

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

**FIRST READING** Acts: 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

**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** Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

**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, alleluia!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia, 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..... \$959.00  
- Loose Money..... \$1827.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery..... \$1332.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 11/4/2010**

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan  
9.00am (SUN) – S Lo Bartolo & A DiRico  
10.30am (SUN) – T Fitzsimmons & E Thompson

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Saliba  
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti  
U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 18/04/2010**

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba  
9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro  
10.30am (SUN) - J Iaria & T Vavala

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

N Ziino  
P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon  
Sr Doreen, C McMahon & J Frangiosa

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

17/4/2010 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & A Leggiero

**MONEY COUNTERS**

12/04/2010 J & J Keareny, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon  
19/04/2010 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Fr Gerard FITZGERALD, Clement BAJADA, Kristina AZZOPARDI, Josephine BAJADA, Francesca ATTARD, Pasquale PISANI, Mario CAIO, Royston MEYERS

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Archbishop Frank LITTLE, Giuseppina DI RITO, Giovanna & Salvatore FERRARO, Domenico FAMIGLIA, Giuseppe TARANTO, Gina DI DONATO, Paola PRECAMA, Vito & Grazia BARRESE, Giolio COSTANTINI, Antonio, Domenico, Carmela, Caterina, Bruno & Elisabetta SCHIPANO, Bruno ARENA, Pier Paolo PROCOPPIO, Francesco CRUPI, Francesco BUTERA, Domenico & Maria-Angela SPOSARO, Sabatino RIDOLFI, Bartolomeo & Giovanna LA GRECA, Bartolo & Giuseppina RANDO, Pasquale CRITELLI, Joseph DE BONO, Charlie AGIUS, Michele STABILE, Carmela CARUSO, Lucia ONNEMBO, Leo DALTON Carmela FORLANO, Daniello, Asunta & Sabato SABATINO, Mariannina VECCHIO,

# 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 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

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 C

11 April, 2010

## *I am the living one*

We often talk about people being “full of life”. We all know from personal experience what that means. At the other end of the scale, we become concerned if we feel lifeless, perhaps weighed down by anxiety or stress, seemingly dragging ourselves through life from day to day.

In his writings Saint John emphasizes the fact that Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full. Today, with the whole family of the Church, this is what we celebrated.

No doubt influenced by Jewish liturgical practice, the Church developed the custom of celebrating some of the major feasts for eight days. Foremost among these was the feast of Easter. It speaks to us of the fullness of life. Without it, none of the other feasts, and, indeed, no Christian belief would make sense.

So today with John, we go back to the first Easter Sunday. We recall how Jesus came to his disciples, and showed himself to them as alive. That filled them with joy. But now we move on in the eight days that followed. Note how John focuses on Thomas because he had not shared in the joy of the others. Like the other disciples Thomas’s world had caved in after the death of Jesus, but Jesus returns to restore him to life and fill him with joy. The key to this story and indeed to the whole of John’s Gospel is what he then goes on to say. The evangelist reminds us that it would have been impossible to record all the signs Jesus had given. Then he adds, “These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.”

So there we have it: it is the Gospel of life, reinforced for us by John’s writing in the Apocalypse where the Lord announces: I am the Living One.” It was the message that Jesus himself proclaimed when disputing with the Pharisees about the afterlife: “God is God, not of the dead, but of the living.”

The key for us is to realise that this life is available to us now, not just when this earthly life is over. The message of Easter is that Jesus really has come back to life, to a real transformed and bodily life. He is given to us as the beginning of a new creation – which is meant to include each one of us, here and now and not just when our journey here on earth is over. It is the paradox for us as Christians: we are already living a new life in Christ even though we continue to struggle in a broken world. In those times when we still feel weighed down and lifeless, maybe this phrase from a meditation by Teilhard de Chardin will help, “Whatever makes you tense or agitated is false: all the laws of life and the promises of God are there to prove it.” May our celebration of Easter renew our faith in all the Lord has already done for us and deepen our hope for the fulfillment of his promises.



## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2010 we will celebrate our Parish feast of St. Joseph the Worker with a combined 10.00am Mass (English/Italian) celebrated by Bishop Joe O'Connell. After the Mass we will have morning tea in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of sweets to share.

WITH SOME SPECIAL PRAYERS AND LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS  
IN THE CHURCH AT THIS YEAR'S PARISH FEAST DAY WE WILL  
CELEBRATE

THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH  
(1970 – 2010)

and

THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH BUILDING  
(1990 – 2010)

### **MEMORIAL MASSES**

Monday 12 April 7.30pm – Pasquale Pisani (d. Rec. Italy)

Tuesday 13 April 7.30pm – Giuseppina Di Rito (1 yr)

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Riunione del Comitato Femminile Martedì 13 Aprile in Cappella ore 9.00am.

Segue Santa Messa ore 10.00am. Vi attendiamo puntuali.

### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Kara Jensen**, child of John & Carmela, and **Samuel Morgan** child of Ben and Alana, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them with joy into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

### **CUPPA**



This weekend after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

### **RAY & GLENYCE MOVING ON**

Best wishes to Ray and Glenyce Silvio who will be moving out of the Parish. Many thanks to Ray & Glenyce, for the many devoted years of voluntary work, and service in the parish. Please join them after the 10.30am Mass this weekend for a cuppa in the narthex. We wish them well and all the best in their new beginnings.

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

'The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 18 April at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Commencing 2.00pm. Admission is free – a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist the Teresina Sisters, towards a training programme for young poor girls in the Diocese of Iringa, Tanzania.'

### **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Board of Directors of Catholic Homes cordially invites the community to a Mass celebration by His Grace The Most Reverend Denis Hart DD Archbishop of Melbourne 2.00pm, on Tuesday 25 May 2010 at St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne. Please RSVP by Tuesday 11 May 2010 to Central Office Reception: 8862 9000.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI MILL PARK**

You are all invited to the "Divine Mercy Sunday" 11 April 2010 at St Francis of Assisi Church, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park.

**1.30pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Confessions; Holy Rosary; Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction

**3.00pm** Holy Mass including healing prayer  
Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image

**Main Celebrant:** Bishop Tim Costelloe **Concelebrating:** Fr Anthony Girolami

### **HEART FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Heart Foundation annual memorial service Sunday 2 May at 2.00pm. The interdenominational service will be followed by an afternoon tea. **Where:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Cnr Gisborne St & Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. All members of the community whose lives have been touched by cardiovascular disease are encouraged to attend and light a candle in honour of their loved ones. RSVP required on 9321 1587

## THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

The proverbial scene of the doubting Thomas that occurred eight days after Easter is very well known. At first he did not believe that Jesus had appeared in his absence and said: "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn 20:25)

Basically, from these words emerges the conviction that Jesus can now be recognized by his wounds rather than by his face. Thomas holds that the signs that confirm Jesus' identity are now above all his wounds, in which he reveals to us how much he loved us. In this the Apostle is not mistaken.

As we know, Jesus reappeared among his disciples eight days later and this time Thomas was present. Jesus summons him: "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing" (Jn 20: 27)

Thomas reacts with the most splendid profession of faith in the whole of the New Testament: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20: 28). St Augustine comments on this: Thomas "saw and touched the man, and acknowledged the God whom he neither saw nor touched; but by the means of what he saw and touched he now put far away from him every doubt, and believed the other". (In ev. Jo. 121, 5).

*Excerpt from a commentary by Pope Benedict XVI, September 2006*