

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth and he will tell them all I command.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ascoltate oggi la voce del Signore.

SECOND READING Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. **Alleluia.**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Il popolo che abitava nelle tenebre vide una grande luce, per quelli che abitavano in regione e ombra di morte una luce e' sorta. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL Mark 1: 21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$712.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$196.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$313.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 01/02/09

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – R Fato & L Calafiore
 10.30am (SUN) – A Vinelli & D Lucato

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
 L Catena, L Cavedon & A DiRico
 C McMahon, S Miano & D Herbert

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 08/02/09

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & C Brunetti
 10.30am (SUN) - L Conte & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 T Forte, G Moltisanti & R Mercuri
 J & J Kearney & J Vincitorio

CHURCH CLEANERS

07/02/09 L Catena, A Sirianni & F Agugiars

MONEY COUNTERS

02/02/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea
 09/02/09 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Luigi ARTICO, Aldo SONZA, Rocco DE PACE, Domenico IACONIS & Felice TARANTO
Thomas ALEXANDER, Fr Joseph MEJLAK

ANNIVERSARIES

Gregorio, Pasquale & Antonio LOVERSO, Mariaconcetta GANINO, Maria-Annunciata LOGUANCIO
 Domenico FERRARO, Famiglia SALVATORE, Mario FERRAGHI, Raffaele FACCIN(2 ann.)
 Maria ANDRIGHETTO (Andrea's Mother) Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Giuseppe, Anna & Giacomo DI PILLA
 Sante & Bambina GUGLIELMI, Maria-Rosa CICHELO, Vincenza GENTILE, Damiano FULGIONE,
 Carmelo CARDILLO, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA

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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



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1 February 2009



Authority

Mark's Gospel is without frills. We meet Jesus first when he goes to receive baptism from John the Baptist. Then after a period in the wilderness, he has no sooner chosen his first disciples than he begins the work he was sent by the Father to do. Mark establishes Jesus' credentials right away. He tells us that he 'made a deep impression' on the people and an unclean spirit announces that he is 'the Holy One of God'. We are also told that he spoke and acted 'with authority'. What does it mean to speak of authority in this context? Humanly speaking we are often all too aware of those in authority. Even in our democratic societies, where we have had a say in who is elected

to lead us, those in power are often criticised for overstepping their authority. At least in democracies if things go wrong leaders can be called to account or removed from office, but sadly in many parts of the world, there remain those in authority who have no one to call them to account, and their people are tyrannized and abused. Looking back over the history of the world, including the history of the chosen people of Israel, it seems that it was ever so. Later in his Gospel Mark tells us what happened after James and John had asked Jesus for positions of importance on either side of him in his glory. "When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the gentiles those they call their rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. Among you this is not to happen. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant.' Jesus is providing us with a wholly new benchmark for understanding authority and its exercise, but it is a mighty difficult one for us to accept and live by. It calls for a completely new way of understanding human relations. Even in the Church our record is far from unblemished and we need to be vigilant lest we fall into the trap of exercising authority as domination rather than service. As with everything that Jesus teaches us, his message goes to the heart of our human experience. Children at school know who the good teachers are, they are not the ones who are always shouting and threatening. They are the ones who have an aura about them that commands attention. They are the ones who are consistent and fair, who know their subject, and are seen to practice what they preach. It is the same in every walk of life. There are those whose very presence commands attention. They exercise authority well because they are men and women of integrity. They spend themselves in the service of those in their charge. It is when we truly love one another that we find ourselves behaving in this way. It was because Jesus loved us that he spoke and acted with authority.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7 February at 6.00pm.

FEASTS

Monday 2 February – Presentation of the Lord

Thursday 5 February - St Agatha

Friday 6 February – Paul Miki & Companions Martyrs

MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 4 February 7.30pm – Tommasina Vaccaro in Molinaro (d. rec.)

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team will meet on Thursday 5 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team will meet for a Liturgy Planning Day on Saturday 7 February starting at 9.30am - 12.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

CUPPA



Next Sunday 8 February after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR JOHN HERBERT

Congratulations to Fr John Herbert who has been elected as Abbot (Leader) of the New Norcia Benedictine Monastery in WA. Fr John was born in Melbourne and lived in Reservoir, he is the son of our parishioner Mrs Dot Herbert. Congratulations to Dot on this special occasion of her son. We offer our prayers for Fr John as he starts this new role.

Fr John Herbert was installed as Abbot of New Norcia on Friday 23 January.

At a date yet to be finalised, there will be a public liturgy at which the most Reverend Barry Hickey, Archbishop of Perth, will bless Fr Herbert. Our parish priest Fr Manny had the privilege to meet Fr John Herbert last September during the National Conference of Priests in New Norcia.



SAN GABRIELE DELL'ADDOLORATA

Associazione San Gabriele dell'Addolorata vi invita a una celebrazione religiosa in onore al Santo Domenica 15 Febbraio 2009. Nel Monastero dei Padri Passionisti (Holy Cross) Serpells Rd, Templestowe (Melway Map Ref. 33k6)

Programma: Inizio Mercoledì 11 Febbraio con il triduo alle ore 7.30pm. Prima e dopo il triduo ci saranno le confessioni individuali. Proseguirà Giovedì 12, e Venerdì 13 Febbraio.

La cerimonia di Domenica 15 Febbraio inizierà alle ore 10.30am con la Santa Messa cantata dalla Corale di S. Antonio e celebrata da Padre Aurelio D'Intino proveniente dal santuario di San Gabriele. Durante la Messa ci sarà la benedizione degli ammalati. Processione con le statue di San Gabriele e San Paolo della Croce, accompagnata dai "gabriellini" e dalla banda Bellini. Saranno in vendita articoli religiosi. Rinnovamento della tessera a abbonamento a L'Eco di San Gabriele. Nel pomeriggio sosta nel parco per il picnic (in vendita porchetta, pasta, panini, bibite, caffè). Musica del complesso Marina e floor show. Alle ore 4.00pm rientro in chiesa della statua e benedizione. Dalle 4.30pm alle 6.00pm musica dal vivo. Per informazione rivolgersi a Renato Catena 9460 4597.

PELLEGRINAGGIO ALLA MADDONA DI LOURDES 8 FEBBRAIO 2009

Pellegrinaggio della Maddona di Lourdes al Calabria Club, Bulla. L'autobus partirà dalla parrocchia alle 8.30am. Le persone che si sono prenotate per favore portino i \$15 dollari entro questa settimana. Per informazione, rivolgetevi a Rosa DeZan 9357 1089 o Gina Tempone 9462 1641.

SCHOOL MASS


We welcome to St Joseph the Worker our new teachers and preps for 2009. And welcome back to all students, teachers and staff. We pray that 2009 will be a successful and productive year for all, filled with God's blessing.

To celebrate the beginning of the School year there will be a School Mass on Friday 6 February at 9.10am with all students attending. Parishioners are all welcome!!!!

We congratulate the **four New Catholic Primary Schools** opened this year 2009:

Mother Teresa Primary School, Graigieburn; St Joseph Primary School, Mernda;

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Wyndam Vale; and St George Preca Primary School, Caroline Springs.



PARADE COLLEGE
OPEN DAY
Sunday, 15 February, 2009
Bundoora Campus - 11.00am – 3.00pm
Preston Campus – 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Parade creates a challenging, stimulating environment that ensures each student strives for personal excellence in developing to his fullest potential.

You are warmly invited to our Open Day to learn more about the modern facilities and extensive programs offered by Parade College. There is no need to register, simply come along with your family to experience first hand the opportunities we can offer your son.

For further information contact Debbie Tagell, Registrar on 9468 3304.

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MARK'S GOSPEL

‘Mark, the shortest of the Gospels,
contains the most vivid and human portrayal of Jesus.

He expresses deep emotions (which Matthew and Luke often omit):
Compassion, strong displeasure, surprise at disbelief, deep sighs, indignation and ignorance of when history will end. Jesus is a powerful and mysterious presence whose actions constantly elicit wonder and surprise and evoke questions such a “Who is this?” (4:41).

‘The narrative style harmonizes with the picture of Jesus – rapid scene changes with Jesus on the move, surrounded by crowds, announcing and enacting God’s reign, narrated in short, staccato sentences with constant use of the connective, “immediately.”

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Donahue SJ