

As we come and worship, we remember the wurundjeri people, the original custodians of this land

FIRST READING *Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13*

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Beat i poveri in spirito.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rallegratevi ed esultate, perche' grande e' la ricompensa nei cieli. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1-12*

Happy are the poor in spirit.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$670.00
- Loose Money.....\$239.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$298.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 30/01/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – D Pullicino
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Cavedon
10.30am (SUN) – S Miano & G Canavan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
S Lobartolo, L Calafiore, T Mirigliano
T Nguyen, A Filippone & L DeMarco

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 06/02/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – R DeZan & S LoBartolo
10.30am (SUN) - D Lucato & R Sawi

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
L Catena, L Cavedon & M Crupi
S Rottura, G Santinon & S Dakin

CHURCH CLEANERS

05/02/2011 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

31/01/2011 D Herbert, C McMahon & M Williams
07/02/2011 R & E Cornelious & M Williams

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED (between 28.12.2010 and 28. 1. 2011)

Bishop Joe GRECH, Archbishop Emmanuel GERADA, Fr Anthony HICKS, Fr Vincent BURKE, Fr Joseph ZERFAFA, Fr Anthony BUTTIGIEG, Maria Assunta FRANZE', Rosa CANGIALOSI, Carmela MIANO, Antonia BUHAGIAR, Michael BUTERA, Linda FRUSCALZO, Maria PILEGGI, Carmen FARRUGIA, Nora MILES, Francesco BONELLO, Eileen CARROLL, Ermelinda PANE

ANNIVERSARIES

Damiano FULGIONE, Stephen BORG, John Emmanuel & Polly FARRUGIA GAY, Antonia BARBARO, Gina DI DONATO, Agostino BRUNETTI, Lucia DI TORO, Johnny FORTE, Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Paola & Settimo PRECAMA, Anna, Giuseppe & Giacomo DI PILLA, Giuseppe & Angelina TODARO, Nella CAVEDON, Luigia & Carlo VALMORBIDA, Adriano CAVEDON, E DAKIN, J BUHAGIAR, Betty PELUSO, 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. 9.10am Comm. Service
Tue. 10.00am Italian
Wed. 9.10am - English
Thur. 9.10am - English
Fri. 9.10am - English
Sat. 8.30am - English

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30 January 2011

Sermon on the Mount

In most film-scenes of Jesus preaching his famous “Beatitudes”, he is standing up. But Matthew tells us he went up the hill and “sat down”. If you have ever had the opportunity to meet Fijian chiefs in their villages or Indian gurus in their ashrams, you will have noticed when important things are to be said everyone, including the speaker, sits in a circle on the ground. In this way, an atmosphere of intimacy between speaker and listeners is established. Such was the setting of Jesus’ sermon on the hill. Some of those who gathered around Jesus had experienced his healing powers – or witnessed these events. Others had simply heard the rumours, and were intrigued to find out what kind of a person Jesus was. Some were already convinced he was a prophet sent by God: they called themselves “disciples”. Others were more sceptical. In any case, this preacher from Nazareth had become a celebrity. What will he have to say today? His message is unnerving in its simplicity and outrageous in its claims. Since when has poverty of any kind been a blessing? How could gentleness be a business strategy for inheriting the earth? Suffer and mourn as you will, but experience tells us broken lives and hearts are rarely mended. As for doing justice, making peace and showing mercy, these may be fine ideals, but they don’t put bread on the table, challenge society’s bullies, or do much to improve our earthly lot. And yet? The words of Jesus linger in the minds of his hearers, no less today than when they were first spoken. They seem to go to the heart of what it is to live an authentic life. If we make wealth our goal, we are soon consumed by greed. If power is what we most want, we trample on others to achieve it. If we fail to stand up against corruption, we are already compromised. If we are deaf to the cries of the poor and downtrodden, we have lost our humanity. Where does this leave us? Jesus’ unsurpassable vision of moral goodness is no mere earthly wisdom. His Beatitudes inspire and confront us because they are based on his knowledge, love and experience of God, He frequently calls this “the reign of God” or “the kingdom of heaven” – already present among us. God’s reign is not like the earthly kingdoms of wealth and power. The divine presence is everywhere, but only the “pure in heart” – those who know their own nothingness-have hearts free enough to encounter this living God. Mary, the mother of Jesus, knew this. Her Magnificat prayer, like the Sermon on the Mount, celebrates the “divine reversal”: God’s mercy is present where we least expect it. It upturns kingdoms of selfishness and corruption. It proclaims liberty to captives and brings joy to broken and unfulfilled lives. All this is expressed in the self-emptying love of Christ on Calvary. He shows us the way to live by pouring out our lives for others. It is to the little ones the kingdom of God belongs.

WELCOME SR. ESTELITA MANABO SJBP

We welcome Sr. Estelita our new Pastoral Associate. We look forward to working with Estelita for a continual growth of faith and unity in our parish.

On Sunday 13 February during the 10.30am Mass we celebrate a special farewell for Sr. Doreen thanking her for her eight years as our Pastoral Associate.

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 1 February 7.00pm – Maria Assunta Franze' (1 mth)

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass, will be celebrated next Saturday 5 February at 6.00pm.

MARY MACKILLOP COMMEMORATIVE DVD

A DVD of the Melbourne celebrations of 17 October and 6 November 2010 marking the canonisation of Mary Mackillop is available at the Cathedral Shop, cathedralshop@cam.org.au or 9665 2256, Central Catholic Bookshop 9639 0844 and the Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre 9926 9300.

MELBOURNE SINGLE CATHOLICS

Melbourne Single Catholics 35-55 will host a Sunday brunch at Carousel Café, 22 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park Lake on Sunday 27 February, 12.00pm. A walk may also be held on the day. Details: www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics.

ANIMA EDUCATION: "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT": ST PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

This one day seminar will look at chapters 5-8 of this great epistle, to see how Paul taught the Roman Christians to live their new life "in the Spirit". Lecturer: David Schutz. The seminar will be held at Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood on Saturday 5 February 2011, 10.00am – 5.00pm. Cost is \$30, BYO lunch. Details: Tom Fahy 9886 9764 or via email at tgahy@aapt.net.au.

CALLED & GIFTED

Friday 18 February, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Saturday 19 February, 9.30am – 4.00pm. St Anne's Church Hall, Park Orchards. A guide to identifying and developing the spiritual gifts received at Baptism in order to discover our mission as Christians in the world.

Details: www.evangelisation.org or to register contact the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 99265761, office@evangelisation.org.

A FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH ELDERS: Bringing you up to date with the impacts of living under the Intervention

In May 2010 Elders, **Rosalie Kunoth Monks OAM** from Central Australia and **Dr. Rev. Djiniyini Gondarra OAM** from Arnhem Land joined in conversation with **Prof. the Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC** expressing their views on the Northern Territory Intervention. They have since shared their concerns with the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, (details at www.concernedaustralians.com.au) Rosalie and Djiniyini will again visit us, accompanied by other Elders / Leaders including Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann. They will share what has been happening and highlight the changes taking place in the various communities/homelands of the NT. For further information and registrations follow links at www.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/news-and-events/all-forthcoming-events Click **Wattle Icon**/Feb 7th event or ph: Dianne Costello 8344 1153 9.00am – 5.00pm. **Date:** Monday 7 February; **Time:** 5.45 for 6.00pm start 7.30pm. **Location:** Theatre G08, Ground Floor, Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton (Melways 2B C9).



A TESTIMONY ON DIVINE MERCY

Hear the powerful testimony of Stanley Villavice Ncio's personal encounter with Jesus Christ of the Divine Mercy. He will speak at parishes in Northcote, Airport West, Rochester, Lalor, Geelong and North Fitzroy from 4 - 9 February.

Each session will have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, testimony by Br Stanley, question time and veneration of Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe images.

Details: Beverley or Terry Price, 9431 1258, 0438 401 338, or visit the News and Events page on www.cam.org.au.