

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

FIRST READING Acts: 13:14.43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Noi siamo suo popolo, gregge che egli guida.

SECOND READING Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono il buon pastore, dice il Signore, conosco le mie pecore, e le mie pecore conoscono me. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering..... \$1004.00
- Loose Money..... \$306.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery..... \$402.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 26/4/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R Di Guglielmo
10.30am (SUN) – J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Rejena Nyour
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & S. Lobartolo
D Lucato, T Saleh & M Mizzi

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 01/05/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – PARISH FEASTDAY
10.30am (SUN) - COMBINED MASS

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CHURCH CLEANERS

01/5/2010 A DiRico, M Pascuzzi, E Selso, L Pennacchia & G Ferrara

MONEY COUNTERS

26/04/2010 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
03/05/2010 R & E Cornelious & M Williams

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Alan MACPHERSON, Paolo GUARINO, Francesco DE RANGO, Mario DI GIUSEPPE,

ANNIVERSARIES

Concetta GIANIRACUSA, Rocco CAMINITI, Domitilla BONELLO, Giuseppe TARANTO, Michele, Pasquale & Caterina INZITARI, Giuseppe GALATI, Stella ACQUARO, Angela CREA, Gina DI DONATO, Francesco, Caterina, Vincenzo, Fortunato, Giuseppe & Rosangela GIGLIOTTI, Elena & Eugenio NICASTRI, Bernardina & Pasquale MAZZA, Maria MESSINA, Carmela SGROI

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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

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

4th Sunday of Easter, Year C

25 April, 2010

A Kingdom of nobodies

There is an interesting scene in the humorous Australian film, Crocodile Dundee (1986), where the central character, Michael J. “Crocodile” Dundee (Paul Hogan), speaks about his religious faith. In answer to a question from the American journalist, Sue Charlton (Linda Kozlowski), about his fear of dying after an earlier brush with a huge crocodile, Mick Dundee replies: “Nah. I read The Bible once. You know God and Jesus and all them apostles? They were all fishermen, just like me. Yeah, straight to heaven for Mick Dundee. Yep, me and God, we’d be mates.” Crocodile Dundee has a point. Jesus addressed his message primarily to common people, fisherfolk, farmers, and shepherds – those whom the powerful and the mighty had ignored or disdained. The essence of his message was that a new world order was coming. It would mean that God would overthrow the corrupt rulers of this world, and establish what has been called, “a kingdom of nobodies”. One of the key images invoked by Jesus was that of the shepherd – an image that was well-known in Judaism. The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel, in particular, had developed the shepherd theme to express how God cares for his people, and appoints faithful shepherds to tend his flock after the manner of his own heart (Jer 3:15; 23:4). Kings (Ps 78:70-72; Ez 34:23) and the prophets (Ps 77:20) were called to be shepherds, and the motif of the “devoted shepherd” featured strongly in the messianic expectations during Jesus’ own time (Ez 34:23-24). In claiming to be the “Good Shepherd”, Jesus testified that he was the Messiah, the holy one of God, who would shepherd his flock into “new pastures”. His coming ushers in the new world order. He, as the God-given Messiah, will search for God’s scattered flock, gathering them from the nations and leading them to green fields on the mountains of Israel (Ez 34:11-22). Despite the grand vision of a restored Israel, the metaphor Jesus uses in today’s Gospel (Jn 10:22-30) is simple and close to life. He describes a scene from everyday village life, where the sheep of various families are shepherded by a single shepherd who knows the sheep intimately, calls them by name, and can identify each as individuals. The sheep know the voice of their shepherd. They don’t follow strangers; indeed, they fly from them, because they do not recognise a stranger’s voice. There is here an interesting word play. The words used here for “know” and “recognise” are the same in Greek (oida), suggesting that the sheep will be known by the one they know. Here is a striking depiction of both divine authority in the shepherd’s call, and the human response in the hearing, knowing and following on the part of the sheep. Crocodile Dundee got it right. The coming kingdom proclaimed by Jesus is meant for the “nobodies” of this world. Like the simple fisherfolk, farmers and shepherds to whom Jesus spoke, we are called afresh to hear the voice of the one true shepherd and follow in his footsteps.



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

On Sunday 2nd 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 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH
(1970 – 2010)
and
THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH BUILDING
(1990 – 2010)

FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE LAVORATORE DOMENICA 2 MAGGIO

Domenica 2 Maggio ci sarà Un Unica Messa ore 10.00am Inglese e Italiano.

MESE DI MAGGIO

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.

ITALIAN LADIES

Adorazione Eucaristica con preghiere e riflessioni, Martedì 27 Aprile ore 9.00am in capella. Seguita Santa Messa alle 10.00am. Vi aspettiamo numerosi. Dopo Messa in cappella incontro con tutti membri del comitato Italiano, per discutere la Festa della Madonna di Fatima.

MAINTENANCE MEETING

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 April at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Michael Esposito** child of Sabato, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him with joy into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Rosary for Mr Paolo Guarino will be recited on Tuesday 27 April at 7.30pm at St Joseph the Worker Church. Funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday 28 April at 10.30am.

The Rosary for Mr Francesco De Rango will be recited on Thursday 29 April at 10.00am followed by Funeral Mass at 10.30am.

WORKSHOP FOR MINSITERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation will hold a Workshop for Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying Tuesdays 4, 11 & 18 May at 7.30pm – 9.30pm, at St Joseph the Worker Parish 79 Wilson Blvd North Reservoir. Cost \$50 individual, \$250 parish (unlimited number).

This workshop is a series of formation sessions for new and experienced Ministers of Communion to the sick and dying that provide liturgical and pastoral guidance to those who exercise this valuable ministry. Contact the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 for more information and to register.

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL 2010: 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 the First World War.

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 the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey met with fierce resistance, and resulted in the deaths of more than 8000 Anzacs. April 25 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.

This weekend Sunday 25th April at the 10.30am 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.



SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE DI NOSTRA SIGNORA DI FATIMA

Domenica 16 Maggio nella chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore North Reservoir

3.00pm – Santo Rosario in chiesa

3.30pm – Santa Messa cantata, Celebrata da Padre Delmar Silva, Padre Emanuele Bonello e Padre Giuseppe Yu

Segue processione con la statua sui piazzali della chiesa. Fiaccolata con Inni e Preghiere. Ritorno in chiesa per la Benedizione Eucaristica.

La celebrazione sarà accompagnata dal coro di Holy Name sotto la guida di Raffaele Rossi.