

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

FIRST READING Kings 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Mostraci, Signore, la tua misericordia.

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it would help my people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$664.00
- Loose Money.....\$275.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$299.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 06/08/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – S. Lo Bartolo & R Fato
10.30am (SUN) – E Bartlett & Sr Estelita

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 14/08/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & C Brunetti
10.30am (SUN) – Sr T Fitzsimmons & A De Cata

CHURCH CLEANERS

13/08/2011 R DeZan, A Natoli, S Brima & A M Zappia

MONEY COUNTERS

08/08/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
15/08/2011 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nicola ONNEMBO, Anna GASPARRI, Angelina GENTILE

ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatore IOZZI, Michele RAGO, Carmen GRECH, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI,
Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Teresa DI TULLIO, Bambina GUGLIELMI,
Franco, Maria-Michelina, Nicola & Antonio SOCCIO, Angela DI CARLA, Lucia PARADISO,
Rita SCHIAVELLO, Girolamo, Caterina & Rocco ROTTURA, Domenico & Rosina SOLEA
Caterina & Rosina SALATINO, Carmela MOLTISANTO, Vincenzo PANUCCIO, Rocco FERRARO,
Famiglia PUGLIESE

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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



19th Sunday of Year A

7 August 2011

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Father John was ‘on retreat.’ The director told him to meditate on today’s Gospel passage. He instructed Fr. John to exercise his imagination and to put himself in the storm tossed boat with the disciples. He was to fantasise about what happened to him.

Fr. John reported, “I recognised the Lord coming to us across the water. I had a compelling desire to go on the water to meet him. I asked the Lord to bid me come to him. Jesus said ‘Come John!’ I stepped out of the boat and began to walk on water.

I felt proud of myself. I looked back in pity to the other frightened disciples. As I did so, I began to sink. I cried out in panic. ‘Help me, Lord!’ Jesus caught me and pulled me into the boat. Jesus said, ‘John, get this straight: I am the one who walks on water. If you try, you will sink. Is that clear?’

Father John’s exercise in fantasy throws a light of understanding on a Gospel passage that is overladen with symbolism.

The storm and the angry sea represent the dark forces of chaos that disturb and frighten the human heart. The storm-tossed boat represents the Church – the community of Christ’s disciples – as it journeys across its turbulent history. Jesus comes walking on the waters in the darkest part of the night to offer help, consolation and direction to his disciples. But, only God walks upon the waters. Jesus speaks the words ‘I am he!’ These are the words of the voice of God who identifies himself in the Old Testament as ‘I am who I am!’

They are the words that subdue chaos. All the anxieties and dark powers that threaten the creative order are defeated. Peace and calm is restored.

The Gospel is describing a theophany: a manifestation of God. A meeting with the divine strikes holy terror in the disciples. It is meant to strike reverential awe in our hearts too. Like the first disciples, twenty-first century Christians experience threats and storms. Our Church suffers the buffeting of contemporary challenges and disappointments. We feel threatened and confused. At times, Jesus seems to be absent or, at least, oblivious to our situation. We feel abandoned. Other times, like Peter, we indulge our hubris and presume to go-it-alone.

It is at such times, we need to call upon the Lord and ask him to come to save us. We need to hear again in faith his divine assurance, ‘It is I. Do not be afraid.’ (Mt 14:28) ‘I am the One who walks upon the waters! If you try, you will sink! Is that clear?’

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Kiera Pascoe, Chinaka and Ben Egbujor** children of Donald and Vanessa, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Monday 8 August at 7.30pm in the church.

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 12 August 7.00pm – Giovanni Mancuso (1 mth)

FEASTS

Monday 8 August – St Mary MacKillop

Wednesday 10 August – St Lawrence

Thursday 11 August – St Clare

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary for Angelina Gentile will be recited on Tuesday 9 August at 1.00pm followed by Funeral Mass at 1.30pm.

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 13 August commencing at 8.00am in order to prepare the church grounds for the Feast of St Rocco. Volunteers needed and welcome! Lunch will be provided.

CATHOLICARE ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL

The Annual Appeal for CatholicCare (formally Centacare Catholic Family Services) will take place at all Masses this weekend.

CatholicCare has been supporting and caring for the families of the Melbourne Archdiocese for over 75 years and relies on the support of our Catholic Community. Please give generously so CatholicCare can continue to support families to deal with the complex issues they face today.

There will be a special leaving collection at the conclusion of each Mass. Envelopes available at the doors of the church.

RESKEON SENIORS GROUP

Reskeon Seniors Group has a few vacancies for membership. This Maltese Group meets at Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, every Wednesday, 10 am-2 pm. They play bingo and bocce. They also organise luncheons on Father's Day and Mother's Day and for Christmas, among other things. It is important that applicants reside in Darebin (Reservoir, Keon Park, Preston, Thornbury and Northcote). For more information phone Caesar Vella on 9395-3103 or Paul Vella 94604404.

Reskeon Seniors Group jiltaqghu f' Merrilands Community Centre, Asquith St, Reservoir, kull nhar ta' Erbgha, bejn l-10 am-2 pm. Hemm jorganizzaw loghob tal-Bingo u l-Bocci (nisa u rgjel). Huma jorganizzaw ikliet ghal Jum l-Omm, Jum il-Missier u ghall-Milied fost hafna affarijiet ohra. Huma jistiednu membri li jixtiequ jinghaqdu ma' dan il-Grupp. Hu mehtieg li dawn ikunu joqghodu f' Darebin (Reservoir, Keon Park, Preston, Thornbury and Northcote). Ghal aktar informazzjoni cemplu lil Caesar Vella fuq 9395-3103 jew lil Paul Vella fuq 94604404.

Reskeon Maltese Association are organising the Vittoria (Bambina) Dinner Dance, at the Firenze Receptions, 134 McBryde St, Fawkner, on Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 6 pm till midnight. Five Course Meal, wine, beer and soft drinks. Musical Entertainment by Moods Music. Donation: Members \$46, non-members \$48. For more information and to book please phone Phyllis Vella on 9395-3103., or Salvina Vella on 9460-4404.

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP - MONDAY 8 AUGUST

Mass 9.10am

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - MONDAY 15 AUGUST

The feast of the Assumption is a **holy day of obligation**.

The Mass times for the day are as follows:

9.10am – & 7.00pm

FESTA DI SAN ROCCO DOMENICA 14 AGOSTO 2011



SAN ROCCO

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.

FEAST OF SAN ROCCO RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Feast of San Rocco raffle tickets on sale at \$1.00ea after the 9.00am Italian Mass.

1st Prize – Flat Screen TV with DVD 26inch

2nd Prize – Russell Hobbs Toaster

3rd Prize – Food Hamper

MADRID IN MELBOURNE-WYD LOCAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 21 August 2011 join young people from all over Melbourne in celebrating World Youth Day with a live telecast from Madrid. Catechesis from Bishop Peter Elliot, Eucahristic Adoration, confession and some great speakers including Edwin Bakker-national director of Kerygma teams who is flying back from Madrid in time for our celebrations. Held at Holy Family Parish Hall, 100 Power Road Doveton from 1.30pm-8.00pm, including the 5.30pm telecast of the Papal Mass live from Madrid. Registrations close Friday 5 August. Cost:\$40 includes dinner and a pilgrim pack including a copy of the newly released youth catechism, Youcat. Details: 9799 2108 find us on Facebook, 'Madrid in Melbourne'.