

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

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Mio Dio, mio Dio, perche' mi hai abbandonato?

**SECOND READING** Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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**GOSPEL** Matthew 26:14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$830.00  
- Loose Money.....\$269.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery.....\$321.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 17/04/2011**

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

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 24/04/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) - E Krygger  
9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & M Crupi  
10.30am (SUN) - E Thompson & J Iaria

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

23/4/2011 S Dakin & P D' Aniello

**MONEY COUNTERS**

18/04/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito  
25/04/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Fr Ronald MERRICK, Maria TANTI (Victor Tanti's mother) Anthony REFALO

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Antonio PISTONE, Michael KIELBASKA, Elvira SCRIBA, Bartolomeo & Giovanna LA GRECA, Bartolo & Giuseppina RANDO, Gina DI DONATO, Francesco VACIRCA, Johnny FORTE, Michele INZITARI, Stella & Giuseppe GALATI, Rocco FERRARO, Famiglia FERRARO, Famiglia PUGLIESE, Famiglia VALMORBIDA

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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

Passion (Palm) Sunday, Year A

17 April 2011

## Holy Week

This week we celebrate the mystery of a divinely extravagant love that lies at the heart of our faith: Jesus' death and resurrection. We gather today with the liturgy of Palm Sunday, and reenact the scene of his entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, to the cheers of the crowd. Isaiah's first reading leaves us in no doubt about what is to unfold. Jesus is cast in the role of the suffering servant, the one who, though innocent, will suffer on behalf of the people.

In the second reading Paul presents the mystery of Jesus' identity in hallowed terms: His state was divine yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. ....But God raised him high....that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Here, in a nutshell, is the ancient testimony as to who Jesus actually is. He is truly Lord and God. For us and for our salvation he emptied himself and accepted death on a cross.

Today, we will shout "hosanna" in the liturgy of the palms, and "crucify him" in the reading of the passion. What is interesting in this Palm Sunday liturgy, as we listen to the story of Jesus' last hours, is that we, the congregation, operate in the role of *observers* of Jesus' actions, and indeed as somewhat ambivalent ones at that, perhaps even resistant to following in his way.

Our stance will change radically as we progress through the liturgies that will take place later in Holy Week. On Holy Thursday, our attention will focus on his last meal with the disciples, immediately prior to his betrayal and arrest. We will hear the story of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. Subtly but surely, we will be invited to move from being mere *observers* to *identifying* with Jesus and to *imitating* him. As Jesus explains: "I have washed your feet so you also ought to wash one another's feet. I have set before you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. "Jesus' message is clear: Our sharing in the Eucharist-in the Holy Thursday liturgy and in every celebration of the Eucharist-is a participation in this ministry of service to each other and to the world.

When we then come to Good Friday and we listen again to the account of his passion and death, we will come not as mere *observers*, somewhat detached from the events before us, but responding to the call to follow his way and imitate his compassion, hospitality, love and concern for others, especially for the poor and marginalised. Holy Week will culminate in the Easter Vigil Eucharist, when we will celebrate Jesus' paschal mystery of new life through suffering and death, and our entry into this great mystery of life and love. We are no longer mere *observers*, nor even just *imitators*, but deeply *immersed* in Jesus' paschal mystery. So, we are incorporated into the life and love of God, the author of this great story of love.

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Martedì 19 Aprile dopo la Santa Messa delle ore 10.00am in Sala ci sarà la tradizionale presentazione dei simboli della Pasqua. Tutti benvenuti per uno spuntino familiare. (Donazione).

### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Daniel De Nittis** child of John and Addie, and **Carla Hage** child of Michael and Stephanie, 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.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Anthony & Mary Bonello who celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary April 17 2011. We wish them many more happy years and blessings in their married life.

### **MEMORIAL MASS**

Wednesday 20 April 7.30pm – Paolo Guarino (1 yr)

### **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!

### **15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PASSION PLAY**

15 the Annual Passion Play held at Ruffey Lake park, Doncaster this Easter. Two performances only: Palm Sunday, 17 April 2011, 1.30pm and Good Friday, 22 April 2011, 10.00am. Details: [www.passionplay.info](http://www.passionplay.info).

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOX HILL**

Stations of the Cross will be presented by the Youth of the Parishes of St Clare and St Francis Xavier Good Friday at 10.00am at St Francis Xavier Church, 1087 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill.

### **HOLY SATURDAY PREPARATION RITES**

Saturday 23 April, 2011 9:45am – 12.30pm.  
Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoira Parade, East Melbourne 3002.  
The tradition of the Church is that Holy Saturday is one of prayer and reflection for the Elect. It is also a time to celebrate the Rites before Baptism.  
Details and registration: [www.cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation) or 9926 5761.

Alpha



Alpha is a course of small group discussions (once a week for 10 weeks). The next course will be held at St. Francis Hall, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park, (at the back of the School Car Park), starting on Thursday 28 April 2011 at 7.00pm. Alpha course is an opportunity to discover the meaning of being a Christian with the busyness of life. Alpha is an opportune time to reflect and explore the real questions we want to ask within a friendly atmosphere. Much more details are provided in the white brochures available in the narthex and near the side door of the church.  
For further information you can phone: 9407 3171.

## *HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE 2011*



**THIS WEEKEND WE BEGIN THE HOLY WEEK WITH**

### **PALM SUNDAY**

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

### **TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

11.00am Chrism Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils)  
at St Patrick's Cathedral

Celebrated by the Archbishop and priests of Melbourne.1  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL: HOLY THURSDAY**

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

### **FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL: HOLY SATURDAY**

7.30pm Easter Vigil Celebration of Mass

### **SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: EASTER SUNDAY**

9.00am – Mass In Italian,  
10.30am – Mass in English.

**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: EASTER MONDAY (and ANZAC DAY)**  
**ANZAC DAY MASS will be celebrated at 10.00am**

### **INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS (CONFESSIONI INDIVIDUALI)**

TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL – 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL – 9.30am

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL – 10.00am and 7.00pm

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL – 10.00am

SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – 10.00am and 7.00pm