

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

FIRST READING *Isaiah 56:1.6-7*

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Popoli tutti, lodate il Signore.

SECOND READING *Romans 11:13-15.29.32*

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom; and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21-28*

Woman, you have great faith.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$676.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$325.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$339.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 21/08/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - B Nadenbousch
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
 10.30am (SUN) – R Sawi & S Miano

CHURCH CLEANERS

20/08/2011 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS

15/08/2011 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito
 22/08/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria LOPRETE

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco & Caterina CAPUTO, Luigi ANELLOTTI, Carmela FERRAR, Nicola CICHINI,
 Rita BONELLO, Marietta COLOSIMO, Gregorio, Pasquale & Antonio LOVERSO,
 Maria-Concetta GANINO, Maria Annunziata LOGUANCIO, Agostino & Assunta BRUNETTI,
 Famiglia DI TORO, Antonio, Dogalino & Lorena DE GIANCOLA, Antonio D’ALESSANDRO,
 Costantino CERCONI, Vito CASALINOVO, Maria RANALLE, Emmanuel & Polly FARRUGIA GAY,
 Stephan Borg John FARRUGIA GAY,

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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

20th Sunday of Year A

14 August 2011

Responding to Outsiders

Today’s gospel confronts us on many levels.

Jesus and his disciples, having arrived in a Gentile district, are approached purposefully by a Canaanite woman. She is a Gentile is regarded as “unclean” by Jews. Her shouting has drawn attention to the group; so that the disciples are embarrassed and confronted.

The woman, for her part, would have reached deeply into herself to overcome ingrained cultural and religious prejudices to approach Jesus and to directly address him. In her demonstrative plea for mercy, the woman has acknowledged Jesus and paid homage to him – a brave act on her part.

At first, Jesus ignores the woman and the disciples beg him to get rid of her. He informs her that she is not entitled to his healing and ministry. He makes quite clear that those for whom he has been sent did not include the likes of her. The disciples and Jesus are people of their time. The separation of Gentile and Jew was a lived reality. At this much later time, we of the 21st century ourselves are confronted. Could this really be Jesus? In this moment, the text reveals Jesus as a man of his time and place; of his cultural and religious milieu. His response was not out of character for a first century Jew of Palestine. What is out of character is the woman’s own response. She comes even closer to him and kneels before him again addressing him as Lord, repeating her plea for help. The image is confronting at two levels: not only is this a Gentile kneeling at Jesus’ feet addressing him as Lord, but also this Gentile is a woman. The tension of this moment would not have been lost on the disciples. Jesus’ response would not have been out of character to his disciples, but to us it seems callous: “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She as an outsider is not entitled to his mercy. The tension continues to build as she again asserts her case; and now at last, Jesus, moved by her faith, relents and her daughter is healed. This is an insightful and revealing passage. We are confronted with an alien glimpse of Jesus; a man of his own times acting within his Jewish context. We see Jesus as truly human. We also see the enactment of what a strong unrelenting faith (from someone who in these times had no voice and no presence) can achieve. This woman’s unwavering faith and persistence had a profound effect upon Jesus that caused him to act against the accepted cultural and religious mores of the times and go beyond the bounds of his ministry. For ourselves both as individuals and as a Church, the confrontation is clear: there are times when we too are faced with dilemmas that pit us between justice and a narrow religious outlook. Who in our midst are the marginalised, the outsiders shouting at us? What will be our response?



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 with the participation of the children from the school. All welcome!
& **7.00pm**

Along with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) the Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation – one of the most important feasts of the Church year.

Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven – we have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death. The first known Church writer to speak of Mary being taken up into heaven by God is Saint Gregory of Tours in 594.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* that the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things (n.59).

FESTA DI SAN ROCCO DOMENICA 14 AGOSTO 2011

Nella Chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore N Reservoir
79 Wilson Boulevard – N Reservoir



SAN ROCCO

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.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 16 August 7.00pm – Giovanni Cappelluti (1 mth)



CUPPA

There will be a cuppa in the Narthex after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish and meet some fellow parishioners.

PARISH LITURGY MEETING

The Parish Liturgy Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 August at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Funeral Mass for Maria Loprete will be celebrated on Monday 15 August at 11.00am.

FEAST

Saturday 20 August – **St Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153**

One of the great figures in the Benedictine tradition, St Bernard founded the monastery of Clairvaux and later went on to found 163 monasteries in Europe. After the fall of Edessa in 1144, Pope Eugene III commissioned Bernard to preach the Second Crusade – which later proved to be a failure. Canonised in 1174, Bernard was recognised as a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius VIII in 1829.

RESKEON SENIORS GROUP

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.

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'.

BISHOP JOSEPH GRECH MEMORIAL COLLOQUIUM ON ETHICS AND MIGRATION

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office in Association with Australian Catholic University (ACU) extend an open invitation to the Inaugural Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium to be held at ACU's Melbourne Campus on Thursday 8 September 2011, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Keynote speakers are Bishop Christopher Prowse, Bishop of Sale and The Honourable Chris Bowen, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship. The topic for discussion is "*One Human Family Across Borders*". Venue: Central Hall, Australian Catholic University, 24 Brunswick Street Fitzroy. RSVP by Friday 2 September 2011 adminassistant@acmro.catholic.org.au

TAIZE BROTHERS VISIT IN SEPTEMBER

Two brothers from the Taize community will visit Victoria from the 8-10 September. The theme for the prayers during their visit is joy, compassion and forgiveness. Prayer services will be held in Richmond, Geelong, Mt Macedon and the CBD as well as gatherings at RMIT, Monash and Melbourne Universities. The visit ends with an all day event at RMIT university, which includes prayers, a Bible study and locally focused workshops, followed by a final service at St Francis' Church on Lonsdale Street in the CBD. These events are aimed at the 18-35s age group. If you are over 35, you are very welcome to attend the services, but please bring some 18-35s along with you! Details: Taize Website at www.taize.fr/en_article7190.html