

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

FIRST READING *Isaiah 22:19-23*

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Signore, il tuo amore e' per sempre.

SECOND READING *Romans 11:33-36*

For him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-20*

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$810.00
- Loose Money.....\$368.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$315.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 21/08/2011

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

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 27/08/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli
10.30am (SUN) – N Sua & L Conte

CHURCH CLEANERS

27/08/2011 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

22/08/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
29/08/2011 D Herbert, C McMahon & S Miano

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Kevin SWEENEY, Delia VALERI, Joe ASCIAK

ANNIVERSARIES

Mario PANNUNZIO, Francesco Paolo SIRAGUSA, Sebastiana MATERAZZO, Caterina VENTRE, Teresa GUARNACCIA, Diamante, Eremenegildo, Rocco, Angela, Raffaello & Giuseppe CENTOFANTI, Ida & Giovanni MERCURI, Mary TUNN, Maria VELLA, Rita BONELLO, Domenico & Giuseppina IACONIS,

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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

21th Sunday of Year A

21 August 2011

You are the Christ

Isn't it fascinating that even Jesus shows interest in the gossip about himself? And the disciples oblige by confirming that people are speculating about who he might be. But this conversation provided the opportunity for Peter's great act of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Understandably, we highlight this conversation in the Gospel. There is the invitation implied to make Peter's act of faith our own. Nonetheless, it would be a mistake to imagine that for Peter this was the once-and-for-all defining moment in his following of the Lord and answering his call. On our part, we battle with the ups and downs of life. It might be some consolation, then, to remind ourselves that Peter experienced many highs and lows in his life too. He struggled to grasp the meaning of Jesus' mission and his part in it. He repeatedly misinterpreted what was going on. Peter is usually thought of as impetuous. He was never slow to offer an opinion. But the remarkable thing is that immediately after this great profession of faith, Jesus saw fit to round on him, saying: "Get behind me Satan!" Jesus chose to use the way people were speaking about him to prepare his disciples for the painful prospect of his passion and death. But Peter's instincts were that this must not happen. As we know now, worse would follow for when Jesus had been arrested and Peter would deny him. When accused by the servant girls and the bystanders of being one of Jesus' friends he vehemently denied it, not once, but three times. Peter went on to fulfil his mission to lead the early Church. He became the first Bishop of Rome. Yet even then he had to struggle to follow the way of the Lord. Paul, for example, challenged him over the question of imposing unnecessary Jewish customs on the early gentile converts. As a result, Peter humbly backed off. In our struggles to be faithful people of the Gospel, as well as in what the Church as a whole has to go through to be totally dedicated to Christ, we should not be surprised that often we make mistakes. We like Peter, often fail to grasp the meaning of what is happening. If Jesus was patient with Peter and the other disciples, we can trust that he will be equally patient with us. The key is to learn from our mistakes. Then we move on, trusting in the Lord's compassion for us and his desire to heal the hurt and make us whole. The Church has faced some distressing problems in recent years. These cannot be ignored or swept under the carpet. But like Peter, we remain humble and open our minds and hearts to what the Lord is teaching us through all these experiences. Then, like Peter, we will see more clearly than ever that Our Lord remains faithful to his promise to remain with us always, and never to leave us orphans. That will make it easier for us to stand firm with Peter and say in our own words, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."



FIGHTING BACK ADVERSITY

A lecture on *Fighting Back Adversity* will be given,
by psychologist-priest
Dr Victor Shields

On Tuesday, 13th September, 2011 at 7.00pm
St Joseph the Worker School Hall, North Reservoir

Dr Victor Shields is a psychologist registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. He also has a warrant to practice as a clinical psychologist from the Malta Psychology Profession Board. Dr Shields is a graduate of Melbourne University and other professional Institutions overseas.

In this lecture Dr Shields intends to provide a guide to personal resilience – more specifically – How do people deal with difficult events that change their lives? The death of a loved one, loss of a job, serious illness, natural disasters and other traumatic events: these are all examples of very challenging life experiences. Many people react to such circumstances with a flood of strong emotions and a sense of uncertainty. Yet people generally adapt well over time to life-changing situations and stressful conditions. What enables them to do so? It involves resilience, an ongoing process that requires time and effort and engages people in taking a number of steps.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Antonio De Sensi** child of Pasquale and Chessy, **Chiara Lauria** child of Donato and Carmela, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

ALTER SERVERS

Any children boys and girls who wish to become altar servers and serve mass at the weekend masses, please contact Fr Manny or the Parish Office on 9460 3013.

RINGRAZIAMENTO FESTA DI SAN ROCCO

Un sincero grazie a tutti che hanno partecipato, lavorato, organizzato a questa bella festa, a Fr Edwin Agius, Padre Joseph Yu e al nostro parroco Padre Bonello. I numeri vincenti della lotteria sono:
1 – Purple J73, 2 – Yellow A21, 3 – Blue D5.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 22 August 7.00pm – Filippo Bellizia (1 yr)
Tuesday 23 August 7.00pm – Lucia Penacchia (1 mth)

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.

ST GABRIEL'S THEATRE GROUP RESERVOIR

Invites you to auditions for “BRIGADOON”

Sunday 28 August 2011 St Gabriel's Hall Viola Street Reservoir 7.30pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME ESPECIALLY NEWCOMERS TO MUSIC THEATRE AND FAMILY GROUPS.

Auditions are to assist us in casting principal roles.

Rehearsals are Sunday evenings from 6.30pm to 9.00pm (sharp)

START SEARCHING THE OP-SHOPS FOR TARTAN!

WORLD YOUTH MADRID 2011

Pope Benedict arrived in Madrid on Thursday for the 26th World Youth Day with a theme: “Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith” (c.Col 2:7). Among the young people from all around the world there are over 3000 thousand Australians, 24 Australian bishops and singers including Gary Pinto and Fr Rob Galea. Together with them we pray for increasing sense of pride in the youthful strength still present in the Australian Church. At the beginning of the Australian gathering in Spain, Archbishop Philip Wilson of Adelaide and Fr Rob Galea Assistant priest in Shepparton paid special tribute to the late Bishop Joe Grech, who had such a love for youth.

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

MERCY COLLEGE REUNION CLASS OF 1991

Mercy College Reunion Class of 1991 Thursday 1 September 2011 6.00pm – 8.00pm, 760 Sydney Road Coburg. Staff Dining Room Enter via Main Reception and follow the yellow brick road. Light Refreshments. Enquiries 9319 9299 or www.mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au.

ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING

St Monica's College Epping invites Parents of Year 3, 4 & 5 students to an Information Evening

Venue: Sports & Assembly Hall
Dalton Road Campus

Date: 6th September, 2011

Time: 7.30pm

Tour of the Junior Campus commences at 6.30pm from LOTE Centre
Last tour leaves at 7.10pm.

For further information please contact the College Registrar.

Mrs Enza Sinopoli on 9409 8911 or email registrar@stmonicas-epping.com

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Year 7, 2013 -2015

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