



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

*In the care of the  
Franciscan Friars*

## Pentecost Sunday May 23rd, 2010—Year C

**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.

### **This week**

*Try to recognize & 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.

### **LORD SEND US YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH**

To your questions, "how are you father?" I usually reply, "I am well" but at times I feel overwhelmed with the enormity of what we are facing as a Church. Do I worry? Yes of course I do in regards to people and faith, ministry, Christian life and parish life.

The sexual scandal that we are facing as a Church has put us in the spot light not as a witness to Christ but to sin. The gravity of this sin is in the nature of how it cuts off victims from the church and closes the doors to God's healing and points to a betrayal of trust. The mixed responses that we are getting from Church leaders point to the fact that there are disagreements within the Church as to how to respond. Coupled with the wider issues facing the Church in terms of decision making processes, the understanding of Ecclesiology opens the door to questions about hierarchy and power.

Then there are issues faced by parishes like ours in terms of responding to the needs of people.

We are already in the crisis of personnel, dwindling numbers of religious and priests, and with an aging pool of volunteers. The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, and we are calling on the same old people who are already doing all the work.

I believe to be a Church in the 21st Century we have to be committed and united but never inward looking. If we are to be a presence of Jesus in the world we should never take the defensive approach. There has to be a renewal within the Church so that we can be true witnesses to the gospel. Parishes are meant to be an environment where our faith is nurtured and nourished, not just a venue for sacraments to be dispensed. We have to ask some hard questions in regard to what it means to be Catholic in 21st Century. How do you envisage parish life will be in the near future? What do you like to see happening in our Church?

Where do you think the Holy Spirit is leading us? What do we need to do now so that we can get to where the Spirit is leading us? And who is going to lead the way?

*Fr Anthony ofm*

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available on our website:  
[www.scsfx.org.au](http://www.scsfx.org.au)**

### **READINGS FOR THIS WEEK PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Acts 2:1-11**

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

**Rom 8:8-17**

*Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.*

**Jn 14:15-16, 23-26**

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

**Monday—Mary, Help of Christians**—Gen 3:1-15,20; Eph 3:14-19; Lk 8:19-21

**Tuesday**

1 Pet 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday—St Philip Neri**

1 Pet 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday**

1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52

**Friday**

1 Pet 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday**

Jude 17:20-25; Mk 11:27-33

### **NEXT SUNDAY TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Prov 8:22-31**

**Rom 5:1-5**

**Jn 16:12-15**

### FRIARS OF THE PARISHES

Fr Anthoni Selvaraj ofm  
Parish Priest  
Fr Benignus Clowes ofm  
Assistant Priest  
Fr Bob Matthews ofm  
Assistant Priest

**Pastoral Associate**—Liz Clark

### 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 23 MAY    | PENTECOST              |   |
|------------------|------------------------|---|
| MONDAY 24 MAY    | 8.30AM                 | SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP)   |
|                  | 10.30AM                | FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY— <u>MASS IN ST CLARE'S HALL</u> (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706)   |
|                  | 4.00PM                 | CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S  |
| TUESDAY 25 MAY   | 12.45PM<br>3.00-3.30PM | LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)<br>PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH (SEE BELOW)  |
| WEDNESDAY 26 MAY | 8.30AM<br>9AM-11AM     | TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)<br>PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252.<br><u>MEDITATION GROUP WILL RECOMMENCE WEDNESDAY 23 JULY</u> |
| THURSDAY 27 MAY  |                        | AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—film "Blind Side", with Sandra Bullock, followed by a basket lunch (see below).  |
| FRIDAY 28 MAY    | 7.30-9.00PM            | BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)   |
| SATURDAY 29 MAY  | 9.00AM                 | PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE  |
|                  | 12.30PM                | WEDDING AT SFX  |
| SUNDAY 30 MAY    | 12.30PM                | PARISH AGM AT ST CLARE'S HALL   |

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Veronika Bellis *Liz Clark*  
Pat Cleary *Dianna Hardy*  
Breta Cohen *Carmel Purdey*  
Ann-Marie Diggins *Monique Waring*  
Jane D'Souza *(ex-officio)*  
Anthony Kennedy  
Peter Leonard

**Next meeting : 3 June 2010**

### 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

### AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week, we are attending the film "Blind Side", with Sandra Bullock, followed by a basket lunch – cost - \$16.00. Please ring Marg if you wish to come – 9803 4973. Next week: 'Word of Mouth' products at 1.15pm at St Clare's. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

### FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY

—Fr Anthoni will celebrate Mass for the Francis/Clare Charismatic Prayer Community, in the NEW HALL AREA of St Clare's School (enter from Killara St car park) on Monday 24th May. Commencing with Praise & Worship at 10.15am. (mass at 10.30am) Light Lunch & Fellowship to follow. All Parishioners are invited to join us on this day which marks our 11th Anniversary.

### GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD - FR JOE HYNAN

Friends and colleagues of Fr Joe Hynan are invited to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood with Mass at All Hallows Parish Church, 17 Brenbeal Street, Balwyn on Sunday, 13 June 2010 at 11am. Refreshments will be served at the Parish Hall, 3 Brenbeal Street, Balwyn following Mass. If you would like to attend, please respond to: Michael O'Riley, [Princpal@ahbalwyn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Princpal@ahbalwyn.catholic.edu.au) Telephone: 9836 4929 or Rosemary Adams: [allhallowshalwyn@bigpond.com](mailto:allhallowshalwyn@bigpond.com) Telephone: 9836 8080.

### SFX—CHURCH FLOWERS

We have very skilled floral artists who are happy to organize new flowers in the church as required. However, they are unavailable during the week to water & tidy the floral arrangements. We urgently need two people who would be willing to call into the church during the week, throw out any flowers that are falling/have died, and make sure there is water in the vases. If two people volunteer, it should only take 15-20 minutes a week. Can you help us please?

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISHES—SUNDAY MAY 30 AT 12.30PM IN ST CLARE'S HALL SAUSAGE SIZZLE FROM 11.30AM**

### FUNERAL OF PAT THOMAS RIP

Father Anthoni would like to thank Myrna Hengeveld & Lucy Pfeifer for the music at Pat's Funeral Mass, and also all who attended & made it a wonderful celebration of Pat's life.

### MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION APPEAL

Next week we will be conducting a parish Appeal for the Mary MacKillop Canonisation. The Sisters of St Joseph have appealed for assistance from parishes across Australia in order to raise sufficient funds to cover essential expenses associated with the Canonisation.

### PRAYER GROUP

Each Tuesday - 3.00-3.30pm 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.*

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

Madrid, Spain in August 2011  
**Travelling with the official Melbourne Pilgrimage Group**  
WYD2011 will be quite a different experience to the previous World Youth Day in Sydney, for both pilgrims and coordinators. As a result, the Archdiocese will be investing significant resources to ensure that we can provide a safe, spiritual and successful journey to WYD. An official Melbourne pilgrimage group is being organised to provide pilgrims with a cost-efficient and safe journey to World Youth Day. Annaliese Wurstorn has been appointed the WYD Coordinator and will work within the Archdiocesan Office for Youth team to develop suitable pilgrimage options for those travelling from the Melbourne Archdiocese. To contact her, phone (03) 9412 3326 or email [wyd2011@cam.org.au](mailto:wyd2011@cam.org.au) OR [annaliese.wurstorn@cam.org.au](mailto:annaliese.wurstorn@cam.org.au)

## A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 7

Mary, Annie and Lexie MacKillop used both the Penola church and part of their rented cottage for classes. Their brother John was able to convert a rented stable into a school house, so on March 19, 1866, St Joseph's School was opened. Locals began talking on that day when Mary appeared in a black dress, but were delighted that the new school had 33 pupils and was doing very well.

Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au). For further information, see [www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au) and [www.cathnews.com.au](http://www.cathnews.com.au)

## SIMPLICITY IN PRAYER

'Simplicity is the key to prayer. Dom Chapman says: "Pray as you can, not as you can't." Simplicity is the remedy to all my resistance to prayer, to all my busy - ness. If prayer is simple then all I have to do is relax and do it, wherever and whenever I am. In the car or in the shower! Human beings have an instinct for God and sensing God's presence comes as naturally as breathing - simply and easily. When our hearts are filled with loving someone, we grow increasingly aware of that person. That is exactly what happens when we pray.'

Provided by the Benedictine Sisters, Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo

## My corner

If you go to Box Hill market, stand in one spot and listen to the noises around you, you can pick up an amazing number of voices and languages, mingled together. Mostly it's quite unintelligible, until suddenly you hear a voice speaking in English, perhaps offering you a bargain price for fruit, or correcting a child, or discussing the merits of one piece of meat over another. I've noticed that fairly often when one person doesn't understand another, they begin to yell, getting louder and louder as the conversation goes round and round, and no one comprehends anyone else any better. It must have been like this in the middle of Jerusalem—it seems to have been an international hub. Imagine what a difference it would have made if each person could suddenly hear what was being said in his own language—it would surely seemed a miracle. And would have brought an overwhelming sense of peace and wonder and unity. At the moment there is a horrible ad on TV that is causing great amusement in our family. It's the one where the 'perfect man' listens so intently that, even when no one is there, he practices his *listening face*. (I actually think he looks a bit dim-witted, staring into space). There is also a set of ads at the moment—in English—which seem totally foreign to me—I don't understand the modern language of computer talk, nor do I understand how the picture ties in with the message. (Maybe I'm a bit dim-witted too). I am suggesting two things this week - the first revolving around the importance of deep listening, the second about clear messages. If we listen intently to the Gospel message each week, we will hear God speaking to us in ways we can comprehend—and if we hear God's word and act responsively, it will bring about peace and wonder and unity. Try it!

*fiz Clark, Pastoral Associate*

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Winter is nearly here.....St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal – Target 500  
As the mornings and evenings grow colder so too does the need for those less fortunate to be well nourished and looked after. It's that time of the year again when we stick our heads in the pantry and find a couple of non-perishable food items to donate to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. In 2010 we're hoping to again collect 500 non-perishable food items with the help of the whole school community. This is achievable if every child/staff member brings in one non-perishable item. Some people might even be able to find two items! I am sure that we will have no problem reaching our goal. Already, we have collected over 100 items! To help the children reflect and think about those who are less fortunate the teachers will talk with the children about how their small donation can benefit St Vincent De Paul. This appeal is a great way to show how the community of St Francis Xavier looks out for those less fortunate and works together towards a common goal. When our target is reached the children will have a casual clothes day to recognise their donation and school spirit. The collection ends on Friday 11th June. This date coincides with the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus where the whole school will attend 12 O'clock Mass.

*Ed Weekes, Religious Education Leader*

## ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

2011 Prep Enrolments now open. Please [contact the school office to obtain an enrolment form](#). Enrolments close Friday 11th June 2010.

The School Office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school term. Tours of the School are held on the following dates. The tours are for approx. 1 hour. Please meet at the school office by 9.10am. Mondays @ 9.15am—24 May, 19 July, 9 August, 6 September, 11 October.

The Winter 2010 edition of **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS** is available at the back of the Church. The edition looks at the global mission of our Church, and features the stories of Australians working in developing countries. It also highlights how schools and parishes in our own country are living out Christ's mission to the world. Make sure you read this very interesting edition, and take some time to reflect on ways our community can better engage with people in need around the globe.

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2010

will be held across Australia from 27 May to 3 June with the theme 'Reconciliation: Let's see it through!' "Reconciling is an active pursuit - it's about getting on with what's needed and what we know to get the results we all want, and that's a mixture of measures that target the body, the mind and the spirit." - Australian of the Year, Mick Dodson, National Press Club address, 17 February 2009.

## ROSTERS

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—May 30

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6.00pm J Wells, E Colafella, R Meyers, M&A O'Connor  
8.00am F Neyland, J Reid  
10.00am K de Lacy, F Fitzgerald, C Hangan, E Kimmert, V&G Mooney, G Augustin

5.00pm P Aldag

#### Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Jeffares, M Williamsz  
8.00am B Reid  
10.00am E Abraham, J D'Souza  
5.00pm J O'Brien, J Gunanatham

#### Welcomers

6.00pm M&A O'Connor  
10.00am VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

#### Children's Liturgy

May 30—Trinity Sunday—Group A  
June 6—Body & Blood of Christ—Group B

#### Altar Linen

May 23 W Tan  
May 30 E Vogel

#### Counters

May 23 R&Y Roy  
May 30

#### Collectors 5pm

May 23 P Aldag  
May 30 A Cutts

#### Rosary Statue

May 23—J&W Burrows, 11 Taldra St, BHN  
May 30—M&B O'Shaughnessy, 53 Kerrimuir St

#### ITALIAN MASS

##### Commentator

May 23 D Amato  
May 30 R Bidinost

##### Lettori

May 23 A Lanza, S Faulisi  
May 30 N Amato, R Bidinost

##### Ministri dell'Eucarista

May 23 D Amato, G Massarotti  
May 30 R Bidinost, G Tabacchiera

### ST CLARE'S—MAY 30

#### Ministers of the Word

9.00am—A McGovern, J Sakowski, D Hayes

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

9.00am—T Shallvey, P O'Brien, D Tan, T Nicholson, P Cleary, I D'Amato, H Keown

#### Piety Stall—May 30

9.00am—B Murphy

## POINTS TO PONDER

★ *How open are you to seeing the action of the Holy Spirit in the world around you?*

## From Fr Ben

*The family counsellor was doing his best to support a married couple. "Tell me," he said to the husband, "when did you first notice you & your wife were having problems?" The man thought for a moment, & said: "It was right after we bought a water bed. We just started drifting apart."*

**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.**