

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

FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

I nostri occhi sono rivolti al Signore.

SECOND READING Corinthians 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6: 1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lo Spirito del Signore e' sopra di me: mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio. Alleluia.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$754.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$174.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$260.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 08/07/2012

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico
10.30am (SUN) – Sr T Fitzsimmons & Sr Estelita

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
P Nguyen, S Rottura & A Keighley

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 15/07/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - E Krygger & E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
10.30am (SUN) – R Sawi & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino & N Ziino
P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon
C McMahon, J Frangiosa & S Miano

CHURCH CLEANERS

14/07/2012 A DiRico, M Pascuzzi & E Selso

MONEY COUNTERS

09/07/2012 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
16/07/2012 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joseph BONNICI, Giovanni ZOCCO

ANNIVERSARIES

Ernes PAOLINI, Betty PELUSO, Michele RAGO, Johnny FORTE,
Rocco, Angela, Antonio, Raffaele, Giuseppe & Irmecia CENTOFANTI, Angelo CRITELLI,
Domenico & Luigi MIRIGLIANO, Egidio & Vincenzo 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



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

14th Sunday, Year B

8 July 2012

Go Away

Jesus spent the first thirty years of his life in the rural hill-country town of Nazareth (Lk 3:23). We know nothing about this period and, accordingly, it is usually designated as the “hidden years”. Nevertheless, our pious imagination has conjured up many idyllic pictures of the “Holy Family” at work and play in the streets of Nazareth or out in the fields of the Galilean countryside. The few remarks found in the Gospels, however, suggest that once Jesus emerged from obscurity and began his public mission of preaching and healing, he presented a real challenge to his neighbours at Nazareth and even to his own family. Today’s Gospel reading explicitly pictures the citizens of Nazareth as hostile to Jesus’ preaching. This story must be read in conjunction with an earlier incident in Mark (3:20-21, 31-35) where Jesus’ relatives, including “his mother and brothers” (Mk 3:31), thought that Jesus was “out of his mind” and sought to “seize him” (Mk 3:21). Luke’s version of the story of Jesus’ return to his old neighbourhood culminates in everyone at Nazareth attempting to stone him (Lk 4: 16-30). It is with good reason, then, that Mark’s Jesus could say: “Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house” (Mk 6:4).

This disquieting picture of Jesus’ difficult relationship with his “kin” stands in marked contrast to the picture that emerges in Acts (1:14; 12:17) and the Pauline writings (Gal 1:19; 2:9, 12; 1 Cor 9:5: 15:7). These texts present Jesus’ extended family as playing a decisive role in the earliest Jerusalem church after his death and resurrection. Despite earlier reservations about his message and ministry, Jesus’ relatives emerge as key figures in the early years of Christian history. A reference by Paul to Jesus’ “brother” James in 1 Corinthians (15:7; cf. Gal 1:19) places James amongst those who first received a visitation from the risen Jesus. Acts (1:14) records that Jesus’ “mother and brothers” were among the group of disciples who gathered in the upper room after the resurrection to consider what would be Jesus’ legacy. We might speculate that Jesus’ family began to understand the mission of Jesus as it moved to its climax. The presence of Jesus’ “mother and brothers” in Jerusalem suggest that they must have accompanied Jesus during his final journey to Jerusalem. Families and neighbours can be difficult. We all have them, and most of us would admit that this can be at times a dubious gift. Our cousins, siblings, parents and friends are often our most strident critics. But they can also be our unfailing support during life’s darkest moments. Frequently, it is only our family and closest friends who stand by us during times of fear, pain and suffering. Jesus’ experience seems to have been no different. Reflecting on today’s Gospel we might consider further ways in which we can support and encourage those whom God has given us as companions on the journey.

I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME



Matthew 25:35

Join with Catholic Mission this weekend to feed, in body and soul, our brothers and sisters in desperate need in Ethiopia and around the world. Every day, missionaries like Australian Sister Maureen Elliott and Father Yisehak Yacob reach out to

meet the need of communities in the Diocese of Hawassa in southern Ethiopia. By making a gift to the Catholic Mission Church Appeal today or by becoming a "Friends in Faith Partner" with a monthly gift, you will help communities affected by drought, hunger and famine. Together we can feed them... body and soul.

This weekend is the annual appeal for the work of Catholic Mission. There will be a special leaving collection at the conclusion of each Mass, please find envelopes available at the doors of the church.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Orlando Kang** child of Paul and Rosalie, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

FUNERALS

Rosary for Joseph Bonnici will be recited on Sunday 8 July at 7.00pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday 9 July at 11.00am.

Rosary for Giovanni Zocco will be recited on Tuesday 10 July at 11.30am, followed by Funeral Mass.

MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday 15 July 6.00pm – Giusepina Canzoneri (1 mth)

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 July at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

FEAST

Wednesday 11 July – St Benedict

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

A SPACE FOR THE YEAR OF GRACE

Grace in the Bible: The Letters of St Paul



Grace is mentioned many times in the letters of St. Paul. We find his greeting with Grace at the beginning and the end of each of his letters. "May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you Grace and Peace" (1 Cor. 1:3). At the end of the second letter to the Corinthians (12:13) we find the same words we use at the greeting of mass: "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all". In other letters St. Paul greeted people with the words "May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit"

St Paul teaches us about Grace being God's love and peace for us, as he wrote to the Romans, we received Grace through "Jesus Christ the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: ... and who in the order of spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead" (Rom 1:3-5).

Grace is God's "free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight" (Eph. 1: 6-8) "...It is by Grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; ... We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it." (Eph. 2: 8-10).

St. Paul is praised as being a great apostle of truth, apostle of the gentiles, and to preach the Good News, he travelled, worked hard, suffered and prayed with joy. He was aware of his great ability and at the same time conscious of his time of weakness: "I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's Grace I am what I am." (1 Cor. 15: 9-10).

Like St. Paul let us thank God for the many gifts he gives to us, for the talents and skills that we have and most of all let us thank God for the Grace he has given us through his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



THE LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS SUNDAY 29 JULY, 11.00AM

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th-70th 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 More Information: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily