

FIRST READING Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Risplenda su di noi, Signore, la luce del tuo volto.

SECOND READING John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia, alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia.

Signore Gesu' facci comprendere le Scritture; arde il nostro cuore mentre ci parli. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$855.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$210.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$175.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 26/04/09

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 03/05/09

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
 10.30am (SUN) - J Iaria & J Vincitorio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon
 Sr Doreen, G Silvio & J Frangiosa

CHURCH CLEANERS

02/05/09 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & C Balassone

MONEY COUNTERS

27/04/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
 04/05/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Angela CREA, Rocco CAMINITI, Rosina BONNACI, Giga HILI

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio PISTONE, Antonio MASCARO, Pasquale & Emilia RAPONI, Annamaria TESTA
 Marco DI TULLIO, Giovanni & Maria SCUDERI, Grazia & Giuseppe CONTI, Angelina VILELLA
 Vito AGOSTA, Albina D'ANGNIELLO, Marcovecchio DONANTONIO,
 Sebastiano & John GIACCA, Michele INZITARI, Rocco FERRARO, Michele PUGLIESE
 Famiglia PUGLIESE, Carmela SGROI, Pierpaolo PROCOPIO,
 Francesco CRUPI

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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

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

26 April, 2009

Victory in defeat

This Sunday's commemoration of the Easter event follows immediately upon what for this part of the world is the most important secular celebration of the year. Australia Day has its significance on one side of the Tasman, Waitangi Day on the other side of "The Ditch". But arguably neither of these touches the national ethos as does Anzac Day. Almost one hundred years after that dawn landing it celebrates the yearly attendance at Anzac Day commemorations increases rather than drops off.

Let me comment on just one of the several links between Anzac Day and Easter.

Most key national days celebrate a victory, or what is seen as at least a step forward. In the United States, July 4, the Declaration of Independence; in France, July 14, the storming of the Bastille; and in Northern Ireland, July 12, the Orange victory. Anzac Day commemorates not a victory, but a defeat. The troops who came ashore on April 25, 1915, never achieved their objective or taking the Gallipoli peninsular. The soldiers were withdrawn by the end of that year; the purpose of their landing was never achieved. Many of them lost their lives in such subsequent blood baths as the Somme or Paschendale. Yet defeat at Gallipoli confirmed in both countries a sense of nationhood, while at the same time fostering a sense of unity between the two lands. Is this simply due to the quirky nature of the Australian and New Zealand character? Are we unique in celebrating defeat rather than victory? The Easter story suggests an answer to such questions. For Easter is also the recalling of a defeat. Jesus was betrayed by one of his followers and deserted by the rest. He was trapped by his enemies and wrongly condemned to death stripped of his garments, forced to wear a crown of thorns, he died in agony on a cross. The story of Easter cannot be separated from the story of defeat. It is, of course, a defeat that is converted into victory. On the third day, Jesus rises to a new life that will be his forever. The Gospel of today's mass tells of the astonishment of the disciples at this turn of events. Their joy was unbounded when they realised that this was not a dream, but a reality. The Christ who stood among them was not a ghost, but the living Lord himself. The victory of Christ was in fact won through his apparent defeat. It was by giving his life for us that he broke the chains of our imprisonment in evil. It was the shedding of his blood that washed away our sins. We commemorate each year both aspects of Easter. First the suffering and the defeat. Then the victory that has been won through such suffering and dying. Whereas one day, Good Friday, is the day recalling Jesus' suffering, death and defeat, there is a whole liturgical season dedicated to the celebration of his victory. What we do readily fits the Australian and New Zealand psych. This Sunday we celebrate the victory of Christ. But we do so with a backward glance at the apparent defeat that led to it. That is a combination that Aussies and Kiwis can readily understand.



FEAST OF ST JOSSEPH 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 sarà 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 **Tahi Carlson** child of Milton and Sandra, **Jakob Franin** child of Marko & Dianna, **Jonathan Gravina** child of Danny and Kirsten, and **Jack McCarthy** child of Brendan and Daniella 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

We congratulate Nancy Pantano and Zoltan Karczag who were married here at St. Joseph the Worker this weekend. We ask God's blessing on them and their families on this special occasion.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Rosa and Rudolf Iskra, who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. We ask God's blessing on them and their family on this special occasion.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Ron and Ellen Cornelious who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 23rd April. We ask God's blessing on them and their family on this special occasion.

FUNERAL NOTICES

The funeral Mass for Angela Crea will be celebrated on Tuesday 28 April 2009 at 11.00am at St Joseph the Worker Church.

The Rosary will be recited at Abbey Funerals Chapel 238 Settlement Rd, Thomastown on Monday 27 April at 7.30pm,

The funeral Mass for Rocco Caminiti will be celebrated on Wednesday 29 April at 1.00pm, at St Joseph the Worker Church.

The Rosary will be recited at Tripodi Chapel 1050 – 1054 Sydney Rd Coburg, on Tuesday 28 April, at 7.00pm.

MAINTENANCE MEETING

Maintenance Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 April at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 27 April 7.30pm – Michele Inzitari (1yr)

Tuesday 28 April 7.00pm – Antonio Mascaro (1 mth)

Wednesday 29 April 7.30pm – Rosina Bonacci in Colosimo (d. Rec. Italy)

Friday 1 May 7.30pm – Pierpaolo Procopio (d. Rec.)

- Francesco Crupi (d. Rec.)



SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE DI NOSTRA SIGNORA DI FATIMA

Domenica 17 Maggio nella chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore
North Reservoir

3.00pm – Santo Rosario in chiesa

3.30pm – Santa Messa cantata, Celebrata da Padre Vittorio Basso, 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 Sant'Antonio diretto da Duilio Malavisi.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JULIE LITTLER

We welcome our new member of the Church, Julie Littler. Julie has been making her journey of faith through the RCIA Rite, and as we congratulate her, we wish her great joy in her life.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 2 May at 6.00pm.

MARY MACKILLOP

Open Day at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St East Melbourne is on Saturday 2 May 2009, from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum Chapel, temporary gallery and gift shop. Then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the refreshments area. Entry is by donation. Off street parking is available via Providence Lane. Any enquiries please call 9926 9300.

FESTA DELLA MADONNA DI POMPEI

Domenica 3 Maggio 2009 nella chiesa di San Raffaele 17 Hardy St, West Preston.

Programma: 2.00pm – Santa Messa celebrata dal Vescovo Tim Costelloe e Padre Raimondo Bugeja, con il coro di Sant'Antonio.

Processione passerà per le strade intorno alla chiesa. Rientro in chiesa per la benedizione con il Santissimo Sacramento.

Segue nella sala parrocchiale un concerto sinfonico dalla Banda Bellini. Rinfresco!

FILIPPINO CULTURAL NIGHT AT ST LUKE'S LALOR

Beginning with the celebration of the Eucharist at 6.30pm, you are then invited to the Parish Hall for some great Filipino food, song and dance. A donation of \$10 is requested.