ST FRANCIS XAVIER & ST CLARE
CATHOLIC PARISH OF
GREATER BOX HILL

Entrance	Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
Mystery of Faith	When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
Communion	Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All Saints ***1 November 2026***

First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. *(R.)*

2 Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. *(R.)*

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,

and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate on this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

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MASS TIMES:
St Clare
Weekend Mass Times

Sunday:	9.00 am
Italian	11.00 am
Vietnamese Mass	5.00 pm

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday:	9.00 am
Thursday:	7.00 pm
Saturday:	9.00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday: 9.30 - 10 am
St Francis Xavier
Weekend Mass Times

Saturday:	Vigil 5.30 pm
Sunday:	7.30 am
	10.15am
	5.30pm

Weekday Mass times

Monday—Friday:	12 noon

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.00 -5.00 pm
Marriages: By appointment
Baptisms:
SFX - 1st & 3rd Sundays only at 11.30am
St Clare - during 9.00am Mass

Preparation Session - 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in Parish House
Presentation Mass - 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.15am Mass at SFX.
Please ring Parish Office to arrange.

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Our Parish community of Greater Box Hill is committed to the Victorian Child Safety Standards and acknowledges that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Parish of Greater Box Hill acknowledges that we are on the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country in the City of Whitehorse, home of the traditional custodians of the land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Our elderly parishioners are warmly welcome to the lunch. Volunteers will be available to assist with buffet service.



PARISH LADIES DRINKS IN THE FRIARS ROOM
EVERY SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
Gold coin donation

EVERY 2ND FRI OF THE MONTH 5.00PM

Healing mass 1st Friday of the month at SFX
&
1st Saturday of the month at St Clare

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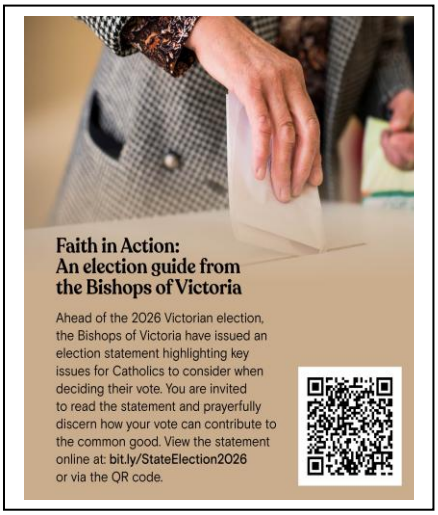
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OCTOBER & NOVEMBER, 2026

PLEASE USE THE LINKS BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR OUR MINISTRY ROSTER.
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October
volunteersignup.org/J3QPM
November
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ANNIVERSARY: Roger Gardner, Angela DiNardo, Giustino DiNardo, Joseph Ho Key Kwon, Oak Soon Kim, Paddy Thurbon and Angela McGovern, Cecilia Theresia Ferly Widjaja, Margaret Yurcina
RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick Mackay, Eduardo Loayza

*Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by **Thursday morning** latest. Names on the sick list will remain only for four weeks. Thank you.*

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY 01 NOVEMBER	**ALL SAINTS, YEAR A** ***SVDP BOX HILL CONFERENCE MONTHLY COLLECTION AT BOTH CHURCHES*** 11.30AM BAPTISM AT SFX 11.30AM PARISH SOCIAL GATHERING BOX HILL RSL 11.45AM SVDP BOX HILL CONFERENCE MEETING IN THE FRIARS ROOM 3.00PM ITALIAN REMEMBRANCE MASS AT BOX HILL CEMETERY
MONDAY 02 NOVEMBER	12.30PM CHARISMATIC PRAYERS GROUP AT ST CLARE NARTHEX – PRAYER MINISTRY AVAILABLE 6.45PM CHOIR REHEARSAL AT ST CLARE
TUESDAY 03 NOVEMBER	**MELBOURNE CUP DAY – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
WEDNESDAY 04 NOVEMBER	7.00PM BAPTISM PREPARATION AT THE PARISH HOUSE MEETING ROOM= 8.00PM MOTHERS AND FATHERS PRAYER GROUP AT SFX
THURSDAY 05 NOVEMBER	7.00PM RCIA IN THE FRIARS ROOM
FRIDAY 06 NOVEMBER	7.00PM CONTEMPLATION OF THE GOSPEL WITH FR PHUONG AT ST CLARE
SATURDAY 07 NOVEMBER	
SUNDAY 08 NOVEMBER	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 11.30AM PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ST CLARE HALL

As you plan for the future, we invite you to consider making a lasting gift to SFX-St Clare Parish through your will. Your bequest will help support the mission and ministries of our parish, ensuring that future generations experience the love, faith, and community we cherish today.

INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR PARISH GROUPS MAY BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/boxhill (click on Parish Groups)

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