

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

GOSPEL Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$889.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$444.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$495.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 16/5/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – E Krygger
9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & T Forte
10.30am (SUN) – A De Cata & G Canavan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
L Catena, M Crupi & A Di Rico
C McMahan, S Miano & D Herbert

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 23/05/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – R Sawi
9.00am (SUN) – F Biasibetti & R Fato
10.30am (SUN) - E Bartlett, A Vinelli

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
T Forte, T Mirigliano & R Mercuri
J & J Kearney & J Vincitorio

CHURCH CLEANERS 22/5/2010 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS 17/05/2010 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito
24/05/2010 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED Cesere MELLERE, Teresa PROVENZIANO

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesca & Gregorio SPOSARO, Osvaldo RETTORE,
Antonio MARCCHIONA, Paolo GUARINO, Francesco DE RANGO, Domenico NAPOLEONE,
Maria & Giovanni MONDELLO, Antonio PASCUIZZI, Vito AGOSTA, Albina D'ANGNIELLO
Donantonio MARCHOVECCHIO, Maria Concetta GANINO, Gregorio LOVERSO,
Maria Annunziata LOGUANCIO, Pasquale & Antonio LOVERSO, Gina DI DONATO,
Sebastiano & John GIACCA, Rudolfo & Antonia POLES, Rosina MURATORE, Maria RIZZA,
Carmelo NICOLO, Giuseppina DI NOTO, Laura SANTALUCIA, Vincenza CATENA,
Saverio Attilia COLOSIMO, Giuseppe FATO, Felice TARANTO

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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

Ascension Sunday, Year C

16 May, 2010

We'll meet again

In the early years of the Second World War, people across the world were waving troops off to the various battle fields. And from the troopships, the soldiers waved back. Relatives and friends fully understood that many would never return.

A priest Angelo Roncalli in 1941 wrote these words: “Life is rather 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 quayside.”

Angelo Roncalli was to become the pope of the second Vatican Council, John XXIII, Blessed John XXIII.

What a consolation it is and what a difference it makes to know that we will be reunited with our loved ones, whether the sea be rough or calm, when our journey is over. And how more meaningful it is to be sailing on the barque of Peter.

And to whom do we show our gratitude for all this? Jesus Christ who ascended into heaven. He promised that he was going to prepare a home for us. By his death on the cross he reconciled us sinners with God. His resurrection from the dead is the divine guarantee that we also shall rise again, while his ascension is the prelude to our entrance into the everlasting kingdom. In John’s gospel Jesus tells us “I am going to prepare a place for you and then I shall come back and take you with me, that where I am you also may be (14:2-3). Sea voyages do not have the same significance for us today as they have had for centuries past. We are more familiar with air travel. Perhaps space travel and the astronaut provide the best example for us today. Up in space one gets a different perspective of the world and on life. Instead of looking up at Jesus ascending, perhaps it helps to imagine him above us, looking down.

Jim Lovell, an astronaut with Apollo missions eight and thirteen said: “We learned a lot about the moon, but what we really learned was about the earth. The fact that just from the distance of the moon you could put your thumb up and you can hide the earth behind your thumb, everything that you’ve ever known, your loved ones, your business, the problems of the earth itself, all behind your thumb and how insignificant we really all are.” How small and insignificant, but in his ascension Christ has lifted us up. Our importance and significance is with him and in him.

Another astronaut, Charlie Duke, who flew to the moon in Apollo sixteen had this to say: “My walk on the moon lasted three days and it was a great adventure, but my walk with God lasts forever.”

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Adrian Vecchio**, child of David and Samantha, **Carlos Kutia** child of Te Heckerangi and Margaret, **Koby Carrol** child of Travis and Alicia, **Malan Crosta** child of Vincenzo and Christine, **Mikayla and Jaida Merluzzo** children of Giovanni and Jennifer who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them with joy into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Let us celebrate with **Venessa Russo** and **Sheryn Clark**, who over the past few months have received instructions on the Sacrament of Confirmation and next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, will receive the sacrament at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT

On Wednesday 26th May 2010 Archbishop Denis Hart will make his pastoral visit in our Parish with the following program:

9.45am – Archbishop Arrival.

10.00am – Mass followed by a cuppa in the Narthex.

2.15pm – 5.30pm The Archbishop will visit the school and Nursing Homes.

7.00pm – Holy Hour and Benediction presided by the Archbishop. After the Benediction you are invited for supper in the Church Hall. On Saturday 29th May 2010 the Archbishop will celebrate the 6.00pm Mass followed by a cuppa in the Narthex. Please keep these dates free and join us as we welcome Archbishop Denis Hart in our Parish.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Thursday 20 May 7.30pm – Paolo Guarino (1 mth)

Friday 21 May 7.00pm – Francesco De Rango (1 mth)

WORKSHOP FOR MINSITERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND DYING

The last workshop for new and experienced Ministers of Communion to the sick and dying will be held on Tuesday 18 May 7.30pm – 9.30pm, at St Joseph the Worker Parish Hall 79 Wilson Blvd North Reservoir.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB

Southern Stars Social Club Party Night for single Catholics in 25 - 50 age group.

Saturday 22 May, 2010 starting at 8.00pm. Location: Benedict House, St Benedict's Parish 301 Warrigal Road Burwood. Melways Map 61 H6. Cost: \$10.00 including lucky door prizes and supper.

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 A/H

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

2010 Knox Public Lecture Wednesday 19 May – 7.30pm

Jesus Our Priest: How can and should we describe the priesthood of Jesus himself?

Rev Professor Gerald O'Collins sj AC.

Professor O'Collins taught for 33 years at the Gregorian University (Rome). He is author of hundreds of articles in popular and professional journals and regular contributor to TV and radio broadcasts. He has authored or co-authored 55 published books so far.

Venue: Knox Room, Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne (Street Parking available). Light Refreshments provided afterwards.

- Seats are limited
- Bookings and Information: email ctc@cctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3314



SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE DI NOSTRA SIGNORA DI FATIMA

Oggi 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 sara' accompagnata dal coro di Holy Name sotto la guida di Raffaele Rossi.

National E-Conference Program Mary-First Disciple

St John the Baptist Parish Hall

A Faith Sharing Group

to celebrate the month of May in our parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

Tuesday 18 May 2010 10.30am – 3.30pm

Reflecting together on the call and missionary activity of Mary

Exploring ways of responding to the call of Christ in our own time and in the context of our own life experience, as Mary did.

Free participation

BYO Lunch – Coffee and tea provided

Enrolment and information please contact Parish Office (Joan Parr 9481 7333 or collclift@hotmail.com)

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit forms one unbroken reality which is to be understood by faith. If Good Friday says Jesus truly died, Easter Sunday says that he is alive. And the Ascension adds that the Risen Living Jesus is together with his Father in glory.

Jesus, in leaving us with his physical presence, now expects us to carry on his work, to do what he did, and to do "even greater things". But first, he tells his disciples to go back to Jerusalem and stay there and to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This will be Pentecost; it will be their Baptism when they will be filled with the Spirit of Jesus himself and given their mission to continue Jesus' work.

After they receive the Spirit of Jesus in themselves, they are the very ones who will begin to inaugurate the Reign of God not only in Israel, in Jerusalem and Judea, but in time to come to the very ends of the earth. This is their mission and ours: to carry the message of Jesus to the whole world.

Excerpts from a homily by Fr Frank Doyle SJ