

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

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il Signore e' bonta' e misericordia.

SECOND READING *Romans 8:8-11*

If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:
Whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'! Io sono
la risurrezione e la vita, dice il Signore,
chi crede in me non morira' in eterno.
Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

GOSPEL *John 11:1-45*

I am the resurrection and the life.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$818.00
- Loose Money.....\$360.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$304.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 10/04/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R DiGuglielmo
10.30am (SUN) – L Conte & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
D Biasibetti, P Leggiero & S Lobartolo
S Rottura, G Santinon & C McMahon

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 17/04/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
10.30am (SUN) - J Akinido & Sr T Fitzsimmons

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
A Sonza, M Piscioneri & G Barbaro
D Herbert, S Dakin & L De Marco

CHURCH CLEANERS

16/4/2011 R DeZan, A Natoli, S Brima & A M Zappia

MONEY COUNTERS

11/04/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
18/04/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Evelyn XERRI, Antonina SALANITRI, Luigi CURSIO, Giovannina RIGONI

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph DEBONO, Carmelo AGIUS, Michelangelo, Giovanni e Michael BUTERA, Domenico SPOSARO, Maria-Angela SPOSARO, Maria-Concetta MACCARONE, Sabatino RIDOLFI, Claudio VALMORBIDA, Domenico & Concetta CUTRUPI, Giuseppe SERRATORE, Giovanna MICHENZI, Giuseppe & Barbara TRINCHI, Filomena & Gaetano ARMENISE, Agnese, Francesco & Vincenzo CINQUE, Giuseppe, Roccotelli & Giosue' PROCHILLO, Matteo SAPORITO, Francesco CATALANO, Rosa CAFAGNO, Antonio SCHIPANO, Domenico CRUPI, Francesco BARRESI, Antonio & Beniamino PASCUZZI, Matteo NAPOLITANO, Sebastiano GUGLIELMINO

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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 Estelita Manabo-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

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

10 April 2011

God of the Living

The Lenten season reaches its climax in the execution and resurrection of Jesus. The scripture readings today are a powerful and timely reminder of the meaning of Lent. They express a call to us to turn back to the Lord of life. A willing turn to the Lord is a decision. It is being open to receive the gift of true life. For we are only fully alive when God lives in us and we in God.

What is most striking about today's readings is God's calling the dead to life. God does not desire the death of anyone, but wants life for everyone. The context of Ezekiel's message was that the people of Israel were living without hope. They are truly dead in spirit. But Ezekiel's message was challenging and uplifting. God never desired their death, and will never abandon them to their fate. "Oh my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people" (Ez 37:12-13). The imagery of the grave makes for a powerful symbol of death and of our total disintegration into nothingness and oblivion. But God opens the graves. The people can be brought back to life. We get an insight into who God is, and what his heart is like. The Father's deepest desire is for the life for everyone, and never death. This is a comforting message. Life, however, will be given only to those who heed the message and are open to receive it. St Paul had to keep reminding his fellow believers in Rome of their belonging to Christ. Being united to him gives true life. Those living apart from Christ are the real dead. The story of Lazarus in John's Gospel has its importance in showing that even death could not overcome life for those who believe in Jesus. "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26). Lazarus' death provided the occasion for revealing how Jesus is "the resurrection and the life". At the very beginning of his Gospel, John spoke very clearly of Jesus' identity and mission: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men" (Jn 1:4).

Such messages are constantly emphasised in the scriptures. It is indeed strange for us believers to speak in terms of God punishing the wrongdoers of wanting their eternal death. The scriptures therefore pose a direct challenge to this negative mentality and the despairing judgments it utters.

No matter how badly any life may have been lived, there is always a potential spark of life to be fanned into a flame if it is given the opportunity. That opportunity is always there from God's part – illustrating the depth of his love for each person. There is always hope for everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR MAX VODOLA

Fr Max Vodola, former and second parish priest of our parish of St. Joseph the Worker North Reservoir, has received a doctorate in philosophy phd, after completing his studies on Church History. His graduation was celebrated on Thursday 7 April 2011 at Monash University. His doctoral thesis was on "Pope John XXIII, Vatican II and the Genesis of Aggiornamento: A contextual Analysis of Angelo Roncalli's (Pope John XXIII) works on San Carlo Borromeo in relation to late twentieth century church Reform". Our congratulations to Fr Max and we continue to wish him well in his ministry as Parish Priest of Flemington and Kensington and in his work as a Lecturer of Church History at the Catholic Theological College. Fr Max formal title is: "Rev. Dr. Max Vodola phd".

CUPPA



There will be a cuppa in the Narthex after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish and meet some fellow parishioners.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Emily Manitta** child of Anthony & Melissa, **Alessia Perrotta** child of Simone and Diana, **Shuvai Ngwenya** child of Norman and Rosetta, **Iesha, Elissa & Yasin Panjshiri** who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Funeral Mass for **Antonina Salanitri** will be celebrated on Monday 11 April at 11.30am.

The Rosary for **Luigi Cursio** will be recited on Tuesday 12 April at 11.15 followed by Funeral Mass at 11.30am.

The Funeral Mass for **Giovanina Rigoni** will be celebrated on Wednesday 13 April at 10.00am.

PARISH LITURGY MEETING

The Parish Liturgy Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 April and 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 16 April commencing at 8.00am in order to prepare the church grounds for Easter. Volunteers needed and welcome! Lunch will be provided.

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 15 April 7.30pm – Giuseppe Schipano (1 mth)

PARISH GATHERING

Parishioners and friends of St. Joseph the Worker are invited to attend an evening reflection talk about the value of community in the School Hall on Wednesday 11 May 2011 at 7.00pm. (keep this date free) The title of the talk is: "BUILDING AND AFFIRMING THE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS" Guest Speaker will be: Fr Bob Maguire, parish priest of South Melbourne. Keep this date free!

SHARE THE DREAM 3RD NATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILY GATHERING

In conjunction with the Australian Catholic Bishop Conference, the Melbourne Archdiocese is hosting Share the Dream. Featuring international, and local speakers, practical workshops, music, prayer, a full children's program and concurrent youth conference. Share the Dream offers something for every member of the family. The event runs from 15-17 April 2011 at Xavier College in Kew.

Details or to register: www.sharethedream.org.au

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE 2011

THURSDAY 14th APRIL

7.30pm – General Reconciliation Rite

SUNDAY 17th APRIL: PALM SUNDAY

Blessing of Palms or other branches during each Mass of that Weekend.

TUESDAY 19th APRIL

11.00am Chrim Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils)

at St Patrick's Cathedral

Celebrated by the Archbishop and priests of Melbourne.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL: HOLY THURSDAY

7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of reposition which will be set up in the chapel.

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL: GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm - Good Friday Ceremonies: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.00pm – Via Crucis (Station of the Cross) in Italian

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL: HOLY SATURDAY

7.30pm Easter Vigil Celebration of Mass

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL: EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am – Mass In Italian,

10.30am – Mass in English.

MONDAY 25TH APRIL: EASTER MONDAY (and ANZAC DAY)

ANZAC DAY MASS will be celebrated at 10.00am

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS (CONFESSIONI INDIVIDUALI)

TUESDAY 14th APRIL – 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL – 9.30am

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL – 10.00am and 7.00pm

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL – 10.00am

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL – 10.00am and 7.00pm

PALM SUNDAY

Parishioners who can assist in bringing palms please bring them to the Church by 10.00am on Saturday morning 16 April. Thank you.