

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

**FIRST READING** Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Beato chi cammina nella legge del Signore.

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Ti rendo lode, Padre, Signore del cielo e della terra, perche' ai piccoli hai rivelato i misteri del Regno. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:17-37 ( or 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34.37)

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$684.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$352.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$348.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 13/2/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba  
9.00am (SUN) – R Fato & C Brunetti  
10.30am (SUN) – A De Cata & L Conte

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

N Ziino  
T Forte, P Leggiero & R Mercuri  
C McMahon, S Miano & D Herbert

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 20/02/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch  
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & A DiRico  
10.30am (SUN) - E Bartlett & T Fitzsimmons

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Saliba  
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti  
J & J Kearney & J Tanti

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

19/02/2011 L Catena, F Agugiars & R Nyour

**MONEY COUNTERS**

14/02/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & c McMahon  
21/02/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Francesco COLOSIMO, Antonio BEVINETTO, Mgr. Joseph CURMI, Fr. Serafino BORG,  
Fr. Angelo BUTTIGIEG, Carmela REFALO

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Francesco & Franceschina COSTANZO, Carmela GRIMA, Emanuele FATTORE,  
Maria & Don GIANARELLI, Gina DI DONATO, Giuseppe DELZOTTI, Felicia PIEROBON,  
Costanza CARNOVALE, Domenico & Antonino CARNOVALE, Antonio RISOLI,  
Gerardo ALBERTI, Antonio ALBERTI, Rosina BRUNO, Giuseppe TARANATO  
Giovanni CUDA, Cristina , Paola e Fabio FERRARA,

# 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 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm  
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

13 February 2011

## Goodbye to old scores

“Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister” Matt 5:24. You’ve probably seen a pot-bound plant. Its roots have nowhere to go but round the pot, and they end up choking the plant. It’s a bit like our own hearts when they are strangled by our inability to forgive. In the well-known prayer of St Francis, we pray to be instruments of God’s peace. And we really mean it. But then, a conflict erupts, and what do we do? So often we rush in, take sides and apportion blame, without stopping first to explore the bigger picture. Fortunately, there are some special souls among us who have the gift or being able to bring healing and common sense to such a situation. As Daniel O’Leary points out, *“Not everyone is capable of playing the role of reconciler. Yet it is probably the most needed gift and service in the church and world today”*.

Whether we are talking about war, or about political and religious divisions, or about family conflicts, it’s only the compassionate, forgiving and gentle person who will make a difference, and bring people together. We can forget that not only things break easily: people do too! St Francis de Sales, a doctor of the church, has some wise advice: *“Don’t lose any opportunity, however small, of being gentle towards everyone”*. Above all, we should offer each other hope and mercy. Today’s first reading reminds us that we all have a choice in life. What would our world be like if more of us chose the way of forgiveness and compassion?

Forgiving and excusing are not really a big part of our culture. It might seem to be a nice idea, but it is not really ‘doable’. But to look at the life of St Mary MacKillop is to see a woman always ready to excuse and forgive those who hurt her. For this reason, she has been called the *‘saint of reconciliation’*. Her ability to forgive people who had harmed her was quite extraordinary. Once when she was waiting for a ferry at Circular Quay, she saw in the crowd an elderly man who had obviously fallen on hard times. As she gazed at him, Mary realised that this was Mr Cusack, her old headmaster. Through the dishonesty and unfair treatment of this man, she had suffered disgrace as a young teacher. Immediately Mary went over to him and offered to help. She sold her watch so she could buy him a suit of clothes and have him cared for.

How well Mary learnt the lessons of compassion and forgiveness. She was always a straight-talking peacemaker. “Goodbye to old scores”, she would say. And again, “If we have love in our heart, we shall have God with us”. Such words are the heart of what we need to learn as we travel our own life.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Monday 14 February at 7.30pm in the Church.

### **SPECIAL FAREWELL MASS FOR SR DOREEN**

This Sunday 13 February during the 10.30am Mass we celebrate a special farewell for Sr. Doreen thanking her for her eight years as our Pastoral Associate followed by a special morning tea in the Narthex.

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Martedì 15 Febbraio ore 9.00am riunione del comitato femminile in cappella, segue la Santa Messa ore 10.00am. Benvenuto a tutti i membri.

### **50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Renato and Lucia Catena who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We wish them every blessing and many more years. Auguri.

### **FUNERAL NOTICES**

The Rosary for Francesco Colosimo will be recited on Sunday 13 February at 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker Church. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday 14 February at 10.00am.

The Funeral Mass for Antonio Bevinetto will be celebrated on Monday 14 February at 1.30pm.

### **COME VISIT THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING**

Mr Peter Chowne the school principal is opening up the new school building for anyone who is interested in having a look on the weekend of 19/20 February after each Mass.

### **MELBOURNE SINGLE CATHOLICS**

Melbourne Single Catholics 35-55 will host a Sunday brunch at Carousel Café, 22 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park Lake on Sunday 27 February, 12.00pm. A walk may also be held on the day. Details: [www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics](http://www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics).

### **CALLED & GIFTED**

Friday 18 February, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Saturday 19 February, 9.30am – 4.00pm. St Anne's Church Hall, Park Orchards. A guide to identifying and developing the spiritual gifts received at Baptism in order to discover our mission as Christians in the world.

Details: [www.evangelisation.org](http://www.evangelisation.org) or to register contact the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 99265761, [office@evangelisation.org](mailto:office@evangelisation.org).

### **SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB**

Southern Stars Social Club Party Night for single Catholics in 25 to 50 age group

Saturday 26 February 2011 starting at 8.00pm

Location: Benedict House, St Benedict's Parish 301 Warrigal Rd Burwood  
Melways Map 61 H 6

Cost: \$10.00 including lucky door prizes and supper.

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 A/H

## **INVITATION FOR RELIGION CLASSES – 2011**

Catholic children from year 3-6 who are wishing to do the Sacrament of:

**First Confession**

**First Holy Communion**

**Confirmation**

Need to enroll for religion classes at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 79 Wilson Blvd. Parents can obtain and submit the enrolment form at the parish office (between 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday - Friday)

Or contact Sr. Estelita on: 9460 3013 Mondays 9.00am – 12.00pm

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.00am – 5.00pm

Other days: 9465 1077

For children not Baptised at St Joseph the Worker you need to submit a Xerox copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

## *True Love*

For God so lo V ed the world,

That He g A ve

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That whosoever

Believeth I n Him

Should N ot perish,

But have E verlasting life.”

John 3:16