

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il Signore ha rivelato ai popoli la sua giustizia.

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10

God is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia.

Se uno mi ama, osservera' la mia parola, dice il Signore; e il Padre mio lo amerà, e noi verremo a lui.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL John 15: 9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$1064.00
- Loose Money..... \$464.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$363.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 17/05/09

6.00pm (SAT) - G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) - R Pino & L Catena
10.30am (SUN) - M Sernia & S Miano

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Pisioneri
J Tanti, A Filippone & S Dakin

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 24/05/09

6.00pm (SAT) - E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) - C Monforte & T Forte
10.30am (SUN) - G Canavan & A Vinelli

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
S LoBartolo, A DeCata & L Calafiore
S Rottura, G Santinon & L De Marco

CHURCH CLEANERS

23/05/09 A Di Rico, M Pascuzzi & L Pennacchia

MONEY COUNTERS

18/05/09 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito
25/05/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Wilma Licia BACCHIN, Joseph PORTELLI

ANNIVERSARIES

Piero ROTONDI, Francesca SPOSARO, Antonio PISTONE, Adema CAMARDA, Angelo ARCIERI, Giovanna ARCIERI, Adelina LAGANA, Domenico NAPOLEONE, Agata DE RANGO, Lena MONARCA, Paola PRECOMA, Linda FELICIANI, Vincenzo CILAURO, Margherita TEDI, Filomena TALARICO, Elisabetta MANCUSO, Maria ASTORINO, Gino MORITTO, Wilma Licia BACCHIN

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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

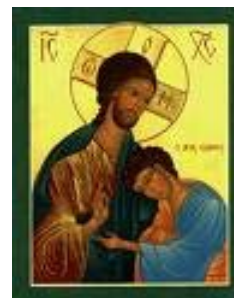
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

17 May, 2009



God is love

Popes have a way of catching us by surprise. For years, before becoming Pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, in his responsibility for Church discipline, ground out a whole series of statements.

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However, in his first three years as Pope, he issued only two of these top level papal statements. His first encyclical was entitled "God is love". It is a reflection on the place of love in Christian life. His second dealt with hope and its place in the life of believers. The Pope has centred his teaching on uplifting and encouraging matters.

Today's first reading simply carries forward the story of the first years of the faith we have been hearing about weekly since Easter.

The second and third readings can be linked with the encyclical, "God is love". They go closely together. In the passage from the first of John's epistles, the word "love" occurs eight times in the first five verses. In the Gospel, also written by John, the word "love" appears eight times, again in the first five verses. There is no mistaking that the liturgy is calling us to give our attention to the notion of love- and even better, to the practice of it. As Pope Benedict puts it, "God has first loved us (cf. 1 Jn 4:10), love is now no longer a mere 'command', it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us. In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message is both timely and significant. For this reason, I wish in my first Encyclical to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others". Benedict first considers such concepts as eros (possessive, often sexual, love), agape (unconditional, self-sacrificing love), logos (the word), and their relationship with the teachings of Jesus. All this is not easy for the reader to grasp. But, in its latter half, the encyclical sets out to explain how love is to be embodied in our daily life as Christians - in love and service toward our neighbour. The encyclical "God is love" deserves being brought up on your computer screen (why not "Google" it?), and then being reflected upon. The second half of Benedict's text is easier to understand than his earlier paragraphs. But harder to put into practice.



## *SOLENNNE CELEBRAZIONE DI NOSTRA SIGNORA DI FATIMA*

Questa 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 Vito Pegolo, 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 sara' accompagnata dal Coro Sant' Antonio diretto da Duilio Malavisi.

## *SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA*

This Sunday 17 May 2009 St Joseph the Worker Parish

3.00pm Rosary in Church  
3.30pm Mass celebrated by Fr Vito Pegolo, Fr Emmanuel Bonello & Fr Joseph Yu.

Followed by a candlelight procession around the Church grounds, and Benediction.

The celebration will be accompanied by the choir of St Anthony (Hawthorn) directed by Duilio Malavisi.

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Thomas Cowan** child of Iain and Anita, and **Isabella Gualano** child of Luciano and Marianna, 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.

### MEMORIAL MASSES

Wednesday 20 May 7.00pm – Piero Rotondi. (1mth)  
Thursday 21 May 7.30pm – Francesca Sposaro (1 yr)  
Friday 22 May – 6.30pm Gino Moritto (d. Rec Italy)  
- 7.30pm – Wilma Licia Bacchin (d. Rec.)

### EUCARIST COMMITMENT MASS

Next weekend at the 10.30am Mass, the children of our parish preparing for first Eucharist will be presented to the parish community.

### ST JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL PREP ENROLMENTS 2010

St Joseph the Worker School is opening enrolments to any families in the Parish who may have a child starting in Prep 2010, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

The closing date for enrolments is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Enrolment forms are available during office hours, from the School Office, or you may ring on 9460 7506 to have an enrolment form sent to you.  
Peter Chowne – Principal.

### FR JOSEPH YU

Fr Joseph Yu will move to live at the "Little Sisters of the Poor residence in Northcote, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009. His address from Wednesday onwards will be:

Fr Joseph Yu,  
Little Sisters of the Poor – Room 23  
112 B St Georges Rd  
Northcote Vic 3070. Ph: 9489 8444

### FR ALAN FOX

Fr Alan Fox was operated on Tuesday 12 May for a brain tumour. We remember him in our prayers, and extend to him our most sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

### CATECHESIS SERIES WITH THE BISHOPS – GOES WEST!

The next session of the Catechesis Series with the Bishops will be held on Sunday 17 May 2009 in the western region of the Archdiocese. At St Peter Chanel's Church (848 Ballarat Rd, Deer Park). Bishop Prowse will talk to young people about the Catholic faith and the power of hope in today's society. The afternoon begins at 4.00pm, includes praise and worship by young musicians from the parish and concludes with Mass at 6.00pm. For enquiries call the Archdiocesan Office for Youth on 9412 8400 or visit [www.aoy.org.au](http://www.aoy.org.au)

### 39<sup>th</sup> ST KEVIN'S COLLEGE ART SHOW – 22 TO 25 MAY 2009

Exhibition & Sale of Traditional & Contemporary Paintings, by leading Australian Artists.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 KC Smith Hall, St Kevin's College Moonga Rd, Toorak.

Opening Night Cocktail Party: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Entry: \$25 per person.

General Viewing: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10.00am – 8.00pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May & Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am – 6.00pm.

Entry: \$10 per person (pay at the door) – students FREE!

### SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB

Southern Stars Social Club Party Night for single Catholics 25 – 45 age group.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009, starting at 8.00pm.

Location: Benedict House, St Benedict's Parish 301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood. (Melways Map 61 H 6)

Cost: \$10.00 including lucky door prizes.

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 A/H.

### **Thoughts on the Gospel John 15:9-17**

Standing out in today's readings is the theme of love. What more important theme is there for our restless human hearts?

Yet it is often trivialized and distorted in today's popular culture. From our earliest years we have learned to know what genuine love is, not from lessons in words, but by being loved ourselves.

Today's readings invite us to recognise that the Paschal Mystery that is the centre of our Easter celebration is an expression of God's love for us, and an invitation to enter into the love of Jesus and his Father, and to give it expression in our own lives.

True love expresses itself in action rather than in words. The Father's love, John's letter tells us, was expressed in our midst when he "sent into the world his only Son, so that we could have life in him". The words of Jesus in John's gospel remind us how complete is the gift which he brings, as an expression of the love which he shares with the Father: "A man can have no greater love than to down his life for his friends".

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. John Thornhill SM