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Greater Box Hill

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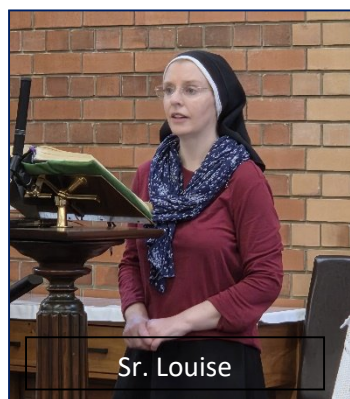
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'A man's job for God'

At the 9.00am Mass at St. Clare's on Wednesday 27th May 2026, Fr. Ignatius offered the Mass for Fr. Emmanuel Green. St. Clare parishioners will remember Fr. Green assisted Fr. Kelly for quite a few years during the late 80's and 90's.



Sr. Louise

Sr. Louise, left who cared for Fr. Green till he passed, read the First Reading and after the Mass, Fr. Ignatius blessed and sprinkled with Holy Water the Plaque remembering Father on the Memorial Wall.



Friends later enjoyed morning tea and listened to humorous stories from Sr. Louise about Fr. Green, below.



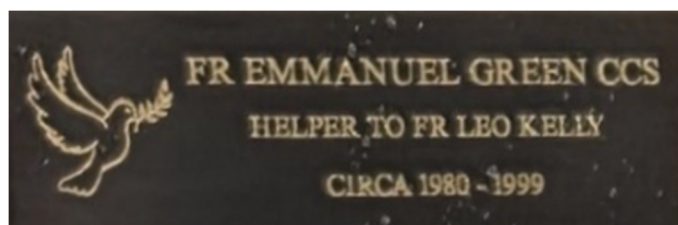
The following is a bio prepared by Sr. Louise.

'Fr. Emmanuel Green was born in Newcastle in 1936. He was a Worker Brother in the Confraternity of Christ the Priest. For many years Father lived in Queensland and did cane cutting, building and architecture. He loved painting, artwork and martial arts.'

In 1969 the Order moved to Scoresby where Father built a school, monastery and chapel. In 1977 Father was Ordained a priest in the very Chapel he'd designed and built!

Around 1980 Fr. Leo Kelly asked Fr Emmanuel if he would help say the weekend Masses. Fr. Emmanuel loved it – his 'weekend job' he called it and he continued to visit his friends here until he went into care in 2013. He passed away on 6th February 2015.'

Sr. Louise donated a book, written by Fr. Green about his various building projects titled 'A MAN'S JOB FOR GOD, to St. Clare's church. A photo from his book below shows Father helping the men. Father has the black hat on.



Around the parish

After choir practice on the 8th of April, Margaret our organist, invited the choir to the Friars' Room where we had cake and coffee. Margaret wanted to thank the choir for their hard work during Holy Week Celebrations.



The two beautiful plants in the front of St. Clare's Church have fallen over and will have to be taken down. The plants are Agave, commonly known as the Century Plant, *Agave americana*. They thrive in full sun and grow up to 2 metres tall. The Agave blooms once and may grow for 10 to 30 years. It is regarded as a weed!



Bishop Thinh celebrated Mass at St. Clare's on Wednesday 29th April which happened to coincide with the last Mass Derek Wolbers was to attend in the Parish. He and his wife Phyllis, both long-time volunteers in the parish have moved to Geelong to be closer to family. Derek is pictured talking with Bishop Thinh below, at morning tea.



Fr. Ignatius instructed parishioners interested in volunteering as Eucharist Ministers after Mass at St. Francis Xavier on 26th April. Many questions were asked and answered. Some of the new recruits have already been seen distributing the Holy Eucharist on Sundays, see below.



Fr. Phuong instructed a similar group of parishioners interested in becoming Lectors at St. Clare's after the 9.00am Mass on 17th May, see below.



Tuesday nights see a small group of keen bible students zooming into Jonathan Hili's Bible Study Class, see below.



Birthday celebrations sometimes last for weeks and weeks. This was the case with Pat Cleary, long time parishioner and volunteer who celebrated her 90th birthday with friends at The Old England Hotel on the 1st May and two days later was feted with morning tea after the 9.00am Sunday Mass at St. Clares. Lunches and dinners followed for quite some time. Pat is pictured below with her son Kevan.



Pat's friends enjoying their meal, below.



Pat, her friends and the birthday cake, below.



A little 1936 Trivia...

The Collingwood Football Club won the VFL premiership. The New Zealand horse Wotan won the Melbourne Cup. The Prime Minister of Australia was Joseph Lyons. The coupe utility 'the Ute' was gaining serious popularity and General Motors opened their Fishermen's Bend plant.

After the 9.00am Mass at St. Clare's the following Sunday, Pat received a blessing from Bishop Thinh and then everyone enjoyed morning tea in Pat's honour, see below.



A small group of Italian Pilgrims 2025 gathered at St. Clare's to catch up and share a meal together. Numbers were slightly down on the reunion last year, but those who did attend had a great time.



Fr. Tony brought along his bottle of St. Clare wine which Fr. Peter McGrath gave to him on his arrival in the parish in 2014. Everyone agreed we need another reunion later in the year.



Around the Parish

Fr. Phuong escorted a group of Pilgrims to Vietnam in April and the pilgrims visited many basilicas, Marian shrines, and parishes across the country.



Our Lady of La Vang



The Pilgrims



Annie at the statue of Our Lady of Nui Cui

Parishioners at St. Clare's celebrated Pentecost Sunday with morning tea after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 24th May, see below.



On Sunday, 7th June, parishioners at St. Clare's were blessed to have Fr. Dom Murphy OP celebrate Mass. After Mass parishioners then held their 10th Biggest Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council.



Parishioners donated cash, purchased raffle tickets and many won most beautiful prizes, see some below. Thankyou Anna.



The amazing amount of **\$1,150.00** was raised for the Cancer Council; thankyou Clareans.

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