM	CHOIR PRACTICE IN SFX CHURCH
	6.30-8.30PM	REHEARSAL—YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS (SFX CHURCH)
THURSDAY 21 APRIL		NO MIDDAY MASS AT SFX
HOLY THURSDAY	7.30PM	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT BOTH CHURCHES
FRIDAY 22 APRIL	10.00AM	YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SFX
GOOD FRIDAY	11.00AM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST CLARE'S
	3.00PM	CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AT BOTH CHURCHES
SATURDAY 23 APRIL	9.00AM	MORNING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY RECONCILIATION AT SC'S
HOLY SATURDAY	4.00PM	RECONCILIATION AT SFX
	7.00PM	EASTER VIGIL AT BOTH CHURCHES
SUNDAY 24 APRIL		NO EVENING (5PM) MASS AT SFX
EASTER SUNDAY		

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 : 5 May 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

Bookings can be made with SFX Parish Office for each Parish, and celebrated in the church requested. This is to avoid double bookings.

BAPTISMS

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.

St Francis Xavier's—
 1st and 3rd Sundays of month only,
 12.30 pm
 St Clare's—2nd Sunday, 10.30 am

Alleluia Alleluia

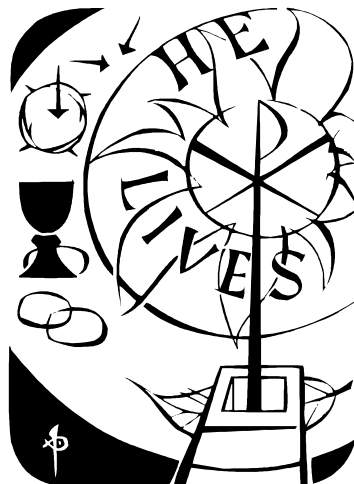
EASTER ROSTER ST CLARE'S

HOLY THURSDAY
Readers—P Fitzgerald, T Nicholson
Commentator—
Ministers of the Eucharist—
 H Keown, P Ciccotosto, D Tan, I D'Amato,
 A McGovern, D Wolbers, P Wolbers

GOOD FRIDAY
Readers—M Clark, K McMahon
Commentator—
Ministers of the Eucharist—
 D Tan, J Murphy, I D'Amato

EASTER VIGIL
Readers—P Fitzgerald, M Clark, T Nicholson,
 A McGovern
Commentator—C Abiad
Ministers of the Eucharist—
 T Shallvey, P O'Brien, P Ciccotosto, J Murphy,
 P Cleary, H Keown, D Tan

EASTER SUNDAY
Readers—K McMahon
Commentator—tbc
Ministers of the Eucharist—tbc



EASTER ROSTER ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S

HOLY THURSDAY
Oils—Chris Lim, Merryn Hughes,
 Elizabeth O'Brien
Feet Washing—Doug Mayne, Nancy
 Guinane, Gerard Machado, Moya Slevison,
 Andrew Setiawan, Rita Bastianpillai, Kevin
 Kirwan, Angel Peterpillai, Leo Soulsby,
 Lungowe Mubuyaeka, Charles Chin,
 Therese Parker
Readers—L Mayne, J Wells
Commentator—M Williamsz
Eucharistic Ministers—Fr Peter McGrath, Fr
 Peter Cantwell, M O'Brien, K de Lacy, G
 Machado, M Blundy, J Hickey, R Meyers

GOOD FRIDAY
Readers—P Fitzgerald, M Dodds
Gospel— K Kirwan (N), R Meyers (O)
Eucharistic Ministers—Fr Bob, Fr Peter
 Tran, M O'Brien, J Morison, T D'Andrea, E
 Colafella, A Large, M Slevison

EASTER VIGIL
Readers—M Williamsz, M Kirwan, M Nevada,
 L Hughes
Commentator— L Norton
Reader—A M Diggins
Eucharistic Ministers—Fr Peter McGrath, Fr
 Peter Cantwell, J Hickey, A Setiawan, G
 Machado, N Succar, M Rossely, J Morison

EASTER SUNDAY—
8.00AM
Reader—B Reid
Eucharistic Minister—J Reid
10.00AM
Readers—J Tan, K de Lacy
Commentator—A M Diggins
Eucharistic Ministers—W Tan, M Francisco,
 E&E VDW, A Setiawan, A Large + 1
Welcomer—S Liew