

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

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

E' bello rendere grazie al Signore.

SECOND READING Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever! Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Il seme e' la parola di Dio, il seminatore e' Cristo: chiunque trovalui, ha la vita eterna. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$801.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$184.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$278.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 17/06/2012

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & E Krygger
9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli
10.30am (SUN) –S Miano & R Sawi

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Krygger & J Pullicino
S Lobartolo, L Calafiore & T Mirigliano
A Filippone, J Tanti & G Santinon

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 24/06/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - E Saliba & G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Cavedon
10.30am (SUN) – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba & S Dakin
L Catena, L Cavedon & M Crupi
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CHURCH CLEANERS

23/06/2012 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

18/06/2012 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito
25/06/2012 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppina CANZONERI

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria BORTOLOTTI, Assunta GENTILE, Angelo D'ERCOLE, Giovanni SCIOLA, Tonino MAZZOCCA Salvatore & Domenico & Elisabetta MANCUSO, Salvatore ROCCASALVA, Rocco FERRARO, Nina & Manuele AGIUS, Alberto INSANA, Domenica & Domenico NAPOLEONE, Orlando, Rosina & Bruno VESCIO, Concetta & Francesco VALENTI, , Michelangelo, Giovanni & Michael BUTERA

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

NORTH RESERVOIR

79 Wilson Boulevard, North Reservoir 3073
Parish House/Office Tel: 9460 3013 Fax: 9460 8832 Mb: 0431 643 674
E-mail: stjtw@westnet.com.au
www.stjosephtheworker.org.au
School Tel: 9469 7800 Fax: 9462 2949

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
1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

11th Sunday, Year B

17 June 2012

The Mystery of Growth

Jesus must have had a great love for the natural world. Growing up in the area of Nazareth, then his years of public ministry in Galilee, walking from town to town and withdrawing at times to the desert and to the hills, all this must have fostered his appreciation of the environment. We read in his parables that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without God knowing and caring, and we read too of the mystery of growth and of new life through death.

For example, that a grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die in order to produce new life and a new harvest.

The parable in today's gospel focuses on the growing seed and the mystery of growth. Without any help from anyone, without anyone seeing or even knowing, the seed takes root in the soil and, of its own accord, grows-and in due time produces a harvest. The kingdom of God is like this, so Jesus teaches us. Even more, it is like the mustard seed, one of the very smallest of seeds which grows into one of the largest of trees; with room enough for all the birds of the air to find a home in it.

Jesus is showing us how great things can come from seemingly insignificant and even inauspicious beginnings. In other words, whether we see it and recognize it or not, no matter the strife and confusion and seeming messiness of the world, God is ever lovingly at work in it –in every living thing, in every situation, in our hearts and in our lives. So often our society makes us fixated on measuring our progress, performance and achievements. Yet many of the most important things in life can't be measured. Just because we might not be able to see or measure concrete signs of God's presence in our lives or in the world, doesn't mean that God is not there and involved. Nor should we disparage small or inauspicious beginnings or slow progress. Jesus himself began his life in very simple and humble circumstances, born in a stable. From very small things, great things can come. What then is Jesus trying to teach us? Firstly, to be humble in what we do; it is ultimately God's kingdom and our role is to assist as best we can. Secondly, to be patient, since things take time. Thirdly, to hold firm in our trust in God's unfailing presence and providence, no matter how dire or hopeless the situation might sometimes seem. Fourthly, to hold on to our faith and to nurture it. Finally, to hold out in all things in hope. God does not desert us. All will be well in God's good time. The love of God is at work in every nook and cranny of the world, in what is most distressing, as well as in what is most beautiful. God's kingdom of love is among us and is there to be found in the most ordinary, small and seemingly insignificant things.

CUPPA



There will be a Cuppa in the Narthex after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish and meet some fellow parishioners.



CELEBRATIONS OF THE FIRST EUCHARIST (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

Next Sunday 24 June 2012, 44 children from St. Joseph the Worker Primary School will receive the Eucharist for the first time. This will happen in two celebrations: the first one at the 10.30am. Mass and the second celebrations of first Holy Communion starts at 2.00pm. Congratulations to all these children and their families, may they continue to make Jesus Real through the Grace that they will receive in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

STUDENTS FROM ST. MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING

On Friday 22 June 2012 at the 9.10am mass we welcome among us a group of students from St. Monica's College, Epping, who will participate at the mass and deepen their connection with the parish community.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Sunday 17 June 7.00pm – Assunta Gentile (1 mth)

Wednesday 20 June 7.30pm – Angelo D'Ercole (1 mth)

FEASTS

Thursday 21 June – St Aloysius Gonzaga

Friday 22 June – Ss Peter & Paul Apostles

ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR YOUTH

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth is looking for volunteers to assist with the One Year to Go Carnivale World Youth Day 2013 Launch on Friday 27 July.

We'll be looking for people to assist with simple tasks on the night.

Contact: AOY Office 9412 3300 or aoy@cam.org.au

VENERATION OF THE RELICS OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA - SPRINGVALE

Veneration of the Relics of St Anthony of Padua - Thursday 21 June, from 9.30am.

Fr Mario Conte OFM Conv. From the Messenger of St Anthony in Padua will visit St. Joseph's Parish Springvale, with the major relics of St. Anthony. The day will begin with morning Mass at 9.30am, followed by veneration of the relic all day. There will be an evening mass at 7.00pm with Novena Prayers and blessing of St. Anthony bread.

Where: St Joseph's parish, corner of Buckingham Ave & St James Ave, Springvale.

Contact: Parish Office 9547 4877

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY

Wednesday 27 June, 12.00pm – 1.00pm

The talk "From exclusion to inclusion: from welfare to wellbeing – mobilising government, community and church to enhance Australians' wellbeing" will be delivered by Robert Fitzgerald AM. Robert will draw on his long experience in public policy, social advocacy, community and church service, to reflect on the essential elements necessary to enhance community wellbeing. He will draw on recent inquiries, including into the care of older Australians, to illustrate how society will need to respond to the emerging needs of those most vulnerable, as well as maintaining the prosperity for the community at large. This event is hosted by Francis Conference Melbourne which is a part of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome and complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.

Where: St Francis Pastoral Centre – MacKillop Room, St Francis' Church annex, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. **Contact:** Paula 9895 5800.

A Space for The Year of Grace



Grace in the Bible: the Old Testament

"Grace" is a wonderful name. In Christian teachings Grace is described as 'the free and unmerited favour of God shown to people' or 'the condition of being favoured or sanctified (made holy) by God'.

The bible in the Old Testament Grace is referred to as a favour. "But now, suddenly, Yahweh our God by his favour has left us a remnant and granted us refuge in his holy place; this is how or God has cheered our eyes and given us a little respite in our slavery" (the book of Ezra, chapter 9, verse 8.)

The Prophet Zechariah refers to God's blessings and kindness: "But over the house of David and the citizens of Jerusalem I will pour out a spirit of kindness and prayer. They will look on the one whom they have pierced". (Zec 12:10.)

The Book of Proverbs is a collection of sayings to teach people how to live well: "Listen my son to your father's instruction, do not reject your mother's teaching: they will be a crown of Grace for your head, and a circlet for your neck". (Prov 1:9)

As we contemplate the face of Christ in this year of grace let us remember and acknowledge and thank God for the grace of faith initiated in us through our parents' love and care!



YOUTH MINISTER FOR ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Applications are open for a part-time youth minister in 2012. The successful applicant would be responsible for preparing and delivering programmes and events for young people Grade 5-year 10 and young adults Year 11 – University. This is a 12 month contract of 12 hours per week (negotiable). More information and Application Form:

www.syndalcatholic.org.au/index.php/youth-minister/

contact: Mr Justin Tan 9802 8538

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

Thursday 21 June, 6.00pm – 6.00am

There are more than 100,000 Australians who sleep rough each night of the year. Just under half of these are women; a quarter of these are under the age of 18.

CEO's and senior business and community leaders in capital cities across Australia are invited to rise to the challenge and experience what it is like to be homeless for one night in winter and help the St Vincent de Paul Society to raise awareness for the real facts of homelessness.

All money raised through the sponsorship of participants goes directly towards the ongoing provision of Vinnies' homeless services across the country.

So... will you rise to the challenge and sleep out in Melbourne this year?

Where: Etihad Stadium Docklands, Melbourne.

Cost: Donation

Registration: www.ceosleepout.org.au/events/vic.sleepout/

Contact: Kellie Evans 9895 5842