

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

FIRST READING Kings 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Quanto amo la tua legge, Signore.

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

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 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns, and buys the field.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$661.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$192.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$299.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

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T Forte, T Mirigliano & R Mercuri
L Greco, U Stangis & J Iaria

CHURCH CLEANERS

30/07/2011 L Catena, F Agugiars & R Nyour

MONEY COUNTERS

25//07/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
01/08/2011 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe PERLUZZO, Giovanni CAPPELLUTI, Lucia PENNACCHIA, Sebastian MATERAZZO
Fr Paul RYAN, Caterina BUTERA (d. Rec.Italy),

ANNIVERSARIES

Adolf SIMIANE, Famiglia NARDOZZA, Umberto & Maria SILEO, Giorgio GIMELLI,
Orlando VESCIO, Rosina & Bruno VESCIO, Antonio PISTONE, Filippo & Beniamino PASCUZZI,
Antonia, Santo & Luigi ROCCA, Santa CHIODO

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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

17th Sunday of Year A

24 July 2011

The Price for True Treasure

In today's gospel, the two characters in Jesus' first two stories have something in common. Both experienced great joy when they stumbled upon something of tremendous value. They were shrewd enough to appreciate the value of what they had found; and they were willing to pay the necessary price in order to possess their treasure. The kingdom of heaven that Jesus proclaims is this treasure of pearl. Its true value is not readily apparent but needs to be astutely appraised and appreciated. Once discovered, the crucial question is the price that we are prepared to pay. If our hearts are truly set on it, then we will spare nothing in order to acquire it. For Jesus, this pearl or treasure is his Father's will. He is prepared to give up everything he valued – his security, his family, his clan, his home, and even his life – in order to fulfill it. To Jesus, this is true wisdom and the one thing necessary in life. The Father's will was the treasure worth every sacrifice it demands. But to those who thought they knew him, and to others who live by other values, this is utter nonsense and foolishness. Recall his strong reproach of St. Peter who tried to prevent him from fulfilling his Father's will. He declared that Peter's thinking came from the Evil One.

And this is the paradox of the gospel message. Anyone with a deep desire to meet Jesus must be prepared to be seriously engaged with him as a sign of contradiction.

He will challenge values that we may hold dear because they stand in stark contradiction to His. His Father's will is the foundation of his whole life, his reason for being, and for living. Life lived in this way is demanded of those who follow the way of Jesus. He certainly made it clear that if anyone wants to become his true disciple, there is a steep price to pay if discipleship is to mean anything. And so he spoke about taking up the cross daily, and being the servant of all. In practical terms, this means mustering the courage to make choices that often involve serious sacrifices. These choices include renunciation for anything that compromises the capacity of giving oneself fully to the ways of God. This may even demand making the supreme sacrifice of one's life, as Jesus did. For him, every happening in life has a divine purpose that originates from his Father, Jesus' followers necessarily share in his unshakeable trust in the loving providence of the Father. But we are given one guarantee. If we take up this call of Jesus, God's love will never desert us, and God will be faithful to us in all kinds of situations we meet in life. When we generously take up this call we will meet the God of life.

His mercy and faithfulness will overcome all evil and death itself. There is a cost in following the Father's will as Jesus did. Raised from the dead, He showed that it was worth it.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Joseph Pascuzzi and Lesley Grimmond who will be married this weekend at Perthshire Scotland. We ask God's blessing on them and their families on this special occasion.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 July at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

WORDS OF THANKS

Asha and Connie Younan wish to thank God and the community for prayers on behalf of their son Matthew who is in Grade 2 at St Joseph the Worker School and who has now recovered after having an accident during holidays. Thank You. As a token of thanksgiving, Mr and Mrs Younan will offer to people biscuits and food after the 9.00am Mass in the Narthex. According to Mr Younan this is a tradition in the Assyrian Church Community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ITALIAN PENSIONERS CLUB

Congratulations to the Italian Pensioners Club who this week celebrated their 25th anniversary since the beginning of the club. Tanti Auguri. Best wishes and many thanks for the good work done for the Italian Pensioners.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 25 July 7.30pm – Francesco Cambareri (1 yr)
Friday 29 July 7.00pm – Mario Pieri (1 mth)

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Rosary for **Lucia Pennacchia** will be recited on Tuesday 26 July at 10.00am. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am.

The Funeral Mass for **Sebastiana (Anna) Materazzo** will be held on Wednesday 27 July at 10.30am.

FEASTS

Monday 25 July – St James Apostle

James and his brother, John the beloved disciple, were the sons of Salome and the fisherman, Zebedee. They left everything when Christ called them to be 'fishers of men'. Named 'Sons of Thunder' by Jesus, the two brothers were present during most of the recorded miracles of Christ. With Peter they formed the group of three apostles chosen by Jesus to be present at certain special events, ie: the miracle of the raising of Jairus' daughter, at the Transfiguration, and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Tuesday 26 July – Ss Joachim & Ann

While they are not mentioned in the Gospels, tradition holds, on the grounds of very old testimonies, that Saints Joachim and Ann were the father and mother of Mary, the Mother of God.

Friday 29 July – St Martha

'Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus.' This unique statement in John's Gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. Jesus was apparently a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. On one visit we see Martha's frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Martha asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, as he reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important-listening to him. The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately, leaves the guests, and goes to meet him, stating clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the son of God.

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 sara' rese solenne con musica e canti dal pianista Raffaele Rossi con il coro Holy Name dopo la Santa Messa la processione si articolera' tutt'intorno alla chiesa accompagnata dalla Nota Banda Bellini si fara' 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 sara' intrattenimento di bella musica e canzoni dal Duo Tony Di Iorio e il cantante Ugo. Estrazione della lotteria. Vi aspettiamo numerosi.

Thoughts on the Gosepl

The parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price emphasise the need for conversion. Identification with the ways of God that shape the Kingdom must be unconditional. In Palestine the possibility of finding a treasure trove was real. One who had such a stake of good fortune, Jesus says, would do all that he could to buy the field – and in a similar way, no other allegiance will rule the life of one who has found the joy of letting God's word and God's ways to be the measure of his or her life.

The pearl for which the merchant sells everything has the same lesson. The parable teaches us that identifying with the Kingdom announced by Jesus means getting our priorities right.

The parable of the dragnet. It is not for us to make final judgment of the good and the bad – that belongs to the Lord. Meanwhile, the Church – through which the Kingdom is 'present in mystery' – is made up of a 'haul of all kinds'. Following the example of Jesus, who reached out to prostitutes and sinners, the Church will never turn its back on those who are still struggling with the issues of life.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Thornhill SM

AUGUST THEOLOGY@THEPUB!

Topic: "What is Good? What is Evil? Who decides?"

Speaker: Raymond de Souza

Date: Monday 1st August

Time: 6.30pm for dinner and drinks, 7.30pm talk begins.

Venue: Pumhouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy

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