

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

**FIRST READING** Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Rendete grazie al Signore perche' e' buono: il suo amore e' per sempre.

**SECOND READING** Peter 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Perche' mi hai veduto, Tommaso, tu hai creduto; beati quelli che non hanno visto e hanno creduto. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$771.00  
- Loose Money.....\$1415.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery.....\$1131.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 15/04/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) - E Saliba & D Pullicino  
9.00am (SUN) - S LoBartolo & A DiRico  
10.30am (SUN) - E Bartlett & R Sawi

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

S Dakin & N Ziino  
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti  
L Conte, T Nguyen & L Greco

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 22/04/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) - E Krygger & B Nadenbousch  
9.00am (SUN) - C Brunetti & G Barbaro  
10.30am (SUN) - S Miano & J Iaria

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Saliba & J Pullicino  
P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon  
U Strangis, J Tanti & S Dakin

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

21/04/2012 R DeZan & S Brima

**MONEY COUNTERS**

16/04/2012 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito  
23/04/2012 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Francesca GRAZIANO (d.rec. Italia), Aurelia MOLINA, Alfredo ROSATA, Ferdinando NOBILE

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Archbishop Frank LITTLE, Joseph BONELLO, Charlie AGIUS, Mario & Domenica FORGIONE, Carmelo RENNA, Santo RENNA, Pasqualina, Lucia & Giovanni MASCIOTRA, Claudio VALMORBIDA, Domenico CRUPI, Francesco BARRESI, Bartolomeo & Giovanna LA GRECA, Bartalo & Giuseppina RANDO, Giuseppe RANDO

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms - Sunday 12.00pm  
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B

15 April 2012

## The Gift of True Community

Today's reading from the Acts paints an extraordinary picture of life in the earliest Christian community. It's members were of one heart and mind. They shared everything so that no one was in need. It was a community that gave strong witness to the power of the Resurrection at work, leading us to new life. There is a deep yearning for the unity of the human family in our hearts. We long for peace, goodness, acceptance, justice, truth, joy, security, and for mutual love.

We desire this for our families, for the communities of our own cultures and traditions, and for the wider world in all its diversity. It is the dream of many people of goodwill and diverse faiths. It is the dream of many committed Christians. Above all, it is the dream of Jesus that we all be one just as He and His Father are one in the Spirit. Our life experiences, however, reflect deep contradictions with the longing of our hearts. We have experience of many powerful manifestations of sin.

We see the power of evil both near and far, bringing about hatred and divisions: huge wealth disparities, social distrust, unbridled lust for domination, gender discriminations, prejudices, and hate are all part of a depressing picture. Destructive attitudes are fostered and bad policies implemented to undermine peace and to exploit differences in social, ethnic, racial, cultural, or religious diversity. We Christians are not immune from the power of sin in our ranks and institutions.

We may ask whether the dream of the human family becoming one is a hopeless fantasy. Are the efforts of many Christians and people of goodwill working to bring about peace and reconciliation doomed to failure? Was Jesus himself a hopeless dreamer in this regard? And for all of us, are we simply wasting our time and energy on what can never really happen? The genuinely Christian answer is this: we must never abandon the dream that we will become one. We must continue to give our full commitment right to the end.

God raised Jesus from the dead. That is the surest sign that God has not and will not abandon the human family to destruction. We keep on hoping because in Jesus, God has irrevocably pledged himself to be faithful. By raising Jesus from the tomb God is stating his commitment to leading us, through suffering and death, to the fullness of life. His promise is not in vain. The unity of the human community comes about only by the pure gift of God. This gift must be gratefully received. Like the disciples, we need to inhale the breath of new life. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into us-and the Spirit brings the gifts of peace, life, love, and community. Our deepest unity is to be reborn in Christ and to share the life of God. United to Christ, we are taken into the heart of God and live in the love of the Spirit: in God, in the unity of the Holy Trinity, we find our true unity and our true home.

### **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **James Fenech** child of Robert and Frances, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING**

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 16 April at 7.30pm in the church.

### **FUNERAL NOTICE**

The Rosary for Alfredo Rosata will be recited on Monday 16 April at 10.00am followed by Funeral Mass at 10.30am.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

Please return Project Compassion boxes to the parish as soon as possible. Remember to fill-in your details on the flap in order to receive a tax deductible receipt.

### **WHERE IS GOD IN THE MIDST OF HUMAN SUFFERING?**

Talk by international lecturer, Fr Richard Leonard Monday 16 April, 7.30pm.

Fr Richard will explore this question that arises in every human heart when accident, illness, pain and catastrophe strikes the human family. The address will be sourced on his bestselling book **“Where the Hell is God?”** Fr Richard Leonard, SJ is a Jesuit of the Australian Catholic Film Office, a consultant to the Australian Catholic Bishop’s Media Committee, and a film critic for all the major Catholic newspapers of Australia. A holder of a doctorate in cinema studies, he has lectured all over the world.

Where: St Ignatius Parish Hall (Behind St Ignatius Church) 326 Church St, Richmond.

More information 8420 6789.

### **MISSIONARY SISTER OF ST PETER CLAVER**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 22 April at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing at 2.00pm. Admission is free – a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist Orphans and poor children in the nalgonnda Diocese, India and Long Hoi Parish, Vietnam.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB SATURDAY 28 APRIL**

Breakfast Club Saturday 28 April, 9.00am, morning mass will be followed by Adoration until 10.00am. Breakfast is then provided in the hall next door. It is a great chance to connect with other young people. **Where:** All Saints Parish, 174 Brunswick St, Fitzroy.

**RSVP** to the AOY on Facebook or 9412 3322.

### **HOURS OF GRACE 2012**

In preparation for the ‘Year of Grace’, announced by Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, this is 100 days of round the clock adoration, covering 7 cities across Australia! These moments of Perpetual Adoration are offered for the increase in Religious Vocations in Australia. Organised by Jesus Youth, Australia.

**April 29 to May 5, Where:** St. Andrew’s Church, 105 Greaves St, North, Werribee

**Contact:** Vijesh Mani: 0432 235 761

**May 19 to May 27, Where:** St Francis De Sales, 626 Pascoe Vale Rd, Oak Park

**Contact:** Vijoy Francis: 0422 196 953

### **ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR YOUTH (AOY) EVENT**

Breakfast Club - Saturday 28 April, 9.00am.

Morning mass will be followed by Adoration until 10.00am. Breakfast is then provided in the hall next door. It is a great chance to connect with other young people.

Where: All Saints Parish, 174 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. RSVP to the AOY on Facebook or 9412 3322

## **ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO PORTRAIT DAY**

St Joseph the Worker Primary School is holding a Family Photo Portrait Day on Sunday 22 April 2012. Don’t have a gift organized for Mother’s Day? What a great gift idea for the mothers and grandmothers in our parish community!

Family Portraits will be taken in the school hall Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at a cost of \$20. All proceeds go towards fundraising for the school. Families will receive a 13"x10" framed photo and a wallet sized photo with a keyring. Photos must be taken with parents and children or grandparents and grandchildren.

All photos will be ready for pick up during the week leading up to Mother’s Day (13 May 2012)

So if you are looking for a lovely gift or a family portrait to keep for yourself, please contact DEBBI at the school office on 9469 7800 to make an appointment time for a photo sitting.

Thank you to all parishioners for the ongoing support to fundraising at St Joseph the Worker Primary School.

### **CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB FRIDAY 27 APRIL 7.00PM**

The Catholic Book Club, in association with the Central Catholic Bookshop, invites you to join our monthly meetings – anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and writing is welcome to join us. We next meet on Friday 27 April to discuss “The presence of Grace” – a collection of short stories by J. F Powers. **Where:** Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne (near the corner of Elizabeth Street)

NB. The main door will be locked after hours, so if you arrive late and cannot enter the building, please call us on 9670 1815. More Info: 0405 486 531 or [pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.au](mailto:pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.au)

### **VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAY MINISTRY**

The Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) was founded by St. Vincent Pallotti in Rome in 1835 and offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized activity. Applicants should demonstrate enthusiasm and ability in a particular area of endeavor e.g. youth ministry, pastoral care, community service, Aboriginal health and education. From a pool of approximately \$5000, one grant or several smaller ones are offered. There are two rounds each year, for which applications close on 30 April and 31 October. More information & application form.

[www.pallottine.org.au](http://www.pallottine.org.au) or [patron2@dodo.com.au](mailto:patron2@dodo.com.au)

### **ROYAL MELBOURNE PHILHARMONIC PRESENTS “ICONS”**

TCHAIKOVSKY Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, WILLOCK Anastasis, CASSOMENOS Heiratikon, Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Choir, Russian Bells, Strings and Percussion

- Deacon Vladimir Bigdan cangor
- Nicholas Dinopoulos bass baritone
- Stacey Alleaume soprano (April 29)
- Merlyn Quaife soprano (May 5, 6 and 12)
- Andrew Wailes conductor

Geelong – Sunday 29 April, 8.00pm, Basilica of St Mary of the Angels.

**Bookings:** Ticketmaster, 136 100 [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### **VINNIES SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY**

Vinnies Social Justice in the City, Wednesday 30 May, 12.00pm.

Sr Margaret Mary Flynn IBVM, Australian leader of the Loreto Sisters and 2010 NSW Business Woman of the Year will be presenting on her work in rural areas with disadvantaged women and the networks and opportunities established for employment.

**Where:** St Francis’ Church annex, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.