

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

**FIRST READING** *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Tu sei buono, Signore, e perdoni.

**SECOND READING** *Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Ti rendo lode, Padre, Signore del cielo e della terra, perche' ai piccoli hai rivelato i misteri del regno. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 13:24-43*

Let them grow together until the harvest.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$919.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$252.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$222.00

**LECTORS - THIS 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

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 24/07/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) - D Pullicino  
 9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & T Forte  
 10.30am (SUN) -L DeMarco & G Canavan

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Krygger  
 L Catena, M Crupi & A DiRico  
 J Kearney, T Nguyen & M Mizzi

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

23/07/2011 M Martuccio, L Calafiore, A Leggiero  
 & P D'Anello

**MONEY COUNTERS**

18//07/2011 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito  
 25/07/2011 E Clalridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Michele RAGO, Giovanni MANCUSO

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Michael BUTERA, Vito & Rocca DEL ZOTTI, Sebastiano GUARNACCIA, Maurice HENNEQUIN, Francis NGUYEN, Catherine LE, Rocco FERRARO, Famiglia PUGLIESE, Giuseppa DELL'ALBANI

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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

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

17 July 2011

## The Patience of God

In a world of 20/20 cricket, fast food, fast cars and now fast broadband, patience is a little considered virtue. Yet, the authors of Wisdom and today's Psalm present us with a God who is ever patient with human failure, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Furthermore, we are told, to be virtuous, one needs to act as God acts, through kindness, gentleness and patience.

Our world is not only fast, it also highly competitive. Of course, competition has its place. Too often, though, competition and the desire for quick results lead to aggressive behaviour. We see this on the sporting field, in the market-place and in the rhetoric of our politicians.

In his parables, Jesus presents us with a set of values at odds with a fast, competitive and aggressive world. We see this in the patient farmer of today's gospel who waits for the right time to weed out the darnel from the wheat. Likewise, in the parable of the mustard seed and in the yeast-parable of the woman making bread, time and patience are required.

Prayer too takes time, patience and perseverance. Just as human friendship takes time to grow and mature, so too our relationship with God does not happen overnight. Often, we find ourselves, in the words of St Paul, unable to choose the right words to pray properly. Yet, as Paul says, the "Holy Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words". In prayer, what's important are not fancy words but the truth of the heart.

Earlier in the year, floods, cyclones and fires devastated the lives of many Australian families. While such climate tragedies are not new, scientists tell us their frequency and intensity are on the increase. Australians, like many others, respond to such human tragedy with remarkable generosity reminding us there is much more to the human spirit than competition and aggression. In adversity, people learn something of what it is to act as God acts – with mercy and compassion.

This reminds us that prayer is a matter of both words and action. Moreover, as the parable of the sower teaches, we speak and act in a world where good and evil co-exist. We also know that each of us is touched by good and evil. But the Spirit of truth has been given to us "in our weakness" (Paul) to enable us to grow in faith, hope and love.

If we feel impatient with our world, ourselves and even with God, we should return to the lessons of the mustard seed and leaven. These parables of encouragement point to the presence of God's kingdom already in our midst. Do not despair with world, church or self: the tiny seed will one day flower; the yeast will become bread. In our fast world, we need to learn patience, God's patience. Patience with others is love. Patience with self is hope. Patience with God is faith. Since God is patient with us, let us become patient workers in the vineyard of life.

### **PARISH LITURGY TEAM**

The Parish Liturgy Team meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 July at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### **MEMORIAL MASS**

Thursday 21 July 7.00pm – Adolf Simiane (1 yr)

### **ITALIAN COMMITTEE**

Incontro per tutti membri del comitato Italiano in cappella Martedì 19 Luglio ore 9.00am. Seguita Santa Messa alle 10.00am. Vi aspettiamo numerosi.

### **60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Francesco and Maria Rottura who celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We wish them every blessing and many more years. Tanti auguri a Francesco e Maria Rottura per questa celebrazione di 60 anni di matrimonio.

### **FEAST**

Friday 22 July – St Mary Magdalene

### **THANK YOU FOR PRAYERS**

Mr & Mrs Tony and Miriam Mizzi wish to thank all parishioners and friends who supported them with prayers and speedy recovery wishes while Tony was very sick in hospital and who is now getting better. Thank you.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY COMMISSIONING MASS**

Join Archbishop Hart this weekend on Sunday 17 July at 2.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral as he celebrates mass and commissions on route to World Youth Day Madrid. Come and show your support for our young people on this journey of faith. There are over 250 from Melbourne who are attending the World Youth Day in Madrid which is to be held on 16 – 21 August.

### **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

### **HELDER CAMARA LECTURES JULY 2011**

Can I Really Be Happy? "Freedom Personal Identity and the Possibility of Happiness". Thursday 21 July. All events will be held at The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville from 6.00pm. Details Br Mark O'Connor FMS 0401 222 596 or email [markoconnorfms@gmail.com](mailto:markoconnorfms@gmail.com)

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS (SPECIAL MINISTERS)**

July 25 & 26, 2011, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne. These sessions are for new and experienced Ministers of Communion during Mass that provide liturgical and pastoral guidance to those who exercise this ministry in parishes. Part 1 will commence on 25 July with Part 2 the following day.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY – JULY**

The next St Vincent de Paul Society Social Justice in the City event will be held at St Francis Pastoral Centre, Londale Street, Melbourne on Wednesday 27 July, 12.00pm – 1.00pm. The presentation will be 'Building a Just Society is Everybody's Business' by Julie Edwards (CEO Jesuit Social Services) and Amanda Watkinson. Details: Paula, 9895 5800.

## **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.

### **THE INAUGURAL PASTORAL CARE NURSING CARE EXPO**

Parish nurses, faith community nurses, community health nurses, pastoral nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives, chaplains and allied health professionals are invited to the inaugural Pastoral Care Nursing Care Expo. Friday 22 July 2011, 10.00am – 4.00pm. Nurses Memorial Centre, Suite 11/431 St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Cost: \$45, lunch provided. Registration and details: Leonie Rastas, [leonie@apnrc.org](mailto:leonie@apnrc.org) RSVP: 8 July 2011.

### **SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB**

*"Turning 50: The Second Vatican Council" Understanding the Council that changed our lives.*

**Venue:** Veneto Club 191 Bulleen Road Bulleen 3105 (Melways 32D9) Gondola Room (1st Floor)

**Date:** Wednesday 20 July 2011

**Time:** Forum begins at 8.00pm.

**Guest Speaker:** Fr Max Vodola

**Cover charge: \$5/person:** No booking necessary, just turn up. Arrive a little after 7.30pm for a coffee or some other drink from the adjacent bar.

**Enquiries:** Call Charles on 0417 319 556

In 1959 when calling the council, Pope John XXIII spoke of aggiornamento, 'bringing up to date' and on October 11 1962, and when opening the Second Vatican Council he said: "we feel we must disagree with those prophets of gloom, who are always forecasting disaster... Divine Providence is leading us to a new order of human relations. Fr Max Vodola will lead us in learning and understanding a little more about this landmark event in our church.

Fr Max is currently Parish Priest of Flemington/Kensington parishes and lecturer in Church history at Catholic Theological college. Since ordination in 1997, Fr Max has served in the parishes of Maidstone/Braybrook, Geelong, Nth Reservoir and Nth Balwy. He was recently awarded his Ph.D from Monash University. His thesis examined the writings of Pope John XXIII on the Council of Trent and St Charles Borromeo that helped to shape Roncalli's (Pope John XXIII), ideas and language regarding the Second Vatican Council.

### **40 YEARS OF PASTORAL ASSOCIATE MINISTRY IN MELBOURNE**

Past and present Pastoral Associates are invited to a reunion to celebrate 40 years of Pastoral Associate Ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

St Brendan's Parish Hall, cnr Church & High Sts., Flemington, Sunday 21 August, from 2.00pm. Cost: \$20 for catering purposes. RSVP: Monday 1 August, Carol Harris, 0438 576 743; email [carolharris@netspace.net.au](mailto:carolharris@netspace.net.au)