

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

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 1 John 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

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.....	\$846.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$825.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$1775.00
	- Easter Offering.....	\$1119.00
	- Good Friday.....	\$253.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 19/04/09

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba  
9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & M Crupi  
10.30am (SUN) – J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

D Herbert  
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro  
J Frangiosa, D Lucato & A Mancuso

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 26/04/09

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba  
9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico  
10.30am (SUN) – T Fitzsimmons & G Silvio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin  
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti  
U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

CHURCH CLEANERS

25/04/09 J Aliphone, T Saleh & P Sparano

MONEY COUNTERS

20/04/09 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito  
27/04/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppina DIRITO (mother of Giovanna Romano), Francesca TURCO, Michele BUTERA, Pierpaolo PROCOPIO, Francesco CRUPI

ANNIVERSARIES

Domitilla BONELLO, Michele STABILE, Carmela CARUSO, Sabato, Flio & Asunta DANIELLO, Lucia & Vincenzo ONNEMBO, Mariannina VECCHIO, Sabatino PICOLO, Nicola CARUSO, Maria SALOMONE, Domenico & Vincenzo CRUPI, Elisabetta BARBA, Betty PELUSO, Francesco & Iria BARRESI, Elivira SCRIBA, Antonio PISTONE, Michela BUTERA, Bartolomeo & Giovanna LA GRECA, Bartolo & Giuseppina 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 Doreen Bentley-Pastoral Associate  
Mr Peter Chowne -School Principal  
Mrs Liz Pistoni – Parish Secretary

Maltese Mass

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

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



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

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

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

19 April, 2009

## Strength in unity



Aesop was a wise old bird. One of his fables went something like this:

A father had sons who were always quarrelling. Fed up, he told them to bring him a bundle of sticks. He bound the sticks together with rope. He asked each of his sons in turn to try to break them. None were successful. Next, he untied the bundle and gave a stick to each of his sons and told him to break it. Each easily broke the single stick. The father imparted his bit of telling wisdom, "My sons, if you are of one mind and unite and assist one another you will be like the bundle, unbreakable. But, if you are divided among yourselves, you will be broken as easily as these sticks." The lesson is self-evident: 'stick together' and you will be strong. Today's first reading offers similar wisdom. It says that the first Christian communities were 'united heart and soul'. They were strong because they 'stuck together' around the lessons and values taught to them by Christ and the apostles. The Acts mentions four vital values: the teaching of the apostles; the sharing of possessions; the celebration of the Eucharist, and participation in common prayer. Unity of heart and mind is a fundamental value for Christians. Jesus desired and even commanded it. "I pray that they may all be one...." Christ wants us to be one and to resist the forces of division. If we are to attain the unity desired by Christ, we need to commit ourselves and our communities to pursue and to live those vital values taught by Christ and the apostles. The Apostles were the first teachers of faith. The core of their teaching is found in the four gospels and the letters of the apostles. We cannot be strong Christians nor can our communities be united if we neglect their teaching. We need to read and become familiar with the message of the scriptures and to live it in practice. The apostolic Church was very careful about the use of possessions. The early disciples were well aware that their Master had eschewed riches. He emphasised care for the poor. We need to seek out ways to go beyond selfish self-interest. It is no good being mystical if we do nothing for others – particularly for the poor who are, after all, a majority in our world. The early Church had a tradition of gathering for 'the breaking of the bread'. The Eucharist is a central plank of faith and the very source of unity. No person or community can become strong or united if the Eucharist is neglected; or, if we become careless and half-hearted in our attachment to it. The first Christians regularly gathered in the Temple for a form of prayer that was somewhat like our 'liturgy of the Word' at Mass. The important point to grasp is that they prayed in common. If we wish our Church to be strong, we will need to find ways of praying in common and commit ourselves to sharing our faith in this way. The apostolic Church was strong because its members were united 'heart and soul'. They learned ways to incorporate the vital values taught by Jesus and the apostles. These life-giving energies ensure strength in unity. We need to recommit ourselves and our communities to build up our unity in Christ.



## FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER SUNDAY 3 MAY 2009

There will be a combined Italian/English Mass at **10.00am**.  
Followed by Morning Tea in the Church Hall. All Welcome!!

## FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE LAVORATORE DOMENICA 3 MAGGIO 2009

Ci sara un'unica Messa alle ore **10.00am** in Italiano/Inglese  
Dopo la Santa Messa tutti sono invitati in sala per un rinfresco.

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Allegra Palumbo** daughter of Carlo & Lina, and **Jack Lanyon** son of Ian and Lena 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 for Giuseppina Dirito will be celebrated on Monday 20 April 2009 at 1.00pm  
The Rosary will be recited on Sunday 19 April at 7.00pm.

The Rosary for Francesca Turco will be recited on Tuesday 21 April at 11.00am, followed by Funeral Mass at 11.15am.

### MEMORIAL MASSES

Wednesday 22 April 7.30pm – Elvira Scriba (1yr)  
Friday 24 April 7.00pm – Michela Butera (Rec. dec. England)

### ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 21 Aprile riunione del comitato femminile in Cappella alle ore 9.00am. Seguita dalla Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

Maggio mese dedicato alla devozione della Madonna. Continua il Pellegrinaggio della statua per le famiglie della nostra parrocchia. Per prenotazioni rivolgersi al gruppo delle donne: Paola: 9460 7990, Gina: 9462 1641, Rosa: 9357 1089 & Maria: 9469 2141 o a qualsiasi membro del comitato.

### PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team meeting will be held on Thursday 23 April at 7.30pm.

### SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009: ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day, 25 April, marks the anniversary of Australian and New Zealand forces landing at Gallipoli in 1915. This was the first military action our Anzacs saw in World War 1.

ANZAC stands for 'Australian and New Zealand Army Corps', and it is a term that evokes a sense of patriotism, heroism and sacrifice, as the landing at Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey met with fierce resistance, and resulted in the deaths of more than 8000 Anzacs. 25 April is the day we remember the sacrifice of those who died in war – the First World War and all other wars. We remember also the present Australian men and women soldiers in other countries such as Iraq, and Afghanistan.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at the 8.30am Mass we will pray and remember in a special way the sacrifice and bravery of so many who died, or were injured during the First World War and other wars.

Lest We Forget.

## EASTER DAWN MASS SERVICE 2009



As one who attended the Easter Dawn Mass, I would like to express what a moving and spiritual uplifting experience this was for me. Perhaps this had something to do with the movement from the darkness outside the dim light of the church, which gradually became more and more brilliant, giving emphasis to the rising of the Lord at sunset.

Also listening to the silence. People spoke quietly to one another; the lectors read softly and slowly; the two choir members sang sweetly and gently. Thank you everyone who had a part in preparing this ceremony.