

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



Saint Clare Church
138 Woodhouse Grove
Box Hill North VIC 3129

20th August 2026

Dear Parishioners

The 21st Sunday Ordinary Gospel message: *Jesus put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you, who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'* (Mt. 16:13-16) Jesus asks us; "who do we say He is?" Even though we have been baptized, heard His name, and experienced His love in our lives, we may still not have fully discovered who He truly is. We need to reflect on our lives regularly so that we can recognize the true nature of Jesus, whose merciful love and authority are beyond our comprehension. Through our relationship with Jesus, He gradually reveals His nature to us, little by little, and as we grow closer to Him, we come to understand Him more deeply.

Last weekend, we commenced the Archbishop's Campaign, which helps provide financial support to the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese supports the formation and training of seminarians, retired priests, prison chaplaincies, university and hospital ministries, aged care and many other charitable organizations. These ministries involve significant financial costs, which is why the Archbishop is asking for our support. He understands the challenges we face with the rising cost of living and deeply appreciates our generosity. At the same time, he cannot continue these important works without our help. This weekend, we will have another special collection, and it will be the **final collection for the Archbishop's Campaign**. I kindly ask you to consider supporting the Archbishop and the important work of the Archdiocese. I am very grateful for your generosity and continued support.

The Melbourne Synod 2026 will gather in December and is made up of clergy, religious and lay representatives. 15 lay representatives will be selected from the Eastern region. Each parish is invited to nominate up to two parishioners for consideration as lay members of Melbourne Synod. Parishioners must be nominated by a member of the parish community and endorsed by the parish priest. Ideally, nominees are active participants in parish life. They have an interest in and commitment to the Church's mission and evangelizing work. They are willing and able to participate fully in Synod formation activities and sessions. I ask you to nominate a person or two, and forward via email to the parish office and then we can present their names to the Auxiliary Bishop.

Prayer Champion:

1. We pray for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. May God bless our Archdiocese with wisdom, courage, and enthusiasm for its mission, especially as we continue the process of the Synod of Melbourne.
2. We pray for our parish, may God inspire us to serve God and deepen our spiritual lives.

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Yours in Jesus Christ



Fr Phuong Vu
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