

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



Saint Clare Church
138 Woodhouse Grove
Box Hill North VIC 3129

25 November 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I am back, refreshed and renewed after spending 18 days on leave at Port Campbell with Fr Greg Trythall (PP Williamstown) and Fr Gerry Prunty (PP East Wimmera), classmates from my seminary days last century (1970's). Although the weather was cold (12c -14c), mostly it was fine and when not too windy, excellent for golf. We played Port Fairy, Warrnambool, Peterborough, Cobden and Timboon golf courses.

This Sunday with the beginning of the Advent Season, we commence a new liturgical year, Sunday readings Year C, and most of our gospel readings for this year will come from the Gospel of St Luke. The Weekday readings are Year II.

I celebrated confirmations at St Ignatius Richmond (last Tuesday) and Sacred Heart Yea (tonight) and this week we caught up with this year's First Reconciliation Classes from St Francis Xavier Primary School to celebrate the sacrament with them for the first time. Over the next couple of weeks we will be celebrating first Eucharist at most of our Masses as well. It is really a time of catch up for so many sacramental celebrations that had to be postponed due to lockdown but now we get to bask in the grace of so many celebrations able to be experienced in such a confined time.

We are also looking forward to Deacon Edward Teye's ordination to the priesthood this Saturday morning 27th November at Our Lady of La Vang Shrine, Keysborough. Edward will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at St Francis Xavier Church this Sunday at 10.15am. It will be live streamed on our Facebook and later available on You Tube. Please keep him in your prayers.

Saturday week Joseph Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Joseph lived and worked with us during his pastoral service year and remembers his time here and your kindness to him fondly. Please also pray for him. He will be ordained with the other transitional deacons Alexander Chow, Hoang Dinh, Jaycee Napoles and Samuel Pearson at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 4 December at 10 am. The 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).

As you know, traditionally the "Father's Day" collection would have been taken up on the first Sunday of September to support the retired Priests of the Archdiocese. But due to the

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restrictions imposed by the Government due to COVID-19, we were not able to do it. This weekend, we will have a special collection in support of the Father's Day Appeal. Please donate generously. Alternatively, donations can also be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued. The site is www.cam.org.au/foundation

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



Fr Tony Kerin EV PP
Parish Priest

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