

FIRST READING *Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15*

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Donaci, Signore, il pane del cielo.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 4:17.20-24*

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia.

Non di solo pane vivra' l'uomo ma di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *John 6:24-35*

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$937.00
- Loose Money..... \$281.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$385.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 02/08/09

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & L Calafiore
10.30am (SUN) – T Fitzsimmons & J Vincitorio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 09/08/09

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & C Agostinelli
10.30am (SUN) - G Silvio & J Iaria

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
P Sparano, S LoBartolo & L Cavedon
M Mizzi, Sr Doreen & D Lucato

CHURCH CLEANERS

08/08/09 T Caruso, R Guerino & A Costanzo

MONEY COUNTERS

03/08/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea
10/08/09 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lia CROATTO, Teresa McVEIGH (sister of Cathy McMahon)

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco GALATI, Giuseppina CUNTO, Salvatore IOZZI, Giuseppina LATINO,
Caterina DE MARCO, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA,
Bambina GUGLIELMI, Ernesto MERCURI, Maria-Rosa SPOSARO, Giovanni MITIDIERI,
Betty PELUSO, Bruno MULTARI

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 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

18th Sunday of Year B

2 August, 2009

Do I need to change?

It was during his imprisonment at Auschwitz that Viktor Frankl, Jewish psychiatrist, made a discovery. He noticed that all the prisoners who had something to live for, who could focus on some meaning in their lives, were far more likely to survive the horrifying ordeal than others. In his own case, he was determined to survive so that he would be re-united with his wife. After the war, he found out that she had died; but his tremendous desire had enabled him to survive. This is precisely what Paul is talking about in his letter to the Christians at Ephesus. Apparently, there had been some backsliding after their conversion. He warns them to give up what he calls “the aimless kind of life that pagans live”. The pagans were concerned only with good living, the best food and drink, expensive clothes, gambling and frequenting the games. It could be summed up in the well-known saying: “Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die”. Such people had no real purpose or goal in life. They thought only of the present moment. Paul tells the Christians to get beyond such a drifting, pointless existence. It could lead only to ruin. He tells them that they must be renewed by a “spiritual revolution”. This was an unsettling call for these Christians who had been slipping back into pagan ways. They had to make a decision. Would they continue living that sort of aimless life? Or, should they renew their consecration to Jesus their Lord. They could not continue living a compromise. Paul was simply reminding them of what Jesus had taught. In the gospel, Jesus tells the Jews: “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst”. Paul could be speaking to us now. There are so many people in today's world who have no real goal or purpose apart from having a good time. The whole environment encourages that sort of aimless life. We Christians can be caught up in it just as the Christians at Ephesus in Paul's time. At our Baptism, we renounced Satan and all his works. It is easy enough to make the promise, but it is far more difficult to carry it out faithfully in each day of our lives. Some people seem to live their faith on automatic pilot. They would acknowledge that they are Christians, but Christ does not seem to influence their way of life. We need to examine ourselves; and that means facing up to the possibility that we have lost our edge when it comes to living our faith. If so, then, like the Christians of Ephesus, we too need a spiritual revolution. Despite any failures and mistakes, we can have limitless confidence in the goodness and mercy of God. Jesus has promised us: “He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst”. His grace enables us to remain faithful. We will not be spared our share of suffering, but assures us that whatever trials come our way, we will never be alone.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Sienna Galati** daughter of Gaetano and Danielle and **Sienna Lagana** daughter of Giuseppe and Elizabeth, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Monday 3 August at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 3 August 7.30pm – Giuseppina Cunto (1 mth)
Tuesday 4 August 7.30pm – Salvatore Iozzi (1 yr)
Thursday 6 August 7.00pm – Giuseppina Latino (1 mth)
Friday 7 August 7.00pm – Caterina De Marco (1 mth)

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 August at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team meeting will be held on Thursday 6 August at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 4 Agosto riunione del comitato femminile alle 9.00am in capella, per preparare la festa di San Rocco.

FEASTS

Tuesday 4 August – St John Vianney
Wednesday 5 August – St Dominic
Thursday 6 August – Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday 8 August – Blessed Mary MacKillop

FESTA DI SAN ROCCO

Domenica 16 Agosto 2009 nella nostra chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore

PROGRAMMA:

Ore 9.00am - Santa Messa in Italiano cantata con Rocco Surace

Ore 2.00pm - Inni e preghiere in onore a S. Rocco

Ore 2.30pm - S Messa celebrata dal Rev. Padre Emanuele Bonello PP.

La celebrazione sarà accompagnata dal Coro Sant' Antonio diretto da Duilio Malavisi.

Processione passerà per le seguenti strade: Hurley St, Tracey St, Rice St and Wilson Blvd.

E sarà accompagnata dalla nota Banda Bellini. Rientro in chiesa per la benedizione con il S.S. Sacramento. Portate i vostri ammalati per una benedizione speciale. La celebrazione conclude con l'estrazione della lotteria.



SR MERCEDES' 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We congratulate Sr Mercedes on her 90th birthday and we pray that she will be blessed with many more to come. You are all invited to join Sr Mercedes to celebrate her birthday after the 10.30am Mass this weekend in the narthex.

CENTACARE CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL

The Annual Appeal for Centacare Catholic Family Services will take place at all Masses this weekend. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it next Sunday, or post it direct to the Centacare Catholic Family Services.

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Tuesday 11 August commencing at 8.00am, to clean the church and the surrounding garden areas outside. Volunteers always welcome and lunch will be provided!!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

We all do things to enhance our lives, fitness programs and diets to improve our health, in-service programs to improve our job skills. An opportunity for all married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children, by enriching your marriage, through a Marriage Encounter weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. Weekends in 2009: Anglesea 14-16 August and Lysterfield 18-20 September.

Website: www.wvme.org.au

Bookings: Erika & Peter Smith 03 9899 0824 or Email: vicbookings@wvme.org.au

PROPAGATION OF FAITH APPEAL

Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of \$290.00, which was raised by North Reservoir Parish for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 150 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Through your contribution you are engaged in the world of mission in a way that binds people together and strives to bring about a heightened understanding of our call to be followers of Jesus. Thank You!

ST JOHN VIANNEY 1786 – 1859

Known as the 'Cure of Ars'. As a young farm hand he taught other children their prayers. Assigned in 1818 to the parish of Ars, a tiny village near Lyons, he would spend 40 years there as parish priest. He was gifted with the discernment of spirits, prophecy, hidden knowledge, and working miracles. Crowds came to hear him preach, and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By 1855 there were 20,000 pilgrims a year to Ars, extra trains had to be put on.

BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP 1842 – 1909



Founder of the 'Sisters of St Joseph'

Like Jesus himself, Mary was a troublemaker. She worked tirelessly for the poor, was excommunicated from the Church, and later ordered to leave her diocese for promoting controversial views. Born into a poor Melbourne family, Mary left home when she was 14 and gave all the money she earned to her family. In 1861 she went to work in Penola, a small town in South Australia. Here Mary met Father Julian Woods. Mary felt a religious calling, but hadn't been able to find an order that suited her. So in 1866, she and Father Woods started their own; 'The Sisters of St. Joseph'. The order was dedicated to the education of poor children. The order spread to Adelaide and other parts of South Australia, and membership grew rapidly. Mary was a woman who stood up for what she believed which brought her into conflict with religious leaders.

She took a vow of poverty, which meant she had to beg for money. Catholic Church leaders didn't like begging, but Mary refused to change her ways. The tension escalated into conflict over educational matters and as a result Mary was excommunicated by Bishop Shiel of Adelaide for insubordination in 1871. The excommunication was lifted 6 months later. In 1883, Mary came into conflict with the church establishment by insisting on an equalitarian rather than hierarchical organization. Bishop Reynolds told her to leave his diocese (Adelaide) and Mary transferred the headquarters of the Josephites to Sydney where she later died. Mary never became bitter against the Church leaders that had opposed her. This forgiving attitude was complemented by the outstanding work of her Sisters for the poor. Mary MacKillop was declared 'Blessed' by Pope John Paul II in Sydney on 19 January 1995.

VICTORIA CELEBRATES THE CENTENARY OF MARY MACKILLOP'S DEATH

Saturday 8 August 2009, at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne.

9.30am - Celebration of the Mackillop and Victorian Josephite Story.

10.00am - Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart, Victorian Bishops and Priests.

The Sisters of St Joseph invite the Priests and Parishioners of all Victorian Parishes to join them in celebrating the life and legacy of our Co-Foundress, Blessed Mary MacKillop, on the 100th anniversary of her death. We ask all those attending, please, to be seated by 9.35am.

Following Mass, there will be refreshments at the Dallas Brooks Centre (Entry via 300 Albert Street, or Victoria Parade or Eades Street, East Melbourne).

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre 362 Albert Street East Melbourne will open between 1.00pm and 4.00pm.

Admission is FREE!