



*In the care of the
Franciscan Friars*

Newsletter for the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier

Trinity Sunday May 30th, 2010—Year C

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

Our responses today are:

Entrance Antiphon

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

Psalm Response

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your
name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

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

This week

*Start & end each day with a sign of the
Cross this week.
Contemplate the meaning of this action.*



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.

God is love, God is friendship!

According to Aristotle, "without friends no one
would choose to live," so fundamental are they
to our wellbeing, as is shelter. Human beings
want intimacy, to reach out in love to another
person and to feel connected. We respond
spontaneously in our encounters but they are a
temporary connection. We have to decide
whether to persevere in a relationship or not; it
is an investment that demands time and real
emotional energy. Marriage is a good example
of how friendship develops and blossoms.
Couples choose to be in a relationship that has
commitment with purpose and direction.

People fail in relationships as they fail in virtue,
an imperfect love. We are able to cultivate
friendships, not without difficulty, not just for
the wellbeing of a person, but do they help to
transform the individual? But if the friendship
is built on utility, for self benefit, then it is
doomed to fail. People, who are good, practice
and seek virtue, enjoy the fruits of good and
healthy friendships; in good friends we see
God's blessing.

A Parish community has all the makings for
creating circles of good friends. We have a
compass, a point of arrival, a purpose and the
same direction, a pilgrimage to God.
Friendships are connected to moral and spiritual
life. The more we enter into God's life,
Trinitarian life, the more we develop, grow and
relate well with diverse types of people. We
become generous and experience great freedom
and are able to embrace even people who make
it difficult for us to love them. I am blessed to
have the company of many wonderful
parishioners, and they are good to so many
people, they are friends to treasure.

Why not join a church group or do something in
the parish or in the parish school? Interrelation-
ships help us to be connected in Christ. If you
can't find anything suitable within the parish,
explore other groups in the diocese. At the
same time we have to be reasonable in our
expectation, at times we give and at other times
we receive, there is pleasure in both. Always
strive to see and understand goodness, to
practise virtue and to delight in the company of
others, for Christian life is a reflection of God's
Trinitarian life. We are blessed if we are able to
encounter God in others. *1Jn 4: 15-16.*

Fr Anthony ofm

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**This newsletter is also
available on our website:**
www.scsfx.org.au

**READINGS FOR
THIS WEEK
TRINITY SUNDAY**

Prov 8:22-31
*Wisdom was born before the
earth was made.*
Rom 5:1-5
*To God through Christ in the
love which is poured out through
the Spirit.*
Jn 16:12-15
*Whatever the Father has is mine.
The Spirit will receive what I
give and tell you about it.*
Monday—The Visitation
Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday—St Justin
2Pet 3:11-15,17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday
2 Tim 1:1-3,6-12; Mk 12:18-27
**Thursday—St Charles Lwanga
& companions**
2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Friday
2 Tim 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday—St Boniface
2 Tim 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

NEXT SUNDAY
**THE BODY & BLOOD OF
CHRIST**
Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Lk 9:11-17

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.

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

SUNDAY 30 MAY—TRINITY SUNDAY 12.30PM	MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION APPEAL PARISH AGM AT ST CLARE'S HALL
MONDAY 31 MAY 8.30AM 10.30AM 4.00PM	SENIOR MIXED SOCIAL TENNIS GROUP @ SFX (CALL JUDY REID 9878 4212 OR JUST TURN UP) FRANCIS/CLARE CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY—IN ST CLARE'S HALL (OLIVE 9878 4103, THERESE 9878 3706) CATECHETIC CLASSES AT ST CLARE'S
TUESDAY 1 JUNE 12.45PM 3.00-3.30PM	LEGION OF MARY (SFX PHMR) PRAYERS IN SFX CHURCH (SEE BELOW)
WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 8.30AM 9AM-11AM 10.30AM 12.30PM 7.30PM	TENNIS GROUP (AS MONDAY) PLAYGROUP AT ST CLARE'S. CONTACT TRUDY FRANKENSTEINER 9899 5252. SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP AT ST CLARE'S PARISH HOUSE FOOD AT THE BARN RECONCILIATION PARENT/CHILD FAMILY NIGHT AT SFX MEDITATION GROUP WILL RECOMMENCE WEDNESDAY 23 JULY
THURSDAY 3 JUNE 1.15PM 7.30PM	AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB—'Word of Mouth' products (see below). PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
FRIDAY 4 JUNE 11.00AM 7.30-9.00PM	HOLY HOUR AT SFX BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP (SFX PHMR)
SATURDAY 5 JUNE 9.00AM	PARISH WALKING GROUP. MEET AT SFX PARISH HOUSE
SUNDAY 6 JUNE 12.30PM	SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR BURSARY FUND 1 BAPTISM AT SFX

AUTUMN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This week, the Autumn Friendship Club is having a demonstration of various products - with, possibly, some to sample - from "Word of Mouth". 1.00 pm at St. Clare's. Due to lack of numbers, tenpin bowling has had to be cancelled the following week. An alternative activity is being discussed - possibly a trip to St. Francis in the city. This will be confirmed in next week's newsletter. All parishioners and their friends are welcome at our activities. Information - Judy - 9878 4212.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

You are invited to attend a **Reflection Day** on Wednesday 9 June, commencing with Midday Mass at St Francis Xavier's, followed by lunch in SFX Parish House & an opportunity to reflect on your ministry.
RSVP to 9890 2231 by June 7.

WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER

Father Anthoni is considering the creation of a new website & a different layout for the weekly newsletter. If you are interested in providing some expertise or input, please call the parish office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

Madrid, Spain in August 2011
Travelling with the official Melbourne Pilgrimage Group

An official Melbourne pilgrimage group is being organised to provide pilgrims with a cost-efficient and safe journey to World Youth Day. Annaliese Wursthorn 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 OR annaliese.wursthorn@cam.org.au

ANNUAL MASS COUNT
MANY THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO OUR COLLECTORS WHO ASSISTED WITH THE MAY MASS COUNT .

MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION APPEAL

This week we are holding a collection for the Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal. This is a national Appeal conducted throughout every Diocese in Australia with the endorsement of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Sisters of St Joseph have asked for our support to raise funds to cover essential expenditure associated with the Canonisation in Rome on 17 October. Please refer to the Appeal Envelope for further details.

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.

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, Prncpal@ahbalwyn.catholic.edu.au
Telephone: 9836 4929 or Rosemary Adams: allhallowbalwyn@bigpond.com Telephone: 9836 8080.

A NEW SERIES: 'MARY MACKILLOP - AN AUSTRALIAN LIKE US - NO 8

Mary MacKillop wrote to her mother, 'When I was (Lexie's) age (15) I began first to long for a Religious Life.' (1866). It is presumed that she would have intended entry into the Melbourne Sisters of Mercy. In Penola, however, she saw the need for a new kind of Religious Congregation: one whose members could live in isolated places, be free to move where needed, and go where other nuns could not.

Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - www.sosj.org.au. For further information, see www.marymackillop.org.au and www.cathnews.com.au

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.

My corner I have a sneaky feeling that my Dad would be quite

disappointed in me at times. He was an engineer, and loved physics and chemistry and science and mathematics. I, on the other hand, had expertise in other areas, none of which had much to do with logic, reason, or even common sense. Technical things don't really interest me much. So, I remain to this day totally mystified by electricity, machinery, molecules and atoms, calculus and large figures, big business and the share market. I know that if I turn on a switch, I can expect the light to come on, the TV to work (if I can master the remote), the computer to give me the information I am looking for, my car to propel me to the place I'm heading for. Once, years ago, my son did a project on how TV works, and for about 5 minutes I felt as if I really understood it. No longer, I'm afraid.

The thing is that these things all remain a mystery to me. And it rarely bothers me. I may occasionally think "why doesn't this work", or "how did someone discover this or that" but mostly it remains in the bundle marked 'mystery'—that's the way things are. The same things applies to the Trinity. I studied theology, but am no wiser than before I began. No one can really explain it—to themselves or to me. Faith is essential for me to take on this concept—God is, God is three Persons in One.

I can accept that. If I switch on to God in prayer, I find either Father, Son or Spirit, depending on my current needs and emotions. God is just there, like the electricity in the power point. It makes no sense for me to worry about how, why, who—but it makes plenty of sense to enjoy the mysterious gift of growing in relationship with the Trinity.

Liz Clark, Pastoral Associate

National Reconciliation Week –

May 27 to June 3. The theme for National Reconciliation Week is 'Reconciliation: Let's See It Through!' For information/resources see: <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

World Week for Prayer and Action for Peace in Palestine/Israel. Information on this Week, **29 May – 4 Jun** is available at: <http://www.worldweekforpeace.org/>

World Environment Day – June 5. For information on World Environment Day see <http://www.unep.org/wed/>

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week (NRW) runs from 27 May until 3 June. We have flown the Aboriginal flag this week and will continue to do so next week in recognition of the event. National Reconciliation Week offers an opportunity for all Australians to focus on reconciliation and celebrate the rich culture and history of Indigenous Australians. On Wednesday the Year 6 Interpersonal Development leaders along with me attended an Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony. This event acknowledged National Sorry Day and reminded us to reflect on the wrong that was done to Indigenous families in the past and to recognise the significant contribution Indigenous people make to our lives and communities. The students who attended this ceremony had the privilege of seeing some members of the Wurundjeri tribe perform some traditional dances. The students enjoyed this experience immensely.

Marcus Gill, Deputy Principal

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—19 July, 9 August, 6 September, 11 October.

"BETTER SCHOOLS" FUNDRAISER AT FOREST HILL CHASE

It is time to "shop 'til you drop" for our school. FOREST HILL CHASE'S Better Schools Fundraiser: Forest Hill Chase is offering Schools the chance to share in cash and prizes simply by shopping there. To support our school present receipts for anything and everything you buy at Forest Hill to the Customer Service Desk near Target, and SFX will earn 1 point for every \$1 spent. There is also a box in the SFX church porch where you can place your receipts if you are unable to drop them in at Forest Hill personally. If you shop on a Tuesday you earn double points at all retailers, whilst every \$1 spent at any fresh food retailer will also earn double points each and every day !!

ROSTERS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S—June 6

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
6.00pm M Slevison, I Abraham, G Machado, J&S Arcuri
8.00am S Carney, F Neyland
10.00am E&E VDW, W Tan, A Leonard, M Sinclair, L Lampard, C Chin
5.00pm M T Francisco

Ministers of the Word
6.00pm M Dodds, E Colafella
8.00am F Neyland
10.00am L Norton, R Paul
5.00pm M Felix, M Waring

Welcomers
6.00pm G&J Metral, M Buhler
10.00am VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

Children's Liturgy
June 6—Body & Blood of Christ—Group B
June 20—12OT C—Group C

Altar Linen
May 30 E Vogel
June 6 O Rewega

Counters
May 30 T&E O'Brien
June 6 P McLaughlin, G Kitch

Collectors 5pm
May 30 A Cutts
June 6 L Soulsby

Rosary Statue
May 30—M&B O'Shaughnessy, 53 Kerrimuir St
June 6—C Mirabella, 159 Woodhouse Grove

ITALIAN MASS

Commentator
May 30 R Bidinost
June 6 J Adamo

Lettori
May 30 N Amato, R Bidinost
June 6 N Pozzobon, A D'Alessandro

Ministri dell'Eucarista
May 30 R Bidinost, G Tabacchiera
June 6 M Salamone, M Casamento

ST CLARE'S—JUNE 6

Ministers of the Word
9.00am—P Fitzgerald, A McGovern, C Abiad
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
9.00am—F Fitzgerald, P O'Brien, J Murphy, T Shallvey, P Wolbers, D Wolbers, P Ciccotosto
Piety Stall—June 6
9.00am—P Green

POINTS TO PONDER

★ *Where do you feel the Spirit leading you now?*

* *'In the Trinitarian dogma God is one, good, true, and beautiful because he is essentially Love, and Love supposes the one, the other, and their unity.'*
- [Hans Urs von Balthasar](http://www.hansursvonbalthasar.com)

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.