

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

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Loda il Signore, Gerusalemme.

SECOND READING Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono il pane vivo, disceso dal cielo, dice il Signore, se uno mangia di questo pane vivra' in eterno. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$811.00
- Loose Money.....\$259.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$347.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 26/06/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – NO MASS
9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
10.30am (SUN) – E Bartlett & R Sawi

SPECIAL MINISTERS

NO MASS
P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon
Sr Estelita, C McMahon & J Frangiosa

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 03/07/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R DiGuglielmo
10.30am (SUN) -S Miano & J Iaria

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & S Lobartolo
P Nguyen, J Kearney & S Rottura

CHURCH CLEANERS

02/07/2011 R DeZan, A Natoli, S Brima & A M Zappia

MONEY COUNTERS

27//06/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
04/07/2011 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Salvina FERRAGNI (d. Rec Svizzera)

ANNIVERSARIES

Sebastiano GUARNACCIA, Ottavio BRANCATELLA, Marija TOMAC, Slavica MANDIC,
Felice TARANTO, Giovanni, Lazzaro & Carmela DE CATA, Caterina & Giovanni IOZZI,
Sante GUGLIELMI, Orsa BONACCI, Pasquale & Carmela CIMINO, Annita PANE,
Bruno, Maria-Rosa, Antonio & Domenica ARENA, Antonio PASCUZZI, Tonino NAPOLETANO,
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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



The body and Blood of Christ, Year A

26 June 2011

Self Giving

Recently I had my first opportunity to visit India. It is a large and extremely diverse country, with a population of over one billion people.

India is a complex tapestry. Across the country there are vast differences in geography, climate, food, language, culture and wealth. Everything is steeped in history and tradition. Music and dance communicate much of the Indian story. Religion, worship and spirituality are important in everyday life.

All this makes for a fascinating country. One thing really stands out – the people and what they gave to me. I was blessed to be able to visit people in their homes.

My visit to Sanjay and Maria is typical of what I experienced. I arrived at their home in the early evening. Sanjay met me at the door and warmly embraced me. He introduced me to his son and then invited me in, telling me that Maria had stepped out, but that she would return shortly.

In the meantime, Sanjay produced a bottle of his finest Indian whiskey which he had been saving for such a special occasion. He told me about himself and his family. He shared so much of his life with me.

Maria returned and she welcomed me and made feel as though I was the only person in the world. For me it was a moment of sheer grace, received with gratitude.

Maria announced with great enthusiasm that it was time to eat! What followed was unbelievable. I learned that Maria's absence when I first arrived was because she was out obtaining the necessary provisions for my visit.

Maria prepared a banquet. Dish after dish of sumptuous food was brought in for me to enjoy. Each dish was prepared just as it was needed so that it would be fresh. The room was filled with the tantalising aroma of flavours and spices.

I noticed I was the only person eating! I gently enquired and was told that I was the honoured guest and only when I was cared for, would the family begin to eat. It was lavish hospitality and generosity.

Jesus describes himself as the "living bread" given for the "life of the world". At Eucharist, Jesus is the lavish host. He gives himself in his Body and Blood, in this gift of his life, demands that we, like Jesus, give ourselves for others because "we though many, are one body."

Self-giving lies at the heart of Eucharist – and at the heart of our own lives. Sanjay and Maria gave themselves and what they had completely to me.

Today Jesus gives himself completely to us. May we give ourselves to others.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2011

Blessed John Paul II during his 1986 visit to Australia at the mass on 29th Novmeber 1986 in Alice Springs during his homily addressed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people telling them: "You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the church herself in Australia will not be fully the church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others".

Inspired by Pope John Paul II's visit to Alice Springs the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council was established in January 1989. In 1992 The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference officially dedicated the first Sunday of July as the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. This year it will be celebrated next weekend the 3rd of July 2011.

The special statement written by the Australian Catholic Bishops invites us to 'Friendship' with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is a possibility we could examine more fully. This would imply that to be in solidarity with the First Australians means to deepen our friendship with each other. It means to develop an attitude of support and unity. It makes our relationship personal and practical." (ACBC Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders: Websites: www.catholic.org.au or www.acbe.catholic.org.au or www.natsicc.org.au).

CONFIRMATION

This weekend we welcome among us Bishop Tim Costelloe who celebrates confirmation on Saturday 25th June at 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Congratulations to the 52 young ones who receives Confirmation this weekend. We pray for them to live out well the gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and others as they look forward to taking more responsibilities in their commitment of faith.

OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Best wishes and blessings to our School Principal Mr. Peter Chowne who is in Boston US. For three months, doing a special Enrichment course together with other Australian School Principals and Education Leaders. Peter will be back by the end of September, in his absence the deputy Principal, Mrs. Marisa Steele will be the leader of the school with her role of "Acting Principal".

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Salvatore and Lucia Calafiore who celebrates their 50th Wedding Anniversary (Nozze D'oro), this weekend 25 June 2011. We wish them every blessing and many more happy years. AUGURI.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 28 Giugno Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella ore 9.00am seguita Santa Messa ore 10.00am. Vi aspettiamo numerose per la preghiera e riflessione.

FEASTS

Tuesday 28 June – St Irenaeus

Wednesday 29 June – Ss Peter & Paul Apostles

Friday 1 July – Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 2 July – Immaculate Heart of Mary

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 June at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 2 July at 6.00pm.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART-MASS FOR THE POOR

Friday 1st July is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At the 9.10am Mass all school children will attend and bring food donations for the poor. Families and parishioners are all welcome to join us.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Saturday 2 July 3.00pm – Giovanni Salvo (1 mth)

Saturday 2 July 4.00pm – Serafino Marinacci (1yr)

DON BOSCO WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Winter is upon us and what better way to warm those winter blues than by coming to Don Bosco Camp in the July School holidays for four days of hearty meals and good fun! The camps are run in the spirit of the Salesians by a team of young, enthusiastic leaders whose primary role is to ensure that each camper has the time of their life. The Salesians of Don Bosco are a Catholic religious order dedicated to working with young people.

There are two camps to choose from:

Junior Camp (girls and boys aged 9-13) July 4 – July 7

Senior Camp (girls and boys aged 13-16) July 11 – July 14

Places are filling fast so get in quick! If you'd like an application form or more information go to www.donboscocamp.org or email emily@donboscocamp.org or call us at camp on 5987 2692.

TABOR JOURNEY PROGRAM 5-7 AUGUST 2011 AT TEMPLESTOWE

Tabor Journey is a program for separated, divorced or widowed people coping with the loss, the grief, the heartache and struggle that follows the end of a marriage/relationship. This live-in weekend is designed to provide a reflective time, a time to share, to bring some closure on what has happened and move on with life with greater freedom.

For further information and a registration form please phone CatholicCare (formerly Centacare Catholic Family Services) Geelong on 5221 7055 or email geelong@accam.org.au,

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

"Do this in memory of me." Many of the great things of life are kept alive through the 'remembering' of cherished traditions. Moses says to the people, "Remember...do not forget, the Lord fed you with manna." In the words of John's gospel before the passage we read today, Jesus has recalled this story of the Exodus, and likened himself to the manna given to the people in the midst of their complaining. Now he announces the inauguration of a new tradition – and, as John tells us, it too will be met with complaining.

"To this point, Jesus has been telling the people that he was foreshadowed in the manna. He came to nourish their old faith. Now, however, he makes a dramatic announcement. In all that he does, he is giving expression to the ways of his Father – taking up the initiative himself. He will become the nourishment of God's people in a way that could never have been anticipated: "The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world".

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Thornhill SM