

FIRST READING *Kings 19:4-8*

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Gustate e vedete com'e' buono il Signore.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 4:30-5:2*

Walk in love, just as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia.

Io sono il pane vivo, disceso dal cielo, dice il Signore, se uno mangia di questo pane vivra' in eterno. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *John 6:41-51*

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1021.80
	- Loose Money.....	\$369.20
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$337.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 16/08/09

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & C Monforte
 10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

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 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
 J Frangiosa, A Mancuso & G Silvio

CHURCH CLEANERS

15/08/09 R DiGuglielmo, M Ricci & G Romano

MONEY COUNTERS

10/08/09 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
 17/08/09 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza & L Cavedon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Francesco GRILLO, Giuseppina Condorelli (d. Rec. Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco CAPUTO, Dogalino, Antonio & Loretta GIANGOLA, Antonio D'ALESSANDRO, Costantino CERCONE, Giovanna & Carmela FERRARO, Teresa DI TULLIO, Giuseppe, Vito & Rocca DELZOTTI, Maria PAONESSA, Vito, Antonio & Vito CASALINUOVO, Antonio CICHELO, Michele, Pasquale & Giuseppina INZITARI, Michele ROSSIGNUOLO,

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

19th Sunday of Year B

9 August, 2009

When it all seems too much

Susan has had a long and distinguished legal career. She began working for a high-profile legal firm in the city. She worked extremely hard, and possessed a sharp legal mind and eloquent communication skills which she used brilliantly in court.

But in all this, Susan's greatest gift was the way she worked with her clients and offered them support. They appreciated the time she gave them, the way she listened to them and explained things clearly and simply. Over time, Susan's effectiveness came to the notice of the firm's partners. She was invited to take on some of the more complex and public legal cases handled by the firm. As her bosses put it, "high profile clients equal big money!" Susan was elated. Her efforts had been rewarded and she threw herself wholeheartedly into this new challenge. But after a few years of working for the "big end of town", Susan felt empty and exhausted. She now had few friends and no social life. Her life revolved around working for difficult people who used their money and influence to make her life miserable.

It was too much. She wanted out. She just didn't care anymore. Things seemed hopeless. She's lost all confidence in the law. So, when she walked away from her position and its financial rewards, and no longer felt any passion for justice, her future was uncertain. Elijah in today's first reading was also worn out. He'd had enough. After an apparently successful career defending the Lord God, and opposing the rival cults of Baal with their priests and political influence, Elijah could take no more.

The journey ahead seemed too much for him. Elijah longed to die. He could see no future. Elijah found himself in a time of religious crisis. But the Lord who had called Elijah to be a prophet came to his aid. The Lord provided for his needs and by means of a meal of bread and water, gave him enough sustenance to undertake an arduous desert trek to Horeb, the mountain of God. Horeb – an alternative name in some Old Testament passages for Sinai – is where Elijah hoped to renew his trust in God, and to recapture a sense of the beauty and strength of God's continual presence in his life. Returning to Susan: after a lot of prayer, reflection and help from others, she was able to rediscover her passion for justice and belief in the Law, and feel the energy it gave her. She joined Legal Aid, and in that humbler capacity, worked for ordinary folk by providing support, by offering a listening ear, and a voice to speak on their behalf. The stories of Elijah and Susan can inspire and encourage us today. Like them, we too can find ourselves worn out by the past, ground down by the present and unable to face the future. What do we do? Where do we go? To whom do we turn for help? Our help comes from the Lord. With confidence we cast our cares upon Jesus who is the bread come down from heaven, and who will sustain us in the journey of life.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 11 August 7.30pm – Giuseppina Condorelli (d. rec. Italy)

Thursday 13 August 7.30pm – Francesco Caputo (1 yr)

FEASTS

Monday 10 August – St Lawrence

Tuesday 11 August – St Clare

Friday 14 August – St Maximilian Kolbe

Saturday 15 August – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 sara' accompagnata dal Coro Sant' Antonio diretto da Duilio Malavisi. Processione passera' per le seguenti strade: Hurley St, Tracey St, Rice St and Wilson Blvd. E sara' 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.



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!!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY PUBLIC LECTURE ON

BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP

Public lecture on Blessed Mary MacKillop on Thursday 13 August 2009 at 6.00pm.

Topic: WILL THE REAL MARY MACKILLOP PLEASE STAND UP!

An Examination of her True Saintliness by the Postulator for her Cause for Canonisation, Fr Paul Gardiner SJ.

At the Australian Catholic Universtiy, St Patrick's Campus, Christ Lecture Theatre 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy 3065. For information: Emily.Wolfenen@acu.edu.au or 99533098

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 11 Agosto ore 9.00am in capella ci sara un ora di Adorazione per pregare per i sacerdoti e le vocazioni religiose. Tutti benvenuti!

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulazione Antonio e Angela Pascuzzi hanno celebrato il loro 50 anni di matrimonio. Il Signore li benedica con tanti anni di felicità' con i loro cari.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Next Saturday 15 August is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass for the Assumption will be the 8.30am morning Mass.

In the year 1950 Pope Pius XII made a precise and infallible definition of the Assumption when he declared that all Catholics are to believe that at the end of her life Mary was taken up into heaven and reigns there with her Son as Queen of the angels and saints. Mary shared in a unique way with her Son in the work of our Redemption. That is why we have always believed that as he rose from death and ascended into heaven so also she was lifted up both body and soul into heaven.



SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

WHAT ROLE FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES?

A significant number of international students live and study in our communities. Many of them struggle to find their feet away from their extended families and religious communities.

What can faith leaders and faith communities do to support international students in the northern region of Melbourne to transition to a new culture, a new community and new systems?

Please attend this Community Forum to explore practical ways we can put our faith into practice.

Darebin Shire Hall, 286 Gower Street, Preston

Wednesday 19 August 2009

From 10.00am until 1.00pm (Lunch will be provided)

For more information or to RSVP call Shelley Dowden on 8470 8545 or

Email: Shelley.Dowden@darebin.vic.gov.au

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE 1894 - 1941

Born to a poor but pious Catholic family in Russian occupied Poland, Kolbe's father was hanged by the Russians as a traitor in 1914. Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1918, Kolbe founded a new monastery in Poland, 'Niepokalanow' or 'City of the Immaculate' consecrated in 1927. He went to Japan in 1930 where he founded a monastery in Nagasaki, similar to Niepokalanow, which survived the nuclear bombing.

In 1936 poor health forced his return to Poland. He was imprisoned with several of his religious brothers from September to December 1939 following the Nazi invasion of Poland.

Arrested again by the Nazis in February 1941 he was transferred to Auschwitz and branded as prisoner 16670. In July 1941 there was an escape from the camp. Camp protocol, designed to make the prisoners guard each other, required that ten men be slaughtered in retribution for each escaped prisoner. Francis Gajowniczek, a married man with young children was chosen to die for the escape. Maximilian volunteered to take his place, and died on 14 August 1941. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on 10 October 1982 and declared a 'martyr of charity'.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

In today's gospel reading Jesus concludes his teaching on the mystery of the Eucharist. We hear again the announcing of the Eucharist as the ultimate expression of the Incarnation: "*The bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world*". The listeners find this hard to accept, giving expression to the challenge all believers face as they own the truth of Jesus' words. The forthright response of Jesus to these doubts is a support and confirmation for our faith: through his Paschal Mystery he has truly become our sacramental food and drink. Jesus is insistent: "*My flesh is real food and my body is real drink*"; and words he uses for "eating" and "drinking" in the gospel text have a graphic realism, confirming what he has said.

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Thornhill SM