

FIRST READING *Proverbs 9:1-6*

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Gustate e vedete com'e' buono il Signore.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:15-20*

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia.

Chi mangia la mia carne e beve il mio sangue, dice il Signore, rimane in me e io in lui. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *John 6:51-58*

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$900.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$191.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$245.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 16/08/09

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S. Dakin
 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
 J Frangiosa, A Mancuso & G Silvlio

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 23/08/09

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenboush
 9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & R DeZan
 10.30am (SUN) - A DeCata & G Canavan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Piscioneri
 J Tanti, A Filippone & L DeMarco

CHURCH CLEANERS

22/8/09 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS

17/08/09 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito
 24/08/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanni, Carlo & Claudio VALMORBIDA, Domenico, Carmela, Antonio & Bruno SCHIPANO
 Caterina SCHIPANO, Bruno ARENA, Famiglia BRUNETTI, Famiglia DI TORO,
 Famiglia LO BARTOLO, Franco SOCCIO, Maria-Micheline SOCCIO, Nicola SOCCIO,
 Antonio SOCCIO, Angela DI CARLA, Lucia PARADISO, Gregorio, Pasquale & Antonio LOVERSO
 Maria-Concetta GANINO, Maria & Annunziata LOGUANCIO, Raffaele & Antonietta Bonelli,
 Franco SPARANO, Giuditta, Assunta & Antonio COMITO, Luigi SPARANO, Rocco FERRARO
 Famiglia PUGLIESE, Nereo AGUGIARO, Mary TUNN, Rita BONELLO
 Josephine MADIONA, Victor ZAMMIT, Frances VELLA

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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



20th Sunday of Year B

16 August, 2009

Eat my flesh, drink my blood

There are different varieties of Sunday scripture readings. Some stand alone. They can be readily understood without reference to what was read last Sunday or what will be read next Sunday. Today's passage from the Gospel of John is of another kind. It belongs to the category of Mass readings that are closely linked to those of the Sundays that precede or follow them. That linkage is important to understanding today's Gospel. John's Gospel, though it gives more space to the Last Supper than does any other gospel, does not have any account of the institution of the Eucharist. It is elsewhere that John deals with the Eucharist. In the Sixth chapter of his gospel, John records actions and words of Jesus that have much to tell us about what the Eucharist is and what it brings about. The Church in the Sunday readings of Year B pauses in its presentation of the Gospel of Mark to give us, in the course of five sequential readings, the entire Sixth chapter of John. Today's reading is the fourth of these, and is the highlight of that chapter. Three Sundays ago, the opening reading from Chapter Six recounted that from five barley loaves Jesus produced enough bread to feed five thousand. Jesus obviously had power to do whatever he wanted with bread. In the following verses, not read at this time at Sunday Mass, John tells us that Jesus walked on the surface of the Lake of Galilee. He is not limited by physical conditions. On the following Sundays, we have had Jesus teaching us that he is the bread of life, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. The Israelites of earlier times ate manna in the desert. But ultimately they died. Whereas anyone who eats this bread that comes down from heaven will never die. Today's reading climaxes the message. Jesus as bread of life is not just someone to be listened to and whose teaching is to be listened to and whose teaching is to be heeded. His flesh must actually be eaten, his blood must be drunk. "My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink." Imagine the consternation of his hearers. Jews were not allowed to drink blood. Jesus was going far beyond that prohibition. What Jesus said sounded like cannibalism. Next Sunday's Gospel will tell us that many of his hearers could not accept his teaching. They gave up following him. Peter and other disciples, despite their puzzlement, remained faithful. We who have access to both John's Gospel and the Synoptics's accounts of the Last Supper can bring the two sides of the picture together. Jesus does give us his flesh to eat, with wondrous consequences. But his flesh has the form of bread, his blood that of wine. Present in sacramental fashion, Christ's flesh is truly eaten, his blood truly drunk. They have the wonderful and life-giving qualities that we heard of over these successive Sundays, "The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, as I do in them".



THANK YOU FROM SR MERCEDES

Dear Parishioners,

This brings my warm and very sincere thanks to you all for the wonderful celebration you shared with me for my 90th birthday. You certainly gave me a day I will never forget. It was so good to meet such dear friends who had become very dear to me in my eleven years in Reservoir. I thank each one of you as you brought back wonderful memories. I thank Fr Manny for his welcome and acceptance, the choir under Anthony's leadership, my motto on the wall above the tabernacle, the organizers of the morning tea, especially the cake. Indeed the love each of you showed by being there. This is completely inadequate but is an attempt to thank St Joseph the Worker Parish for the love you showed me as I begin my 90th year.

God bless you all.

Sr. Mercedes - How good it was to be with Fr Joe Yu - our Patriarch!

FEASTS

Thursday 20 August – St Bernard

Friday 21 August – St Pius X

Saturday 22 August – The Queenship of Mary

FESTA DI SAN ROCCO

Questa 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.



ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 18 Agosto ore 9.00am incontro del comitato femminile in cappella. Siete invitate ad essere presenti.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

You are invited to attend Australian Catholic University's Open Day.

Where: Melbourne Campus (St Patrick's) 150 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

When: Sunday 16 August

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Where: Ballarat Campus (Aquinas)

1200 Mair Street, Ballarat

When: Sunday 30 August

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

For detailed program information please visit: www.acu.edu.au/openday

This Weekend is Refugee & Migrant Sunday in Australia

Australia is made up of people from various countries, cultures and religions. Some of us may be migrants or refugees and certainly most of us are descendants of people who migrated here.

St Paul, as migrant apostle to the gentiles, made no distinction of nationality or culture as he traveled and proclaimed the Gospel. His life and actions were directed at making Jesus known and loved by all. This is a challenge for all Christians, to promote peace between cultures, races and religions.



**You Are All Invited to
"A TESTIMONY ON DIVINE MERCY"
FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2009
BY BROTHER STANLEY VILLA VINCENCIO
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

**AT: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
290 Childs Road, Mill Park. (Melway: 9J3)**



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 PIUS X 1835 – 1914

Born Giuseppe Sarto he was appointed Bishop of Mantua in 1884 and succeeded Leo XIII as Pope from 1903 to 1914. Encouraging the frequent reception of Holy Communion he was given the honorific title of "Pope of the Blessed Sacrament". He was canonised in 1954.