

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

FIRST READING Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1

They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ha sete di te, Signore, l'anima mia.

SECOND READING Galatians 3:26-29

You who have been baptised have put on Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Le mie pecore ascoltano la mia voce, dice il Signore, e io le conosco ed esse mi seguono. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 9:18-24

You are the Messiah sent by God. It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer much.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$790.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$364.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$419.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 20/6/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan
 9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli
 10.30am (SUN) – N Sua & J Iaria

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino
 P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Piscioneri
 A Keighley, D Lucato & T Saleh

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 27/6/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – E Krygger
 9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Cavedon
 10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
 S Lobartolo, L Calafiore & T Mirigliano
 P Nguyen, M Mizzi & J Tanti

CHURCH CLEANERS

26/06/2010	R DeZan, A Natoli, S Brima & A M Zappia
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MONEY COUNTERS

21/06/2010	A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito
28/06/2010	E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppa BLANGIARDO LAFERLITA, Antonio PISTONE (3 yrs),
 Pasquale LUCENTE (dec. Rec. America – Fratello di Giuseppina Giampietro)

ANNIVERSARIES

Nina AGIUS, Giuseppe TARANTO, Angelina & Giovanni QUADARA, Felice & Rosaria PALAMARA,
 Ninna CIMINO, Alberto & Fortunato INSANA, Giovanni & Antonia TABACCO, Vittorio DITORO,
 Itria BARRESI, Nicola & Giuseppina DI NOTO, Domenico MARINO, Teresa PROVENZANO,
 Maria & Gino PERUFFO, Giuseppe & Angelina TODARO, Felice TARANTO, Angelu 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 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

12th Sunday of Year C

20 June, 2010

Paradox of the Cross

In today's world, changes are a fact of life. We all know this from experience. We adapt to new technologies. We sign up for fitness programs, hoping they'll improve the way we look. We take on new jobs and careers, relocate to the coast, adopt the latest fad, and move house with comparative ease. Superficial changes sit fairly easily with us. The deeper ones, such as changing our outlook on something, are harder to come by.

Today's readings challenge us to do just that. Zechariah and Luke remind us that the Chosen One must suffer, and that cross-bearing is the lot of all who would follow Him. Both startling insights, if we stoop to think about them.

All of us have come up against an imperfect world, and we all carry wounds. We can't airbrush our lives, much as we'd sometimes like to. Failure, hardship and pain are part of the package. We've seen ads that portray a "perfect" existence, but we take them with more than a grain of salt. Our vulnerability is a fact of life. When Jesus encourages us to take up his cross, he's really challenging us to take a fresh look at this shadow side of ourselves.

This will be quite new for many of us. But if we can learn to look within, at the places in our hearts where we are most vulnerable, we'll find that they will lead us to God. For God touches us in our weakness. This is the paradox of the cross. If we can accept this, we begin to live more fruitfully. Our wounds won't go away, they are our 'way of the cross', but they can become our gateway to God. We pick up our cross and start to carry it only when we realise the truth of this. Falling down and getting up again will always be part of our journey. But when our frailty seems too much to bear, that is when we know how much we need God's Loving Divine Presence.

For us, as for Mary Mackillop, there will be no miraculous deliverance from the struggles of life. She took the title 'Mary of the Cross' in recognition of this. Mary was no stranger to negative feelings, uncertainty, doubts and helplessness. But she could write "My name in religion is Mary of the Cross. No name could be dearer to me". She understood that if we live our humanity truly and fully we can expect to be wounded. Love always involves suffering.

When we grasp the idea that carrying our cross is healing for us, our outlook gradually begins to change. We discover that the Mystery of God comes to us disguised in difficult situations and people. We need not fully understand our suffering; however, in time, its value in our lives will become clearer. This is what Jesus meant when he said that 'those who lose their life for my sake will save it'.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 21 June 7.00pm – Rennie Cini (1 yr)
Friday 25 June 7.30pm – Lucia Damiano (1 mth)

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

This weekend of 19 & 20 June at the 6.00pm and 10.30am Masses we welcome the candidates for Confirmation, their families and their sponsors for the Commitment Mass. This is an important time in their preparation and we as a parish community are asked to pray for them that the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens them in their Christian journey.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Dean De Maria** child of Joe and Josie who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him with joy into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

FEASTS

Monday 21 June – St Aloysius Gonzaga
Thursday 24 June – The Birth of St John the Baptist

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 June at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS JUNE 2009 – JUNE 2010

As we come to an end of the year for priests, let us continue praying in thanksgiving for the priests and religious who commit themselves to serve God's people.

RINGRAZIAMENTO – FESTA DI SANT'ANTONIO

Numerosa e devota la partecipazione alla Festa in onore a Sant'Antonio Domenica scorsa. Una grande folla ha sfidato il freddo per partecipare alla processione con canti e preghiere, accompagnata dalla musica della Banda Bellini, e il coro Friulano. Un sincero grazie a Monsignor Franco Cavarra per la sua presenza e bellissima omelia, ai concelebranti Padre Emanuele Bonello e Padre Giuseppe Yu, al comitato organizzatore, ai venditori della porchetta Abbruzese, a tutti che hanno contribuito con offerte e donazioni, e a tutti i devoti presenti sotto lo sguardo benigno dell'amato Santo.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MELBOURNE COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS 2010

13 July 2010 – 1.30pm

Farewell Australian Rules Football match v Freemantle at Arden Street Oval.

Dress: Purple and White Old Collegians, parents, friends, staff and students welcome.

23 July 2010

Liturgy and cocktail party for current and past staff, North Melbourne Campus.

25 July 2010

Back to North Melbourne Morning, North Melbourne Campus.

26 November 2010

Farewell North Melbourne Dinner, Melrose Reception Centre.

8 December 2010

Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of St Joseph's College, Melbourne, St Mary's Church, West Melbourne.

Supper at North Melbourne Campus.

Details: www.sjmelb.catholic.edu.au or Ph: College 9269 6999

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

Who do you say I am? Is a very challenging question. Beyond names and family ties, it concerns the commitments and loyalties that shape a person's identity as their life unfolds. It is challenging, because it invites the one addressed to measure themselves against these commitments. What follows in the gospel narrative makes it clear that this is what Jesus intends as he asks his question of his first followers. And he asks the same question of those in every generation. Jesus invites his disciples to identify with his mission for the life of the world, fully aware of all that this mission involves.

The words of Jesus are addressed to us. Living in a world disfigured by destructive forces that seem impossible to overcome, we are called to give ourselves 'every day', in the concrete circumstances of our lives, to all that Jesus stands for, knowing that it is his life-giving 'cross' that we are taking up with him. And, as we live in unshakeable hope in the Saviour's final victory over all evil, we will come to know the joy implied in his words, 'anyone who loses his life for my sake will save it'.

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Thornhill SM

ST MONICA'S OLD BOYS – Y.C.W.

Reunion Luncheon Thursday 24 June 2010. A luncheon has been arranged for members to renew acquaintances with classmates and friends. Flemington Tabaret, at Flemington Racecourse 11.00am. Lunch 12.30pm \$15.00 = Drinks at bar prices. RSVP: Friday 18 June 2010. Details: Vin A'hearn: 9337 0516 or David Barnes: 9337 5071.

"AN EXPERIENCE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE".

TOUR: 11th Nov – 10th Dec 2011

Catholic Theological College, is organizing a study tour which includes Dublin, London, Paris, Villers Bretonneux, Lourdes and Rome.

Tour Leaders are Dr Frances Baker rsm and Rev Dr Austin Cooper omi AM.

Information Session: Thursday 15 July.

For further information please telephone the College on 9412 3314 or email ctc@ctc.edu.au

MARY MACKILLOP – INSPIRED & INSPIRING" RETREAT WEEKEND FOR YOUTH

Friday 9 July (evening) – Sunday 11 July (after lunch) 19 Ocean Boulevard, Jan Juc (Melways: 237 C 10) Close to beach & cliff-top walk, Twin-share rooms Cost:\$50 employed; concession rate for students & unwaged. BYO: sheets, pillow slip, towel, toiletries. Experience the inspiration of a remarkable woman. RSVP 30 June. Transport available if required. Details: Rita – 041 929 9065

ITALIAN FIESTA WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER MR PAT LAMANNA

Sunday 11 July – To celebrate St Gabriel's 50th Anniversary of the Church Building.

Programme:

8.30am – Mass

1.30pm – Afternoon Tea in Parish Hall with Italian Music and special guest speaker: Mr Pat Lamanna.

Tea/Coffee, Biscotti/Cakes provided BYO Drinks/Nibbles.

All invited to come and have fun & enjoy yourself with good music and company.