

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

**FIRST READING** Wisdom 1:13-15:2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Ti esaltero', Signore, perche' mi hai risollevato.

**SECOND READING** Corinthians 8:7.9.13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 5:21-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$735.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$895.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$596.00

**LECTORS - THIS 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

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 07/07/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) - G Canavan & N Ziino  
 9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico  
 10.30am (SUN) – Sr T Fitzsimmons & Sr Estelita

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

07/07/2012 L Catena, F Agugiars & R Nyour

**MONEY COUNTERS**

02/07/2012 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert  
 09/07/2012 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Fr Thu Duc NGUYEN SJ, Fr Peter STEELE SJ, Fr Ronald POULSEN, Antoinette FRENDO

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Caterina PISCIONERI, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Primo & Paola PRECOMA, Giovanni IOZZI, Carmela & Santo RENNA, Sabatino & Beatrice CARUSO, Ida & Giovanni MERCURI, Rita SCHIAVELLO, Nicola GIAMPIETRO, Emilia LUCENTE, Antonio MURATORE, Felice COMITO, Pasquale RESTA, Maria & Michele COSTANTINO, Franco & Giovanna VITELLONE, Maria ROMANO

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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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm  
 Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B

1 July 2012

## Touch

Odette is a very poor, elderly lady. She comes to the parish here in Sri Lanka every day. She has few possessions and often comes in bare feet. She sits on the garden edge under her favourite shady tree to escape the heat of the sun.

After breakfast I often go to greet Odette. When she sees me coming she gives me one of her special smiles that is so infectious that you can't help but smile in return and forget your own worries.

My usual greeting to her is "Good morning, beautiful" Her face beams, she gives a little giggle and then reaches out to clasp my hands. She asks me to bless her. I gently touch her face and head. We have a little chat, and then she blesses me.

A few days ago as I was walking away from Odette, I was stopped by someone who said to me, "Father, you shouldn't talk to that lady it will only encourage her, and you certainly shouldn't touch her. It is not a good image for a priest!" I was shocked and saddened by the comment. It took me by surprise. I wanted to respond, but I decided to say nothing and simply walked away.

Later, as I reflected on the comment, I remembered something like: No person who ministers can ever really get close to people if you are not willing to physically touch them. It doesn't matter if the person is poor, homeless or dirty; to minister to them requires touch.

Touch expresses love and acceptance of another person, often in ways that words cannot. Touch is intimate and affirming. It is encouraging and life-giving. Touch is healing. Touch is two way; it affects both the person touched and the person doing the touching. Touch is relationship.

In ancient Jewish ritual law, touching the "wrong" person defiles the one doing the touching and renders them unclean. From today's gospel, the woman suffering from the haemorrhage is in a state of impurity and anyone who touches her or comes into contact with her is rendered impure.

Religious authorities were forbidden to touch dead bodies, otherwise they would be unclean.

Yet, Jesus allows himself to be touched and to touch those whom the Law had determined to be unclean, unworthy and untouchable. He was willing to challenge laws and customs that devalued the sacredness and dignity of a person's humanity.

Despite what was said to me, Odette, the beautiful lady I meet each day, touches my life and I believe that I touch her life. Our time together celebrates the sacredness and dignity of both of our lives.

May we all reach out and touch the lives and hearts of those around us. May we also be open to the gentle touch of Jesus and the Holy Spirit that comes to us through our relationships with other people.

### **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **Alexia Di Domizio** child of Mark and Sandra, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING**

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 2 July at 7.30pm in the Church.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Paolo and Maria Contarino who are celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary this weekend. May God bless them and give them more happy years together! Auguri.

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Martedì 3 Luglio ore 9.00am in cappella riunione del comitato femminile. Seguita dalla S. Messa ore 10.00am.

### **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.

### **FEAST**

Tuesday 3 July – St Thomas, apostle

### **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](http://www.christianmeditationaustralia.org) or [chrmedevent@gmail.com](mailto:chrmedevent@gmail.com) or call 0437 514 148.

### **CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE – FRIDAY 6 JULY TO SUNDAY 8 JULY**

The Youth for Christ (YFC) Conference last year, drew over 800 youth from across Australia, so the 2012 Conference will be one of the biggest Catholic youth events of the year! Expect life-changing talks, testimonies, intense praise and worship, Adoration and daily Mass, plus amazing creative and sports competitions ranging from basketball, ultimate frisbee, hip-hop dance battles, as well as battle of the bands.

**Where:** Campaspe Downs Country Resort, 1302 Trentham Road, Kyneton, Victoria

**Cost:** \$145 - Regular

**More Info:** [ycon2012@gmail.com](mailto:ycon2012@gmail.com) or Bong Bernardo 0407 353 662.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR YOUTH (ADY) EVENT**

#### **WYD Brazil – “One Year to go” Celebration Friday 27 July, 6.30pm**

All are invited to the 2013 World Youth Day “One Year to Go” celebration. Fr Robert Galea will lead a special praise and worship session at St Mary Star of the Sea Church in West Melbourne followed at 7.30pm by Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. After Mass, at 8.30pm, the celebrations will continue with a huge Barzilian Carnivale, giving everyone the chance to experience the amazing culture of Brazil.

This event is open to all those from around Victoria who want to start getting ready for World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, whether they will be able to attend World Youth Day or not.

Stay tuned for further details.

More Information: [www.cam.org.au/youth](http://www.cam.org.au/youth) Contact: AOY Office 9412 3300 or [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.au)

## **A Space for The Year of Grace**



### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012**



This weekend is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday with the reflective theme: **“By the Power of Faith we shall be Healed”**. When they announced the Year of Grace the Australian Bishops said that “there is also the struggle to defend the dignity of the first Australians.” Aboriginals are not just general indigenous people, they are Australian Aboriginal people, the people who arrived first on the land and who first fished in its waters and seas and who developed a way of life with values that are still precious, that cannot be measured by dollars and cents. On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1986 Pope John Paul II said to the Aboriginals in Alice Springs: “You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully Church that Jesus wants her to be, until you have made a contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others”. JP II also said to the Aboriginals: “Do you think your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them? Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages must never be lost”. Let us remember the first people in Australia especially the Aboriginal Wurundjeri people who are the original custodians of this land where our parish is. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is a time to reaffirm the good will on our journey towards reconciliation recognising God’s Grace in the Aboriginal who cared for this land.



### **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.

**RSVP:** 1 July 2012, Susanne on 9926 5761 or [Suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au](mailto:Suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au)

### **THE LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE**

#### **ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS SUNDAY 29 JULY, 11.00AM**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup>-70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

**Where:** St Patrick’s Cathedral, Cnr Gisborne Street & Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

**RSVP:** Friday 13 July

**Contact:** 9287 5579 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) More Information: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)