

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

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49:1-6*

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Io ti rendo grazie: hai fatto di me una meraviglia stupenda.

SECOND READING *Acts 13:22-26*

Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.
Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tu, bambino, sarai chiamato profeta dell'Altissimo perche' andrai innanzi al Signore a preparargli le strade. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Luke 1:57-66, 80*

John is his name.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

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

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 01/07/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - E Krygger & D Pullicino
9.00am (SUN) – R De Zan & S LoBartolo
10.30am (SUN) – J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Krygger & N Ziino
T Forte, P Leggiero & R Mercuri
M Mizzi, S Dakin & C McMahon

CHURCH CLEANERS

30/06/2012 M Martuccio, L Calafiore, A Leggiero & P D'Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS

25/06/2012 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
02/07/2012 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Andrew FENNESSY OCSO, Corrado SALVADOR, Anna De Rijk

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio PISTONE, Gianfranco CANDILORO, Maria TOMAC, Slavica MANDIC, Gina DI DONATO, Giuseppe & Angelina TODARO, Orsola BONACCI, Pasquale & Carmela CIMINO, Annita PANE, Angelina & Giovanni QUADARA, Cosimo & Vincenzo PANUCCIO, Anglu ATTARD

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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

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

Birth of John the Baptist Year B

24 June 2012

The Joy of Birthdays

As soon as children are old enough to remember, their birthdays become one of the great highlights of the year. They quickly learn that this is a day when they become the centre of attention and can expect presents and parties, surprises and treats. Then as we go through life certain birthdays take on special significance and are celebrated either as rites of passage or landmarks in the unfolding story of our lives. When Luke tells the story of the birth of John the Baptist, he describes the interest and excitement not only of his elderly parents but also of their relatives and neighbours as well. The circumstances of the child's conception and birth had obviously been the subject of much speculation and gossip because Elizabeth had conceived unexpectedly in her old age and her husband, Zechariah, had been struck dumb in the midst of his confusion over the whole affair.

Eight days after his birth and as his parents fulfil the Jewish rite of circumcision his name becomes the subject of some contention. However, not only does Zechariah confirm his wife's unexpected choice, but also it proves to be the catalyst for him to recover his power of speech, leading everyone else to ask: "Who will this child turn out to be?"

The Church's calendar does not include many birthdays: in fact we celebrated only three: the births of Mary, John and Jesus. And only the births of John and Jesus are actually mentioned in the Scriptures. In fact, as Luke describes their births in the first couple of chapters of his Gospel, we can see a number of similarities in the way the stories unfold; among them the words he uses only for Mary after the birth of Jesus, but for everyone after the birth of John: "All who heard it treasured it in their hearts." There is no doubt that he wants us to treasure his words too. John the Baptist assumes huge importance in the Gospel story because he links the Old and New Testaments and fulfils the great role of all the prophets, pointing us in the direction of God and of his Son, Jesus of Nazareth. Whenever a child is born in our family or our parish we instinctively ask the question: "Who will this child turn out to be?" By the same token we can assume that the same question was asked of us when we were born. As we look back on our lives, if we can say that we have tried in some way at least to point others in the direction of God, then we can rejoice that we have begun to fulfil our prophetic role in the life of the Christian community. At our baptism we were named and anointed to be servants of God, prophets in our own time and place. May the Lord strengthen us to fulfil this role ever more faithfully. So, thank God for your birthday and many happy returns.



CELEBRATIONS OF THE FIRST EUCHARIST (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

This weekend 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.

RINGRAZIAMENTI PER LA DEVOTA CELEBRAZIONE IN ONORE A SANT' ANTONIO

Un sincere grazie al nostro parroco Padre Emmanuele Bonello per avere presentato così bene la vita del Santo, per la devota celebrazione al nostro ex Parroco e fondatore P. Giuseppe Yu che per essere con noi vince le difficoltà della sua età. Al coro Furlan con l'organista Raffaele Rossi, alla Banda Bellini con il presidente Frank De Blasi, agli organizzatori della porchetta abruzzese, a tutti che con generosità hanno offerto pane, donazioni per le spese e fiori per decorare la statua. A tutti i partecipanti che con fede e devozione hanno onorato St. Antonio. Grazie e arrivederci il prossimo anno.

ITALIAN LADIES

Adorazione Eucaristica Martedì 26 Giugno ore 9.00am in cappella seguita dalla S. Messa ore 10.00am. Vi aspettiamo numerose per un tempo di preghiera e riflessione.

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for Anna de Rijk will be celebrated on Wednesday 27 June at 10.30am.

The Rosary for Corrado Salvador will be recited on Wednesday 27 June at 7.00pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 28 June at 10.30am.

ROSTER

The new roster for the various ministries is now available. Please collect your copy of the roster from the Mass co-ordinators after Mass.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 June at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

SILENT RETREAT WITH FR LAURENCE FREEMAN

Silent Retreat with Fr Laurence Freeman Tuesday 3 July to Sunday 8 July.

Fr Laurence is a Benedictine monk and author who teaches Christian meditation around the world.

Where: Newman College, University of Melbourne.

More information: www.christianmeditationaustralia.org or chrmedevent@gmail.com

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FEASTS

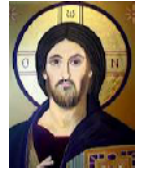
Thursday 28 June – St Irenaeus

St Irenaeus was one of the most important Early Church Fathers of the 2nd century AD. His life reveals the cosmopolitan nature of the Roman Empire at the height of its power. St Irenaeus was bishop of Lyons, in Southern France, though he appears to have grown up in Smyrna, in modern-day Turkey. There, Irenaeus had personal contact with St Polycarp, one of the Apostolic fathers who in turn knew the Apostle John, son of Zebedee.

Friday 29 June – Ss Peter & Paul Apostles

The Feast Day of St Peter and Paul is a timely reminder of the pivotal roles each played in setting the foundations of the Church. Yet they represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, make many mistakes along the way and be reliant on the mercy and encouragement of Jesus. In contrast, Paul came to the faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal to proclaim Christ to the world.

A Space for The Year of Grace



Grace in the Bible: The Gospels

Every time we say the 'Hail Mary', we begin: "Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with you!" These words refer to the greeting made by the Angel Gabriel to Mary as it is written in the Gospel of St. Luke. Mary is the one so highly favoured by the Lord. She first asked what was that all about, and after the angel's explanation, Mary accepted God's favour (Grace) with joy. "I am the handmaid of the Lord," she said, "let what you have said be done to me". (Luke 1:38). Mary was praised by Elizabeth who said: "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled". (Lk 1:45) Then Mary praised God with the canticle of the Magnificat: "... the Almighty has done great things for me..." In the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth we recognise the expected birth of John the Baptist and that of Jesus. This weekend we celebrate the feast of St. John the Baptist's birth. The name John (from Johanan) means: Yahweh's (God's) gracious gift. Another significant name that means "Grace" is the name Anne or Hannah, the mother of Mary. God's actions are surrounded by "Grace", the great favour given to Mary and to humanity in Jesus Christ: "The Word made flesh" as it is written in the Gospel of St. John chapter 1 verse 14: "The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth ... Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us received – yes, grace in return for grace". The truth and reality of Jesus Christ as our saviour is manifested on the cross accompanied by his Mother Mary who was at the foot of the Cross and called to be the Mother of the disciple who represented all disciples. John's gospel tells us that Jesus said: "It is accomplished" and gave up his spirit. That spirit gave birth to the church symbolically expressed in that new relation of mother and disciple. Mary "full of grace" remains the mother of the church and mother of us all a model of faith and a sign of hope. In this Year of Grace may we like Mary accept and believe in the grace that God gave us through Jesus Christ.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY PUBLIC LECTURE:

The "New Evangelisation" with international speaker, Archbishop Bruno Forte Monday 9 July, 5.30pm to 7.15pm.

All are invited to ACU public lecture on the "New Evangelisation" presented by Archbishop Bruno Forte, Archbishop of Chieti – Vasto, member Papal international Theological Commission, Member Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation. In his lecture, Archbishop Bruno Forte will address the questions: Why a "new evangelization"? What does the "new evangelization mean? How can we promote the "new evangelisation? The public lecture will conclude with the conferral of an honorary doctorate by ACU.

Where: Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

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