

Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

In the care of the Franciscan Friars

Pentecost Sunday June 12th, 2011—Year A

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It holds all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia.

Psalm Response

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

POINTS TO PONDER

- ✦ *Recall at time when you felt filled with joy.*
- ✦ *How do you feel about being 'sent' into the world?*

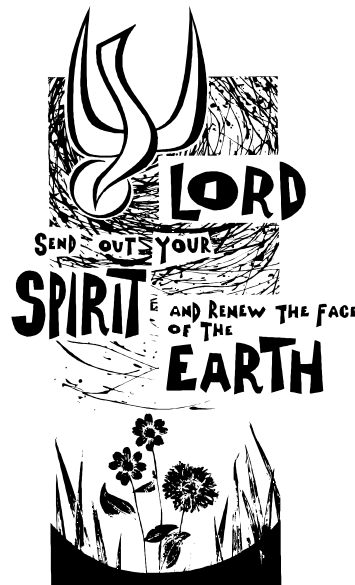
This week

Try to recognise & affirm the gifts of others this week & use one of your own gifts to make life a little easier for someone else.

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.

**AS THE FATHER SENT ME,
SO I SEND YOU: RECEIVE
THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Jn 20:19-23

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This newsletter is also available on our website:
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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Monday—St Anthony of Padua

2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Cor 11:18,21-30; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34

NEXT SUNDAY TRINITY SUNDAY

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Cleary Peter Leonard
Breta Cohen John O'Brien
Ann-Marie Diggins Annie Setiawan
Jane D'Souza Dianna Hardy
Maurice Ferdinando Carmel Purdey
Anthony Kennedy Monique Waring
(*ex-officio*)

Next meeting : 7 July 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

SUNDAY 12 JUNE	10.00AM	PENTECOST MASS—HOLY SPIRIT SISTERS FOLLOWED MY MORNING TEA IN SFX HALL
	11.30AM	ITALIAN MASS FOR FEAST OF ST ANTHONY
MONDAY 13 JUNE	8.30AM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)
TUESDAY 14 JUNE	12.30PM 3.00PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PARISH PRAYER GROUP
WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE	8.30AM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)
THURSDAY 16 JUNE	1.00PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—BINGO(SEE BELOW)
FRIDAY 17 JUNE	9.00AM 7.30PM	PLAYGROUP AT SFX BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM
SATURDAY 18 JUNE	9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE.
SUNDAY 19 JUNE		TRINITY SUNDAY

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PLAYGROUP

For all children 0 to school age
NOW EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
9AM – 11AM In the building next to the church.
(Room next door to Old School Library)
Contact Bridget on 0408 549 392

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Autumn Friendship Club this Thursday will have Bingo in the SFX Hall, at 1 pm. The following week we will have a speaker from Vision Australia, also in the hall. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Each Tuesday - 3.00-3.30pm **during school term** in SFX church, you are invited to join a group of school parents & parishioners as we pray for the needs & concerns of our world, our families, our parish & school.
Parents are encouraged to arrive early for school pick up, & spend a short time in prayer.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Sincere thanks

The new icon is a gift to the parish and school from Mr Vic and Mrs Betty Burns. The icon represents the Christian understanding of the Trinitarian Nature of God. The sculptor is Leopoldine Mimovich, an Austrian Migrant & Artist. Mrs Mimovich is a renowned artist. The cross which is in the Admin Block, with the sculpture of the risen Christ is sculpted by Mrs Mimovich also. You can read her story at the following link.

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/collections/themes/3507/leopoldine-mimovich-austrian-migrant-artist-story>

Our sincere thanks go to Mr and Mrs Burns for their generous gift. It is hanging on the Whitehorse Rd end wall in the hall.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

(collection taken up at the good Friday Youth Stations of the Cross)

"Thank you so much for your kind donation. Together we can work to challenge poverty and injustice in Melbourne's most marginalised communities. This kind gift of \$1,171.25 will go a long way to bringing joy and hope to the people we see." *Emily Jackson, Manager, Marketing & Fundraising*

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST SEMINARS—SEE BACK PAGE

URGENT DONATIONS REQUIRED!

St Vincent de Paul centre at Mont Albert is in urgent need of blankets. Donations of clean blankets can be left at the Parish House.
Thank you.



Learning from History

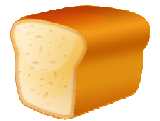
Fr Frank O'Dea (Retired Blessed Sacrament priest, living in our Parish) will give a power point presentation on The Early History of the church with emphasis on "A history of priesthood" and later discuss the growth of the hierarchical church. Those who had seen this presentation highly recommended it. It will be held over the first three Wednesday afternoons of July 6th, 13th and 20th from 12.30 pm

at the St Francis Xavier parish meeting room.
Enter from Whitehorse Rd. next to the Parish Office. No cost is involved.

The sessions are expected to run from 90 mins to 2 hours each. Please have an early lunch or bring a sandwich to have during the break. If you need more information ring Maurice on 8812 2079

CAN YOU HELP?

For the past 20 years St Clare's parishioner John Murphy, along with his many other voluntary roles within the parish, has been going to Baker's Delight in the Box Hill Market area of Carrington Road each Friday evening at 7pm to collect leftover loaves of bread, rolls, etc, which usually amounts to 7 to 10 black garbage bags full. He has then taken the bread on Saturday morning to St Clare's where people have been able to help themselves to however much they wanted to take.



Recently Barbara Murphy's health has deteriorated, making it difficult for John to continue his commitment to collecting the bread each week.

Rather than stopping this wonderful service altogether, we are hoping that other interested parties might be willing to share the responsibility of collecting the bread. So many people benefit from this, that it would be a shame to no longer be able to continue. If you are able to help in any way please ring the Parish Office on 9890 2231 and we will pass on your details to John.

SFX SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

It has been mooted to form or reactivate this group in the Parish.

- * Social Justice is a primary concern of a Christian Society
- * Our parish has been helping a project in East Timor
- * How much do you know about this?
- * Could you make further contribution in money/prayers etc?

We are convening a meeting of all interested on **SUNDAY 26TH JUNE**
At the parish hall at 11.15 (after the 10.00am mass)

For further information you may contact Maurice on 8812 2079 or the Parish on 9890 2231.

GODSTART POST-BAPTISMAL PROGRAM

The GodStart Program assists parishes in their efforts to keep in touch with families in the early years after baptism 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. *Volunteers are needed to help with delivery of the birthday cards in the local area once a month. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.*

THE CONFRATERNITY OF CHRIST THE

PRIEST invites parishioners to celebrate the annual Solemnity Mass in honour of Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest on Saturday June 18 at 11am, St Clare's Church. For information phone 9842 0144. Everyone welcome.

HELDER CAMARA LECTURES IN JUNE & JULY 2011- SAVE THE DATES!

- * 'Tattoos on the Heart': The Power of Boundless Compassion: Friday 24 June
- * Challenges Facing the Church and Society in Myanmar Today: Wednesday 29 June

*Can I Really Be Happy? "Freedom, Personal Identity and the Possibility of Happiness": Thursday 21 July.

All events will be held at The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville from 6pm.

For further information and bookings please contact Br Mark O'Connor FMS 0401222596 or email markocon-norfms@gmail.com

Otherwise, visit the AOFE website at <http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation> or call 9926 5761.

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION A CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR THEOLOGY EDUCATION

within the Melbourne College of Divinity is taking enrolments for study in second semester. Undergraduate and postgraduate courses are available. Please make an appointment to see the Academic Dean or Postgraduate Coordinator from Monday 30th May until Friday 1st July. Phone 98903771 or email admin@ytu.edu.au. Further details are available online at www.ytu.edu.au.

LITURGICAL COLOURS

I was recently asked to explain to a group of neophytes (newly baptised) the meaning of the different colours used in church vestments during the various seasons of the church year.

The practice of using different colours for vestments and other liturgical objects appeared first in Jerusalem in the 12th century. The liturgical colours were standardised throughout the church in the period after the Council of Trent in the mid-16th century. They remain a tradition today with very little change.

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the purpose of the variety of colour of the sacred vestments is to express outwardly the specific character of the mysteries of faith being celebrated and to give a sense of the passage of the Christian life throughout the course of the liturgical year. (GIRM 2000 #345) The General Instruction also states that on solemn occasions it is allowable to wear vestments that are more precious even if not the colour of the day (GIRM 2000 # 346g).

The four basic liturgical colours are white, green, red and purple. The traditional symbolism of these colours is: white – innocence, purity, victory, joy, resurrection; green – hope, growth, increase, life, fidelity; red - sacrifice (particularly the sacrifice of life), charity, zeal, Holy Spirit; purple – sorrow, penitence, preparation.

White is used during the Easter and Christmas season; on celebrations of the Lord (other than his passion), of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of the Holy Angels and of Saints who were not martyrs; and on the feasts of All Saints, the Birth of John the Baptist, St John the Evangelist, the chair of St Peter and the Conversion of St Paul.

Red is used on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost, on celebrations of the Lord's Passion, on the Feasts of the Apostles and Evangelists, and on celebrations of martyr saints.

Green is used throughout Ordinary Time and violet or purple in Advent and Lent.

Rose may be used on Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and Laetara Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent).

Until relatively recently, black was the colour for funerals and masses for the dead. It has been replaced by white, the symbolic colour of resurrection.

Blue is not one of the official liturgical colours in the Roman Church, although it is in other traditions such as the Sarum Rite, the ancient liturgy of the Church of Salisbury. Blue vestments are sometimes worn on feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—June 19

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm A&E Fabian, D Williamsz, J Wells, V Bellis
8.00am M Rossely
10.00am V&G Mooney, J D'Souza, K de Lacy, L Soulsby, M Sinclair, W Tan

5.00pm H Dyjak, A Large

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Williamsz, R Meyers
8.00am C Gately
10.00am C leung, L Hughes
5.00pm J O'Brien, K Ooi

Welcomers

6.00pm E castellitti, J Hickey
8.00am M&B Walker
10.00am L Lampard, S Liew
5.00pm B Cohen

Children's Liturgy

Altar Linen

June 12 P Turner
June 19 J Morison

Counters

June 12 B&C Parsons
June 19 B&M Walker

Rosary Statue

June 12—C Mirabella, 159 Woodhouse Gve
June 19—J Malcontenti, 127 Woodhouse Gve

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator

June 12 G Amato
June 19 G Tabacchiera

Lettori

June 12 J Adamo, C Ingrosso
June 19 L Ferola, S Faulisi

Ministri dell'Eucarista

June 12 D Amato, G Tabacchiera
June 19 R Bidinost, M Casamento

ST CLARE'S—June 19

Ministers of the Word

T Nicholson, A McGovern, D Hayes
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

P Cleary, P O'Brien, A Kennedy, E Lim, T Shallvey, I D'Amato, H Keown

Welcomers—June 19

I Abiad, M Boulton

Piety Stall—June 19

P Green

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The basis for the association of the colour blue with Mary is unclear. In early images of Mary her clothing is often red or black. The practice of using blue for Mary seems to have developed in the later Middle Ages, perhaps because ultramarine (meaning 'from across the sea') was the most difficult to procure and the most precious colour known to artists at that time. It was therefore deemed the most appropriate to use in depicting the Mother of God.

The church's use of symbolic colours is sometimes influenced by cultural factors. For example, because white is considered the colour of mourning and death by Aboriginal and Chinese people, purple rather than white vestments are usually worn at funerals in these communities.
Elizabeth Harrington, Education Officer, Liturgical Commission, Brisbane

ROOM VACANT—Large double room in a house of 3. Fully furnished. Good location in Box Hill South. Few minutes walk to buses, trams (No 70, 75) to all directions. Male students if possible. Contact Mary: 9893 5442 or leave a message.