

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

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 55:10-11*

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Tu visiti la terra, Signore, e benedici i suoi germogli.

**SECOND READING** *Romans 8:18-23*

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower, all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Il seme e' la parola di Dio, il seminatore e' Cristo: chiunque trova lui, ha la vita eterna. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 13:1-23*

A sower went out to sow.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$671.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$304.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$286.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 10/07/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch  
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri  
 10.30am (SUN) – N Sua & L Conte

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

R Nyour  
 S Lobartolo, L Calafiore & T Mirigliano  
 L DeMarco, A Filippone & J Tanti

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 17/07/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) - E Saliba  
 9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & M Crupi  
 10.30am (SUN) -J & J Kearney

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

S Dakin  
 A Sonza, L Calafiore & G Barbaro  
 S Miano, D Herbert & L Conte

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

16/07/2011 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

**MONEY COUNTERS**

11//07/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlet & C McMahon  
 18/07/2011 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Carmela ROSATA, Sebastiano FERRARO (d.rec. Italy), Joe ABELA, Teresa CORRADO (d.rec. Italy)  
Fr Leo SALEEBA, Fr Kevin MANNING

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Angelo CRITELLI, Johnny FORTE, Giuseppe, Maria & Filomena ASTORINO,  
Martha & Bernardo DI VINCENZI, Famiglia ZAPPIA, Giuseppe & Angelina TODARO, Janez ZELE,  
Giuseppe & Teresa CARUSO, Gaetano CARUSO, Benedetto IANNELLO, Pasquale SMARRELLI

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A

10 July 2011

## Soul Gardening

Last year I decided to take up gardening once again. In these difficult economic times it seems a number of people are doing the same thing. At home, when I was growing up, we always had a garden, quite a large one, which made us self sufficient in vegetables for much of the year. Our neighbors had similar gardens. With today's fast pace of life, many have preferred not to have their own garden. In fact many do not want much land at all around their homes. The less upkeep the better.

Yes, having a garden is time consuming, and on a hot day quite hard work. But being involved in growing things and watching them grow has a lot to teach us. This is why Our Lord found it so useful to use examples for his teaching in the countryside, where the crops and the fields were nearby. He and his listeners were familiar with all that was necessary for a good harvest. They understood what it was to sow and to reap and to care for flocks in the fields.

What I found in my own garden was the effort I had to make to clear it of weeds. I could not believe the number and variety of weeds that grew in a relatively small garden. I also discovered that neglect and too many weeds could take the very life out of a garden so that nothing of value was able to grow. This required a lot of care and fertilizing to make the soil productive once again.

I thought of the parable of the sower and the difficulties that must be overcome before the seed can take root. The soul, like a garden, must be prepared for the seed. It must be nourished with good instruction and good example. The weeds that are there in all of us must be patiently removed. A garden is a commitment. Caring for a soul is an even greater commitment. And when the soul is ready it receives the word into rich soil. But that does not complete the work. There are still difficulties and problems to encounter.

In a garden we know that weeds can also take advantage of the soil that has been cared for and nourished. Then there are other things that can damage a good crop. The garden cannot be left to itself. One must continue to care for it and protect it. How like this is our own soul.

Though we have received the word of God we must not allow the weeds and contamination of the world to take over.

I recall Jesus' parable of the unclean spirit (Mt: 43-45) when it found the soul so neglected that it invited seven others to join it in taking occupation. The last condition was worse than it was before. So weeds also will grow better in good soil and we must be ever vigilant.

But with care and attention the garden will produce a bumper crop and the soul will reach heights unimaginable, producing thirty, sixty and a hundred fold.



Do something  
*beautiful* for God

Join with Catholic Mission this weekend to reach out and support missionaries in Peru and 160 countries around the world. Every day, missionaries like Australian Father John Andersen, Father Raymundo Portelli and Gabriela Filonowicz reach out to meet the need of communities in the diocese of Iquitos, Peru. 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 hardship, disease and extreme poverty. We can all do something beautiful for God.



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**Today is the annual appeal for the work of Catholic Mission. There will be a special leaving collection at the conclusion of each Mass.**

#### **CUPPA**



There will be a cuppa in the Narthex after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish and meet some fellow parishioners.

#### **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **Elijah Toomey** child of Nigel and Michelle 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.

#### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Martedì 12 Luglio riunione del comitato femminile alle ore 9.00am in cappella. Tutte Benvenute.

#### **FEASTS**

Monday 11 July – St Benedict  
Friday 15 July – St Bonaventure

#### **OLD CHRISTMAS OR GREETING CARDS**

If you have old Christmas or greeting cards please donate them to Sr Estelita for use in religion lessons with the children.

#### **SERENITY: AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC**

Hosted by Melbourne's Little Sisters of the Poor. Serenity presents classical performance by some of Melbourne's aspiring young musicians and vocalists. The concert will be followed with a chance to meet the Sisters, at afternoon tea and an opportunity to see the picturesque grounds. 23 July 2pm – 5pm, at 112 St Georges Road, Northcote. Cost \$20 per person including afternoon tea. Enquiries 9489 8444

#### **CELEBRATE THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARLTON'S LOURDES GROTTO**

Please join the seminary community as we commemorate the 70th anniversary of this historic grotto, erected by the Italian community in August 1941. Holy Hour with Solemn Benediction at the grotto, Church of Sacred Heart, 199 Rathdowne Street, Carlton. 3.00pm, Sunday 31 July 2011. Refreshments to follow.

## *FESTA DI SAN ROCCO* *DOMENICA 14 AGOSTO 2011*



Nella Chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore N Reservoir  
79 Wilson Boulevard – N Reservoir

#### **PROGRAMMA**

**Ore 9:00am** Santa Messa in Italiano cantata accompagnata dal pianista Raffaele Rossi  
**Ore 2:00pm** Inni e preghiere in onore a S. Rocco  
**Ore 2:30pm** S. Messa celebrata dal Rev. Padre Emanuele Bonello PP e Padre Giuseppe Yu PE.

La celebrazione sarà rese solenne con musica e canti dal pianista Raffaele Rossi con il coro Holy Name dopo la Santa Messa la processione si articolerà tutt'intorno alla chiesa accompagnata dalla Nota Banda Bellini si farà sosta nel piazzale della scuola con preghiere canti e musica. Rientro in chiesa per la benedizione con il S.S. Sacramento. Portate i vostri ammalati per una benedizione speciale.

Alla conclusione della celebrazione religiosa in sala ci sarà intrattenimento di bella musica e canzoni dal Duo Tony Di Iorio e il cantante Ugo. Estrazione della lotteria. Vi aspettiamo numerosi.

### *THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL*

The seed falls on soil where there are many weeds and thorns. It gets smothered by the competing plants. This we might call the “having your cake and eating it” response. I do want to be a good Christian but I also want to have all the things that the world around me thinks important, even if they are in conflict with the Gospel vision. It won't work. We cannot at the same time totally serve God and be a part of the materialistic, consumerist, “success” – hungry world.

In the long run the work of God cannot be frustrated either by threats from society or from within the Christian community. But what matters for me as I hear this Scripture is to be aware that I, as this individual, can refuse to provide the fertile patch of soil for God's Word to take deep root. God's plan as a whole will succeed but it is up to me to be part of that plan. I personally can say No or Not yet or Yes but...I can, like many of the people that Jesus knew, resist the radical change of view that conversion entails. In the process I will also miss out, of course, on the deep healing that the Word of God can bring into my life and, with the healing, a sense of liberation, happiness and peace.

*Excerpt from a commentary by Fr Frank Doyle SJ*

#### **SIMONE WEIL LECTURE ON HUMAN VALUES**

Professor Kevin Hart will give the annual Simone Weil Lecture. **Topic:** on Forgiveness. Thursday 14 July. **Time:** 6-8pm, Mercy Lecture Theatre, ACU Melbourne Campus, 115 Victoria Pde Fitzroy. Details: Therese Vassarotti, Faculty of Theology & Philosophy. Enquiries: 0410 409 413 or [www.acu.edu.au](http://www.acu.edu.au)