

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

FIRST READING *Genesis 18:20-32*

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Nel giorno in cui ti ho invocato mi hai risposto.

SECOND READING *Colossians 2:12-14*

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Avete ricevuto lo Spirito che rende figli adottivi, per mezzo del quale gridiamo:

Abba! Padre! Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Luke 11:1-13*

Ask, and it will be given to you.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering..... \$710.00
- Loose Money..... \$268.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery..... \$322.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 25/07/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & C Agostinelli
10.30am (SUN) – E Bartlett & T Fitzsimmons

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Krygger
P Sparano, S LoBartolo & A Keighley
J & J Kearney & J Vincitorio

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 01/08/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch
9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & C Monforte
10.30am (SUN) – J Akinido & E Thompson

SPECIAL MINISTERS

R Nyour
D Biasibetti, R De Zan & P Leggiero
L Greco, U Strangis & M Sernia

CHURCH CLEANERS

31/07/2010 L Catena, A Sirianni, F Agugiars & R Nyour

MONEY COUNTERS

26/07/2010 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
02/08/2010 R & E Cornelious & M Williams

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Adolf SIMIANE, Roberto MILONE, Rosina FATO, Carmelina MAZZILLI in DE PER (d. Rec. Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES

Victoria DEBONO, Michele STABILE, Carmela CARUSO, Mannina VECCHIO,
Genoeffa LORENZO, Giuseppe TARANTO, Orlando, Rosina & Bruno VESCIO,
Franco & Giovanna VITELLONE

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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 Doreen Bentley-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 C

25 July, 2010

Prayer

A small village in rural Russia was beset by drought one year and all the crops failed. The village rabbi prayed to the heavens, "Lord, why don't you do something about this dreadful drought?" But the heavens remained silent. So the rabbi organised a charity food-drive with the neighbouring villages to feed his people. When the rains came, they came in heavy and the local river flooded, killing all the livestock. The rabbi again prayed, "Heavenly Father, my people are suffering so much, save us from this flood!" But, again, no help from God seemed forthcoming. So the rabbi lobbied the government authorities to provide financial assistance to replenish the herds lost in the deluge.

Finally, in the wake of the flood, infection and disease ran through the inhabitants of the village. The rabbi prayed once more, "Now surely God you will help us!" But the diseases ran their course. So the rabbi marshaled the able-bodied in the village to care for the sick. Months later reflecting on the tragedies of the past year, the rabbi turned to God and accused the deity, "Why did you not answer the prayers of my poor villagers? Why did you not send help to them when we were beset by drought, floods and pestilence?" After many hours of anguished entreaty, a quiet voice answered the rabbi in the depth of his heart, "Of course I sent help; I sent you!" The first reading and the Gospel for today tell similar stories about prayer. In the first reading from Genesis (18:20-32), we find Abraham haggling with God for the lives of the citizens in Sodom and Gomorrah, whom God intended to punish for their sins. In the Gospel, Luke reports a scene in which Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, offering the prayer we now know as the "Our Father" or the "Lord's Prayer" as the exemplar. In the process of Abraham's struggle to understand the mercy and justice of God, Abraham learns that prayer is not about persuading God to do what Abraham wants. Abraham also learns that prayer is not about appeasing or placating God. Prayer is primarily about learning what God is like and what he wants of us. When his disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray, Jesus demonstrates how one should address God as Father, assuming the predisposition of a child who waits in confidence for God's sure reply. Like the character of God in the Abraham story, the image of God that Jesus paints is not that of a vengeful, wrathful deity intent on punishing us for our misdeeds, but a God who acts like a loving, compassionate, forgiving, and caring Father. Both these readings remind us that prayer is an activity that flows out of a relationship. There is no right technique for prayer except a willingness to be open to the transformative power of God's presence. The practice of regular prayer does not make us more effective at manipulating God's will. Rather, praying regularly will make us better people, which is what God wants and the world needs.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE IN ONORE DI SAN ROCCO

Domenica 15 Agosto 2010 nella nostra chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore

Programma: Ore 2.00pm – Inizio con Preghiere e Canti
Ore 2.30pm – Inizio S. Messa

Segue Processione con la statua del Santo
accompagnata dalla famosa Banda Bellini
Ritorno in Chiesa per la Benedizione Eucaristica e degli ammalati
(Portate i vostri malati)

Alla conclusione della celebrazione religiosa,
in sala la Banda Bellini ci allieterà con il concerto musicale.
Estrazione della lotteria.

Vi aspettiamo numerosi!



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Nellie and Daniel Salvatore** children of Adrian and Gina, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them with joy into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

CONFIRMATIONS

Next weekend 50 candidates from our school will receive the sacrament of Confirmation, we ask you to pray for them and their families that the gift of the Holy Spirit may transform their lives and give them courage to be disciples of the light, and love of Jesus in our world.

Bishop Timothy Costelloe will be celebrating Confirmation on Saturday afternoon at 3.00pm and Sunday morning at 10.30am.

FEASTS

Monday 26 June – Ss Joachim & Anne
Thursday 29 June – St Martha
Saturday 31 June – St Ignatius of Loyola

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 30 July 7.00pm – Carmelina Mazzilli in De Per (d. Rec. Italy)
Saturday 31 July 6.00pm – Angela Torcasio (1 mth)

MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION APPEAL

The sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (founded by Blessed Mary MacKillop); wish to thank all parishioners of St Joseph the Worker North Reservoir for the donations collected during the appeal of the 30th of May. Total amount of the collection was \$294.00. There are some envelopes of Mary MacKillop Canonisation appeal in the narthex and near the side door, for those who wish to give a donation. Thank you.

FESTA DI SAN DONATO 8 AGOSTO 2010

Il comitato invita la Comunità a partecipare alla solenne festa in onore di San Donato
Pressa la Chiesa di San Luca 1A David Street, Lalor

Programma: 1.30pm – Banda Bellini
2.00pm Santa Messa

Concelebrata: dai Padri Scalabriniani
Cantata: dal Coro Friulan e dal Coro “Studenti di S. Luca”
Concerto: Banda Bellini e Cantanti
Presenta: Cav. Frank Di Blasi

Per informazione: Donato- 9466 1177 or Mauro – 9402 6485

Channel 31 will broadcast the Festival at a later date.
San Donato Dinner Dance 31 July 2010

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 July at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

YOUNG CHRISTIANS MEET YOUNG MUSLIMS

Friday 6 and Saturday 7 August, facilitated by Herman Roborgh SJ.
Fr Herman Roborgh SJ, who worked among Muslims and Christians in Pakistan and India, together with a Muslim brother/sister, invite young people to read the Qur'an and the Bible together. We hope to discover the spiritual messages of the Abrahamic tradition we share. (Cost \$30 live-in, \$20 live-out) Contact campion@cis.jesuit.org.au or phone 9854 8110.

RESTORED TO LIFE

In 1993 Philipino Apostle of the Divine Mercy, Br. Stanley Villavicencio was pronounced clinically dead but after 3 days was restored to life in perfect health. He was given a mission from Jesus to spread the Divine Mercy Devotion and has now spoken over 7000 occasions all over the world. This talk is part of a 6 week speaking tour of Australia.

Venue: St Clements Catholic Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen.

Date: Sunday, 1st August.

Time: 2.00pm

NET MINISTRIES COCKTAIL EVENING – 7PM TO 9PM, WEDNESDAY 4TH AUGUST **ATHENAEUM CLUB MELBOURNE**

NET Ministries have provided a Net team to Melbourne Diocese since 2005. Now NET is holding its first ever fundraising event in Melbourne. The night will be attended by Archbishop Denis Hart. If you know young Catholic's who are looking for direction in life or if you want to see young people involved in the church, then you need to know about the vital work of NET Ministries.

Price: \$50 per person

Dress: Lounge Suit

RSVP: by Monday 2nd August to michael@netministries.com or call 0409 639 027.

Places are strictly limited so early RSVP's are essential.