

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

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

God mounts his throne to shouts of Joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Andate e fate discepoli tutti popoli, dice il Signore, Ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$675.00  
- Loose Money.....\$1016.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery.....\$496.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 20/05/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) – D Pullicino & E Krygger  
9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico  
10.30am (SUN) – C Antonio & A DeCata

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Saliba & N Ziino  
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti  
P Nguyen, J Kearney & S Rottura

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 27/05/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) - B Nadenbousch & G Canavan  
9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro  
10.30am (SUN) – N Sua & L Conte

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Krygger & J Pullicino  
P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon  
D Herbert, U Strangis & J Frangiosa

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

26/05/2012 L Catena, F Agugiars & R Nyour

**MONEY COUNTERS**

21/05/2012 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito  
28/05/2012 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Caterina IMPERATRICE, Lucia LEONELLO, Assunta GENTILE, Tonino MAZZOCCA

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Margherita ZIINO, Giuseppa PORTELLI, Francesca & Gregorio SPOSARO, Giovanni SALVO, Giuseppe TERLATO, Antonio VILLELLA, Giuseppe DAMIANO, Grazia CAMERA, Vito AGOSTA, Albina D’ANGILLO, Donantonio MARCOVECCHIO, Carlo MARIANI,

# 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 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

Ascension Sunday Year B

20 May 2012

## Not Goodbye

What happened on that first Ascension Day was not an ancient variant of the Indian Rope Trick. There was no trickery, but there was a promise: “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.” This departure of Jesus Christ is not a cause for sadness, but rather a cause for great rejoicing, for Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. “I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place I shall return to take you with me” (John 14:3). And so as a people of faith, hope and trust, we rejoice on this day.

Regarding the inevitable sadness of departure, the much loved Blessed Pope John XXIII, hearing of the death of a member of his family, wrote in a letter to another family member.

*Life is like a long sea voyage. We say goodbye with tears when leaving those we love, but, lo and behold, when we reach our destination they are waiting for us on the quay side.*

Or, as a friend once said, “it is just a matter of moving to another room,” but I prefer the image of a long sea voyage as it contains the notion of departing only for a time.

The disciples on that first Ascension Day were left standing aimlessly and staring into the great beyond. But that stopped when they were instructed to return to the city and attend to the matters of daily life, most especially to continue the work of the Lord.

This work is ours also, Aimlessly standing around benefits no one. Our task is to ensure here and now that those we know and love reach the destination that God has planned for us all. The journey we are on has Christ as our light and our way. While we have the light of day, we must show this way to our companions on the journey. It is not enough to find our own way when we need to recognise companions on our journey. Through an unusual set of circumstances I came into possession of hundreds of photos of the various families to which I belong. They are all black and white photos and curled up over time. I am sorting through them, trying to flatten them out while reflecting on times that are past and friends and family I have known. It is not for me a sad nostalgic trip. Rather, apart from the humdrum nature of sorting photos that were never put in an album, it is a source of enjoyment and joyful anticipation. Anticipation that I will meet with family and friends once more, knowing that, as Blessed Pope John has written, they will be waiting on the quay side when my time comes to follow where Our Lord has led. I am reminded of the words of St Augustine: “Blessed are those who love you, O God, and love their friends in you, and even their enemies for your sake. They alone will never lose those who are dear to them for they love them in one who is never lost, in God.”

## CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL

You are invited to support the Melbourne Archbishop's Charitable Fund, Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal for 2012, which will be held this weekend of Sunday 20 May in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Every day in our Archdiocese, chaplains visit hospital wards, walk through prisons and visit young people in detention. They are also present with those affected by mental illness and HIV/Aids, as well as supporting men and women working at sea.

Catholic Chaplains are tangible signs of God's presence. They are the face of hope at times of greatest need, a healing presence, a kind and gentle ear.

By donating to the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal, you will be supporting the vital work of Catholic Chaplains, working throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- Those affected by mental illness
- Men and women in Prisons
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Seafarers

For further information on the Appeal, visit the Website of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne on [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au)

At each mass this weekend there will be a special leaving collection to support the work of Catholic Chaplains.

### **FUNERALS**

Rosary for Assunta Gentile will be recited on Tuesday 22 May at 11.15am, followed by Funeral Mass.

Rosary for Tonino Mazzocca will be recited on Wednesday 23 May at 11.00am followed by Funeral Mass.

### **MEMORIAL MASSES**

Tuesday 15 May 7.00pm – Stephen Hasomeris (d. Rec. America)

Saturday 19 May 4.00pm- Giovanni Salvo

### **FEASTS**

Thursday 24 May – Our Lady Help of Christians

Saturday 26 May – St Philip Neri

### **FAIR TRADE FIESTA-MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE**

Tuesday 22 May 2012, 12.00 Noon – 7.00pm

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne Ph: 9926 9300

Entry By Donation!

Every purchase from the hand made fair trade products provides employment and income for women, their families and ultimately the community in some of the poorest areas of Peru & South Africa.

Items for sale: Alpaca Scarves, Ponchos, Beanies, Babies & Children's Wear, Home Wares, Novelites & more...

## SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE DI NOSTRA SIGNORA DI FATIMA



**DOMENICA 20 MAGGIO 2012**

*Nella chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore  
79 Wilson Blvd North Reservoir*

3.00pm - Santo Rosario in chiesa

3.30pm - Santa Messa cantata, Celebrata da Molto Rev Padre  
Delmar Silva, Padre Emanuele Bonello PP & Fr Joseph Yu PE

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

La celebrazione sara' accompagnata dal musicista Raffaele Rossi.

Per informazione: Renato – 9460 4597 Gina – 9462 1641 Paola – 9460 7990

### **SANTA MARIA COLLEGE SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

It is with great pleasure the Santa Maria College community invites you to their 2012 school production: *Little Women*. This musical performance offers a lively presentation of song, drama and dance and showcases Santa Maria College's dynamic commitment to the performing arts. *Little Women* will be held at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre from May 31 – June 2, 7.30pm (with a 1.30pm show on June 2 only). To book tickets, please contact the theatre on 8470 8280.

### **'R' DAY MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY**

Married couples!

Give yourselves a treat! A whole day together to *relax, revisit, renew, rejuvenate, recall, reassess, reconnect, romance, respond, resource, and rekindle* your relationship!

'R' Day Marriage Enrichment Day

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

\$80 per couple

Contact Karin or Rada for information and bookings on 9287 5516

### **HEAVENLY GALA BALL 24 MAY 2012**

Once a year CatholicCare holds a Gala Ball, proceeds from which go to support families affected by substance abuse. Only a small proportion of this vital service is funded by Government, the rest of the service is reliant on sponsorship from the Archdiocese, fundraising activities and a dedicated band of volunteers raising money each year. Our fundraising target for the evening is \$150,000 this money goes towards supporting the counseling services and programs aimed at supporting and strengthening families.

We are looking for auction items, sponsorship, donations or ticket sales, if you are in a position to assist in any of these areas or know or anyone that could please contact Kathy Matthews at CatholicCare on 8417 1200 or [Kathleen.mathews@ccam.org.au](mailto:Kathleen.mathews@ccam.org.au)