

# St Francis Xavier and St Clare

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Trinity Sunday ~ Year A ~ June 19th, 2011

## From the book of Exodus

Ex. 34:4f

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

## Responsory (All)

Dan. 3:52-56

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. *Glory and praise for ever!*  
Blest your glorious holy name. *Glory and praise for ever!*  
You are blest in the temple of your glory. *Glory and praise for ever!*  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. *Glory and praise for ever!*  
You are blest who gaze into the depths. *Glory and praise for ever!*  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. *Glory and praise for ever!*

## From the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

2 Cor. 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation (All)

Cf. Apoc. 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

## From the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**Entrance** *Blessed be God the Father and his only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit:  
for he has shown that he loves us.*

**Acclamation** *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

**Communion** *You are the children of God, so God has given you the Spirit of his Son  
to form your hearts and make you cry out: Abba, Father.*

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**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

### **LITURGY TIMES**

#### **St Clare's**

**Sunday 9.00 am**

**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**

**Mon—Fri 12 noon**

**Confessions:**

**Saturday 4.00 pm—5.00 pm**

### **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

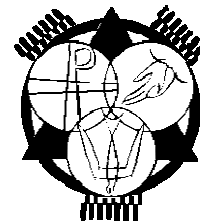
The need for regular prayer, both private and liturgical, in our day to day lives was a major emphasis of Pope Benedict's words at Randwick **WYD08**. To carry this forward into **Madrid11**, you might like to choose a favourite chair at home as your **prayer-chair** and place this sheet within easy reach of it. Slide into it from time to time during the coming week, take up this sheet and aided by Richard Leonard's reflection think over again the words of Exodus, Paul and John. For those of you who'd like to learn more our faith and get their hands on a really good Winter's read, nicely supplementing Fr Frank O'Dea's planned July presentation, when one of the children asks what you'd like for your next birthday, suggest a copy of **The Early Church**, by Henry Chadwick (Penguin). **A happy praying/reading/listening winter!**



**We pray for those recently deceased:** Maria Ferraro, Doug White, Stella Ruff, Lorraine Mitchell & Elsie O'Meara; **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Pasquale Scalpelli, Gaetano Bianco, Pasquale Plutino, Con Turner, Colleen Hardy; **and the sick of our Parish:** Ivan Mahlstedt, Wal & Jess Burrows.

### **Trinity Sunday**

Years ago I was asked to take a parish-based catechetics class for children from a government primary school. I started by trying to work out how much the children knew about the basics. I asked, 'When we make the sign of the cross, what do we say?' 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' came the firm reply. So far so good! I tried upping the bar. 'What do we call the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?' There was complete silence. I tried another track. 'What do you think of when you make the Sign of the Cross?' There was an awkward silence and then a bright little boy cheerily said, 'The old man, the young fella and the bird!'



No one can blame those children for the poverty of their images of the Trinity. Many older Catholics have similar images from paintings and holy pictures. The mystery of the Trinity means that in whatever way we portray God as Father, Son and Spirit it will always be inadequate and incomplete. No one has ever seen God or the Holy Spirit. No one has a portrait of Jesus. All the images and words we use for the Trinity are more a reflection of our faith than the final word about God. God is always more than any name we use or any concept we have. The special insight into God we celebrate today is that relationships are at the very centre of who God is.

It took the early Christians four hundred years to fully grasp what Jesus was on about when he spoke of his relationship to the Father and Spirit. They struggled to understand how and why God would have three faces and yet exist as One Being – love as One, act as One. They settled the 'how' of the Trinity's nature by teaching us that the persons of the Trinity are co-equal, co-substantial and co-eternal. They settled the 'why' of the Trinity by reflecting that their experience of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was an encounter of love. They knew the core of God was not an idea or a principle, but was a loving relationship. Furthermore, the early Christians knew that they were invited into this relationship.

What was true for them is true for us. Think about this for a minute: we believe that the God who creates, redeems and sustains the world seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege! What an invitation! What a God!

It also follows that if relationships are at the core of God then, for those of us who accept the invitation into the Trinity's embrace, relationships are meant to be our core business too. We are not to be isolated believers or private disciples. The degree to which we understand today's feast will be shown in the care we take in our many and varied relationships, be they social, intimate, professional, civic or international.

Every time we do anything to form new and good relationships, mend those which are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, we discover one thing: Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast.

**Richard Leonard SJ**

<b>SUNDAY 19 JUNE</b>		<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>
<b>MONDAY 20 JUNE</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX</b> (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) <b>CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S</b>
	<b>4.00PM</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 21 JUNE</b>	<b>12.30PM</b>	<b>LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR)</b>
	<b>3.00PM</b>	<b>PARISH PRAYER GROUP IN SFX CHURCH</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE</b>	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY)</b>
<b>THURSDAY 23 JUNE</b>	<b>1.00PM</b>	<b>AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—VISION AUSTRALIA (SEE BELOW)</b>
<b>FRIDAY 24 JUNE</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>PLAYGROUP AT SFX</b>
	<b>7.30PM</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN SFX PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM</b>
<b>SATURDAY 25 JUNE</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>	<b>PARISH WALKING GROUP MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE.</b>
<b>SUNDAY 26 JUNE</b>	<b>11.15AM</b>	<b>MEETING OF SFX SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP IN SFX HALL</b> <b>ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER +</b> <b>COLLECTION FOR BURSARY FUND (EDUCATION OF STUDENTS</b> <b>FOR PRIESTHOOD)</b>

### 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

#### Our children engaged in learning.

*The current whole school unit of work on Sustainability has been a great hit as far as learning goes. It is wonderful to see the children's level of engagement. I visited a Year One class to be told by the children that I should read the signs they had put up around the room, advising me to RETHINK before I throw! The children are exploring their environment and taking responsibility to make a difference in their world. As I reflect on the learning which our children are doing, I feel satisfied that it has all the hallmarks of the new model of Contemporary Learning which is being promoted in schools. The model challenges teachers to support our children in their learning by making the learning rigorous and relevant while encouraging collaboration. The rigor of this unit is clear in the setting of targets and the waste audits which are happening. Sustainability is relevant to their lives and to their future. Planning the vegetable garden and the other activities in the unit have all required the children to collaborate with each other and members of the community.*

### PARISH WELCOMING BADGES

Are available for all parishioners to order. There are order forms in each church to be returned to the Parish Office with payment of \$10 for a pin or \$12 for a magnetic badge.

### 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.



### SFX Social Justice Group

**Please come** For the meeting

### On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**At the parish hall**

**After the 10.00 am mass**

**At 11.15.**

The time commitment will be kept to a minimum. There is much to do and many hands make light work

### TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For further information you may contact Maurice Ferdinando on 8812 2079

### How the Priesthood Evolved

A 3-part series on the priesthood from the early church when there were no priests to the present day.

The presentations will include the very many changes that have occurred over the centuries, the priesthood of the faithful, and the ministry of women in the church.

The series will be given with slides by Fr Frank O'Dea of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation. Questions and comments will be encouraged.

The presentations will be given on 3 Wednesday afternoons following the 12.00 mass.

**6th, 13th and 20th July**

**from 12.30 till 2.00 pm**

**St Francis Xavier Parish Meeting Room**

**Enter from Whitehorse Rd. Next to the Parish Office. No charge.**

Have an early lunch or bring a sandwich to eat during the break.

For further information, ring Fr Frank on 9898 9294 or email

[fod@bessedsacrament.com.au](mailto:fod@bessedsacrament.com.au)

### MUSIC + HI-FI ENTHUSIASTS

Laurie Cohen would like to establish contact with people who share an interest in Hi-Fi reproduction of music with a bias towards valves and vinyl. I'm thinking of small numbers of parishioners meeting in homes for some music, conversation and a little equipment comparison. Any takers? Please contact Laurie on 9877 4693.

### ROSTERS

#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—June 26

#### Ministers of Communion

6.00pm A Leonard, G Machado,  
J Hickey, J Morison,  
M O'Brien

8.00am J Reid  
10.00am E&E VDW, K de Lacy,  
L Lampard, M Blundy,  
M Hughes, N Succar

5.00pm A Large, MT Francisco

#### Ministers of the Word

6.00pm M Dodds, J Wells  
8.00am B Reid

10.00am J D'Souza, M Robotham  
5.00pm H Dyjak, T Parker

#### Welcomers

6.00pm D Paes, J Morison

8.00am J Reid

10.00am E&E VDW, A Galli

5.00pm M Plain

#### Altar Linen

June 19 J Morison

June 26 M Rossely

#### Counters

June 19 B&M Walker

June 26 J Reid & M Rossely

#### Rosary Statue

June 19—J Malcontenti, 127 Woodhouse G

June 26—H Keown, 29 Loraine Ave

#### ITALIAN MASS

#### Commentator

June 19 G Tabacchiera

June 26 D Amato

#### Lettori

June 19 L Ferola, S Faulisi

June 26 G Amato, C Gibellini

#### Ministri dell'Eucarista

June 19 R Bidinost, M Casamento

June 26 M Salamone, G Massarotti

#### ST CLARE'S—June 26

#### Ministers of the Word

P Fitzgerald, T Nicholson, C Abiad

#### Ministers of Communion

P O'Brien, I D'Amato, J Murphy,

T Shallvey, P Wolbers, D Wolbers,

P Ciccotosto

#### Welcomers—June 26

P Ciccotosto, P Cleary

#### Piety Stall—June 26

D Tan

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### Next meeting : 7 July 2011

This newsletter is also  
available on our website:  
[www.scfx.org.au](http://www.scfx.org.au)

### 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.