

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



Saint Clare Church
138 Woodhouse Grove
Box Hill North VIC 3129

10th September 2026

Dear Parishioners

The 24th Ordinary Sunday Gospel message: *Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'* (Mt. 18:21-22) God has forgiven our sins thousands and thousands of times and He does not condemn or punish us for our sins. Rather, God continually calls us to repent and to break free from the vicious cycle of sin. When we forgive the wrongdoings of others, we participate in God's grace, which enables us to break this cycle and experience true freedom. God told St. Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). God continually gives us the grace we need to forgive others. Through this grace, we learn to love more deeply and generously. Therefore, we should continually practise the virtue of forgiveness. As we learn to forgive others, we allow God's grace to transform our hearts and help us become more loving people.

Last weekend, I appealed for donations to support those affected by the natural disaster in Nepal. We received a very generous response from all the masses held in both churches, including our Italian and Vietnamese communities. I am deeply grateful to everyone for their generosity and support.

This weekend, Margaret Kwan, Queenie Lee, and Alexis Phang will attend a program presented by the Proclaim Office as part of its mission of renewal and to support the pastoral vision of *Taking the Way of the Gospel*. The program, "**Called & Gifted Discernment Process**," was developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute. It aims to help participants recognise and discern the spiritual gifts that God may be giving to each person and to discover how these gifts can be used in service of the Church and others. The Archdiocese of Melbourne is presenting this program and I believe it is a wonderful opportunity for our parish formation and renewal. We wish Margaret, Queenie, and Alexis every blessing as they participate in this program, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire them in discerning and sharing their God-given gifts.

Prayer Champion:

1. We pray for the people of Nepal. May God comfort and console them, give them strength and courage and help them through this natural disaster.
2. We pray for those who find it difficult to forgive others. May God bless them with the grace, strength and courage to forgive, and may His love bring healing and freedom to their hearts.

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Yours in Jesus Christ



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