

Saint Francis Xavier Church
Cnr Whitehorse & Dorking Rds
Box Hill VIC 3128



Saint Clare Church
138 Woodhouse Grove
Box Hill North VIC 3129

2 December 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The long awaited summer season has arrived. And with it the warmer weather, the odd shower and all the Christmas wind ups. As today's Gospel says, "Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew". I pray you have some short opportunity to sit quietly and allow God's Spirit to refresh you. May we make a space for the Lord to enter and visit with us this Advent.

Deacon Edward Teye's ordination to the priesthood last Saturday morning and his Mass of Thanksgiving at St Francis Xavier Church last Sunday at 10.15am were great celebrations for our parish as well as Fr Edward. I am most grateful for the prayerful and generous support you have given him.

We get to do it all again this week when Joseph Nguyen, who did his pastoral placement with us, will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 4 December at 10 am. The Ordination Mass will be broadcast live on the Archdiocese YouTube channel www.youtube.com/archmelb and via free-to-air TV on Community Channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).

One of our senior parishioners is seeking board or accommodation within the parish. He has been living with his son and his family for the past many years but they are moving to a new house further out while he wishes to stay in the Box Hill area, so as to maintain his participation in our daily Mass and rosary at the parish and proximity to his doctor and other services etc. If you or someone you know might benefit from or be open to a boarder or tenant please contact the parish office and we can put you in touch.

Next Tuesday afternoon at 2pm at St Clare's Church we will celebrate the funeral Mass for Hank Hermans. Hank and his wife Heather and their eight children were parishioners at St Francis Xavier up until St Clare's was built. Hank who turned 92 last August was a most regular attender at St Clare's on Sundays and weekdays up until his most recent decline in health. Tim Shalvey fashioned him a hand cross which was an immense comfort to him and a reminder of the parish during his recent stint in hospital. He passed away on Wednesday 24th November shortly after Fr Lenin had visited him at Wantirna Palliative Care.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Christmas Masses as we have in the past. The Seniors Mass on Christmas eve at 4pm and the Carol Service at 5.30pm will be live streamed on the parish Facebook page as will Christmas day Mass at 10.15am. For fully vaccinated people there

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is no longer any attendance cap on these services. We will add a 7.30am Mass on Christmas Day where vaccination status will not be checked, as we have been doing on Sundays.

Reconciliation is available at 9.30am Saturday at St Clare and 4pm Saturday at St Francis Xavier. We will also have 2nd rite communal services on Tuesday 14th Dec at St Francis Xavier and at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th December at St Clare's after the usual 7pm Mass.

Please stay safe and take care.
Yours in Jesus Christ,



Fr Tony Kerin EV PP
Parish Priest

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Church: Name: Parish of Box Hill **Church Account BSB: 083-347 Acct No: 662202656**

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YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/c/GreaterBoxHillParish>

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