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FIRST READING *Isaiah 8:23-9:3*

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il Signore e' mia luce e mia salvezza.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17*

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia, alleluia**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia alleluia! Gesu' predicava la buona novella del regno e guariva ogni sorta di infermita' nel popolo. **Alleluia alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17*

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

- 1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$855.00
- Loose Money..... \$260.00
- 2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$278.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 27/01/08

- 6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo
- 9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
- 10.30am (SUN) – J Vincitorio & G Silvio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

- N Ziino
- F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
- A Filippone & J Frangiosa

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 03/02/08

- 6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
- 9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & A DiRico
- 10.30am (SUN) - R Gravina & G Donnini

SPECIAL MINISTERS

- MALTESE MASS (Selected)
- P Sparano, R Pino & P Leggiero
- J Tanti & D Lucato

CHURCH CLEANERS

02/02/08 R DiGuglielmo, M Ricci & G Romano

MONEY COUNTERS

28/01/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, G Canavan & M Turnbull
04/02/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe AMATO

ANNIVERSARIES

Angelina TODARO, Giacomo & Gabriella ASTORINO, Gregorio & Antonio LOVERSO, Maria-Concetta GANINO, Pasquale LOVERSO, Maria-Nunziata LOGUANCIO, Pietro, Luigi, Annarosa & Rufina SCHIAVONE, Giuseppe, Anna & Giacomo DI PILLA, Giovanna & Frank VITELLONE, Silvana BAGGIO, Pietro D'ALESSANDRO, Fernando & Giuliana MANCINI, Virginia DI PILLA, Guido PACE, John, Anthony, Emmanuel & Polly FARRUGIA GAY, Stephen, Lucy & Carmel BORG. Rosa CICHELO

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

- Sat 6.00pm - English
- Sun. 9.00am - Italian
- Sun. 10.30am - English

- Fr Emmanuel Bonello—Parish Priest
- Sr Doreen Bentley-Pastoral Associate
- Mr Peter Chowne -School Principal
- Mrs Liz Pistoni – Parish Secretary

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

- Mon. Communion Service
- Tue. 10.00am Italian
- Wed. 9.10am - English
- Thur. 9.10am - English
- Fri. 9.10am - English

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

3rd Sunday of Year A

January 27, 2008



One in following Jesus

Jesus began his public ministry, the proclamation of the Good News, in his own province of Galilee. It was there that he chose his first disciples, Peter and Andrew, James and John. They, and the later disciples, were won over by the preaching of Jesus and also by his wonderful works of healing. However, they did not understand a lot of what he said. When he spoke of the kingdom of God, they had their own ideas of that. John and James even tried to secure for themselves the top two positions in the kingdom. So, right from the start, we see the Church of Jesus to be a mixture. Jesus said it would be that way – good and bad all in together, not a Church of the perfect. Judas betrayed Jesus, Peter denied him. The Church is divinely founded and yet composed of fallible human beings, capable of the most amazing love and the most abject failure. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we see a part of the Church as it was developing in the first century. The Corinthian Christians were an argumentative crowd. Factions had sprung up among them as groups claimed to be disciples of different leaders: Paul, Apollos, Peter, Christ. It sounded as though they belonged to different churches. Paul called them to order and reminded them that discipleship is based solely on Christ. Christ is the Centre and all others are disciples. This is the story of the Church throughout the ages – a Church divinely founded and yet composed of human beings. It is capable of tremendous faith and love, but also of terrible failings. Today the Church continues to have problems. We are living in a materialistic-minded world, in which religion is often sidelined. In Western countries only a minority of Catholics attend Mass each Sunday and there are few candidates for the priesthood and religious life. We also find problems of division within the Church, similar to the divisions among the Christians at Corinth. People form various factions. In those early times, some said they were supporters of Paul. Others said they were supporters of Apollos. In modern times, some people support more “progressive” leaders, others support more “conservative” leaders. Paul's message to the Corinthians is just as relevant to us today. “I appeal to you, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice.” We are to be united in our faith in Christ. Like Paul, we are sent to proclaim the Good News, especially by the way we live our lives. We build up the Kingdom of God by our acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity and selflessness. It was mainly practical love that caused the Church to spread so quickly in those early years. The one who shows us the way of love most of all is Jesus. We are called to be united in following him.

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ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6 2008

On Ash Wednesday February 6 2008, Mass times are 9.10am and 7.30pm. We will have blessing and distribution of Ashes at each Mass.

ITALIAN LADIES

Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella Martedì 29 Gennaio, alle ore 9.00am. Seguita con la Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

Mercoledì delle Ceneri 6 Febbraio, ci sarà due Messe, 9.10am e 7.30pm.

VIA CRUCIS

Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese tutti i Venerdì della Quaresima, con inizio Venerdì 8 Febbraio, alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday evening during Lent commencing on Friday 8 February at 7.00pm in the Church. It will be in both English and Italian. All parishioners are warmly invited to come together for this important time of prayer.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee will meet on Tuesday 29 January at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

LITURGY PLANNING DAY

The Liturgy Team will meet on Saturday 2 February at 10.00am, in the Parish Meeting Room for their Liturgy Planning day. A light lunch will be provided.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary for Mr Giuseppe Amato will be recited on Tuesday 29 January at 1.15pm. Followed by Funeral Mass at 1.30pm.

MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 30 January 7.30pm – Anna Cursio (1mth)

FEASTS

Monday 28 January – St Thomas Aquinas
Thursday 31 January – St John Bosco
Saturday 2 February – Presentation of the Lord

WEDDING

Congratulations to Anthony Arena and Rochelle Hollingsworth who were married at St. Joseph the Worker on Saturday afternoon. We ask God's blessing on them and their families on this happy occasion.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 2 February at 6.00pm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 4 February at 7.30pm in the church.

CONGRATULATIONS FR MANNY

Congratulations and best wishes to Fr Manny who celebrated his birthday last Monday.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We congratulate our parishioners John & Judy Kearney, who celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on Sunday 13 January. We ask God's blessing on them and their family on this special occasion.

"THE PASTORAL CARE OF ITALIANS IN AUSTRALIA: MEMORY AND PROPHECY."

ANTHONY PAGANONI (Editor)

This is a book in English that gives a detailed history and commentary about the Italian migration in Australia and the response of the church. The cost of the book is \$30. If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy please see Lena Cavedon, or Liz at the parish office.

THANK YOU FROM ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH

Dear Fr. Manny & the Parish Family of St. Joseph the Worker.

On behalf of the members of St. Luke's , Lalor, Outreach Group, I wish to thank you most sincerely for your very generous donation of food for our Christmas Hampers for the poor and needy of the area.

We were overwhelmed by the amount of food contributed and cannot thank you enough for your generosity. I can promise you a continued remembrance in our prayers as we journey through the New Year of 2008.

May the good Lord bless you abundantly and reward you for your response to His call _ "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink".

Yours sincerely

Margaret Farrugia

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(Co-ordinator-St. Luke's Outreach Program)



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171 DAYS TO GO



"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8)

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