

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



Saint Clare Church
138 Woodhouse Grove
Box Hill North VIC 3129

30 September 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Three quarters of this year has now gone and it seems we have lived most of it under restrictions of one kind or another. This Sunday we get to move our clocks forward for daylight saving time. Officially, we are asked to move forward one hour at 2.00 am Sunday morning. But I know there are some who would prefer to move their clocks forward 3 months at this time.

October will be a difficult month in Victoria. The steady increase in active COVID infections we have already observed is not expected to be stemmed until greater vaccination percentages are achieved. Increased numbers isolating due to multiplying exposure sites means many essential workers are suffering from understaffed rosters. It is therefore imperative that we project that serenity and peace given to us as a gift from Jesus to all those around us and extend kindness to everyone, particularly those under duress.

Our parish business manager, Charlie Melican, and I Zoom-met with our Architects this morning to confirm the brief for construction of the St Francis Xavier Piazza. We plan to move from the concept drawings to a detailed costing and indicative scope of works before we go to tender early next year. If you know of a construction company or landscaping firm that might be interested in delivering this project please contact me at tony.kerin@cam.org.au.

This Sunday afternoon the Fifth Plenary Council first assembly commences with the Opening Mass streamed live from Perth at 2.00pm AEDT. The Plenary Council website will provide daily live streams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses. Full details can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

The seventeen Melbourne Archdiocesan members comprise five with deliberative voting rights: Archbishop Peter Comensoli, Bishop Terry Curtin, Bishop Anthony Ireland, Bishop Martin Ashe and Emeritus Bishop Les Tomlinson and twelve with consultative voting rights: Very Rev. Joe Caddy AM STL VG, Ms Nimmi Candappa, Mrs Vivian Alamo, Mr Jonathan Antony, Mons. Joselito Asis CS EV, Sr Michelle Goh RSM, Very Rev. Tony Kerin JCL EV, Very Rev. Denis Stanley EV, Very Rev. Kevin Lenehan STD, Rev. Dr Cameron Forbes STD, Ms Danielle Fairthorne and Very Rev Mark Reynolds EV.

Garrett Publishing have organized an opportunity for people to follow the proceedings of the council through [Plenary Tracker](#), with daily Zoom news and panel discussions. Registration is

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FREE. Simply fill your details into the tracker to receive the web link that allows you to join each night.

By registering you will also receive daily emails with a video recording of the previous night's session and a link to Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO's daily blog. John is a Plenary Council member from Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese. Each evening from Sunday October 3 to October 10 at 7.30 pm AEDT, Canberra journalist, Genevieve Jacobs AM, will speak with Plenary members and expert advisers summarising, highlighting, and discussing each day's events.

Finally don't forget to mark your diaries for 10 – 17 October: the "Prayer Walk" Week for Whitehorse Churches. It kicks off with an on-line prayer service at 7.30 pm on Sunday 10th. For further details and to register go to <https://whitehorsechurchescare.org.au/prayer/>

Please stay safe and take care

Yours in Jesus Christ,



Fr Tony Kerin EV PP
Parish Priest

Important Links and Direct Deposit Account details are:

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

Presbytery: Name: Parish of Box Hill **Presbytery Account BSB: 083-347 Acct No: 837114640**

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

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