

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

FIRST READING *Joshua 24:1-2.15-18*

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Gustate e vedete com'è buono il Signore.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 5:21-32*

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life, you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Le tue parole, Signore, sono spirito e vita; tu hai parole di vita eterna.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL *John 6:60-69*

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life..

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$547.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$205.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$275.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 26/08/2012

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & N Zino
 9.00am (SUN) – S Lo Bartolo & R DiGuglielmo
 10.30am (SUN) –N Sua & V De Leo

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin & E Krygger
 G Tempone, C Alberti & F Pascuzzi
 P Nguyen, S Rottura & A Keighley

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 02/09/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & C Brunetti
 10.30am (SUN) – Sr T Fitzsimmons & S Miano

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 P Sparano, R Pino & M Piscioneri
 C McMahon, J Frangiosa & L Conte

CHURCH CLEANERS

01/09/2012 R DeZan & S Brima

MONEY COUNTERS

27/08/2012 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
03/09/2012 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Antonietta BASCHIERA, Dominic MINTOFF (former Prime Minister of Malta)

ANNIVERSARIES

Carlo NERO, Rocco CENTOFANTI, Angela DIAMANTE, Raffaele RIMEGILDO,
 Luigino & Angelina BONACCI, Raffaella ADAMO, Salvatore CHIARAMONTE,
 Domenica & Mario FORGIONE, Alessandro FERARRA', Giuseppe TARANTO,
 Francesco & Francesca PETRILLI, Saverio TOLANI, Bruno & Angela SCATUCCIO
 Angelo, Carmela & Pietro NARDOZZA, Umberto & Maria SILEO, Antonio CICHELO,
 Maria-Concetta SALIMBENI, Santo COSTANZO, Rocco FERRARO, Antonio VILLELLA,
 Luigina, Domenico, Natale & Rosa ARCUR, Pasquale, Lucia, Aiello, Adelia & Mose BERGAMIN

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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

21st Sunday, Year B

26 August 2012

Given and Giver

God is generous – and gives freely without strings attached. We surely can learn from this in our acts of giving. So many people like to attach a string to what they say they give away. In my own experience there are instances of benefactors having made a donation for some specific item for a religious house. Then, when the house has had to close, or when a certain priest has died, they might ask for the gift to be returned, decades later. It happens.

God gives freely and so should we. What the recipient does with our gifts is less our concern if we have given without conditions. God will reward the cheerful giver. And should the recipient use a gift improperly, that should, nevertheless, not disturb our ability to freely give. That is the way God is, a giver to the grateful and the ungrateful alike; and that is the kind of generosity God wants of us.

God gives freely. The gifts we receive for our welfare in this life and the next are from the love of God. Faith is God's free gift to us. One cannot earn faith, God gives it to us. As Jesus said in response to Peter's act of faith as recorded in the gospel of Matthew, "Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man. Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven."

It is distorted thinking, therefore, to delay a baptism until a child is a young adult in order to make a choice as if saying, "Will I or will I not accept this gift?"

Who know how God will offer the gift again! Ultimately all of us make a choice – whether to accept or reject a gift. But we do not choose the time when the gift is to be offered to us.

Imagine if we were to say to a friend, "I choose for you to offer me the gift of a holiday in Hawaii." That would be obviously ridiculous. But should it be any different when it concerns the gifts of God? Often gifts come through another – that is also the way of God. For example, God's gift of life has come through our parents. Just as the gift of baptism came to us in most cases through our parents.

All good things are God's gift to us. The sunny day, the warm smile of a friend, the thoughtfulness of another. And not just the good things. Jesus and his church urge us to penance and repentance in order to purify ourselves; to accept discipline in our lives so that we can cope with the difficulties and stresses of life; and to cultivate that ability to make sacrifices, small and great – all this is a gift of God's grace. Lord, help me to be a cheerful giver and to accept your gifts to me with a grateful heart.

St Joseph the Worker School Night Market

79 Wilson Boulevard Reservoir 3073

St Joseph the Worker Primary School invites you to our
Springtime Indulgence Night market

**What a great way to get rid of the winter blues and embrace spring !
Grab your mother, grandmother, daughter, sister aunty, girlfriend, work mate,
neighbour & join us on**

Friday 7th September

6.30-10.30 pm in the School Hall (Hot food available on the Night)

\$5 entry fee....

(includes a glass of bubbly or orange juice and a raffle ticket)

**Girls, pamper yourself with jewellery, scarves, lingerie, glass beads, candles, cupcakes,
coffee, specialty tea, crafts, clothing, cards, skincare, make up, fragrances, handbags, toys,
hair accessories, kidswear, frames, flowers ...**

Over 30 stalls, loads of fun. All Welcome !

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Max Grilli** child of Adrian and Charmaine, **Graziella Efe** child Serkis and Margarita 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.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated on Saturday September 1 at 6.00pm.

MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 29 August 7.00pm – Rachela Soccio (1 mth)

FEASTS

Monday 27 August – St Monica

Tuesday 28 August – St Augustine

Wednesday 29 August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 28 Agosto, Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella ore 9.00am, con riflessione e preghiere condotte da Padre Eduardo Zammit. S. Messa ore 10.00am. Segue rinfresco di augurio per un Buon Viaggio di ritorno a Malta.

RINGRAZIAMENTO FESTA DI SAN ROCCO

Un sincero grazie a tutti che hanno partecipato, lavorato, organizzato a questa bella festa, a Fr Eddie Zammit, Padre Joseph Yu e al nostro parroco Padre Bonello. I numeri vincenti della lotteria sono:
1 – Pink D2, 2 – Orange G28, 3 – Orange G26.

MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY 26 AUGUST 2012

This theme of this year's World Day for Migrants and Refugees, is "Migration and New Evangelisation". In his message Pope Benedict called on Christians to pay special attention to migrant workers and their families and them with "prayer, solidarity and Christian charity". The Pope continued on saying: "Christians also should promote political, economic and social policies and strategies that uphold the dignity of every human person, the safeguarding of the family and access to dignified housing, to work and to welfare".



A SPACE FOR THE YEAR OF GRACE

The Assumption and Gracefest

On Wednesday 15th August The Gracefest started with the Mass of the Assumption celebrated by the Archbishop priests and people in St Patrick's Cathedral. Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was the special guest for Gracefest and the homilist at the mass. In his homily, Cardinal Rodriguez said the feast of the Assumption was a wonderful time to begin Gracefest, since Mary is full of grace. He said the feast is a day of great joy for the Church because Mary is present in heaven, soul and body. "This fact must surely change our way of thinking about heaven," he said. "It's true, there is room in heaven for the human body. Heaven is decidedly different, perhaps, from what we imagined." He expressed his gratitude to Archbishop Hart for the initiative to begin the feast of grace, part of the Year of Grace Celebrations in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, on the feast of the Assumption. The Cardinal said "All people of faith need to be with those who suffer, who need support, and are longing for purpose and take to them the joy of the Gospel, the joy of grace, the joy of being Christians. We are happy because we have this grace in our lives, because we are blessed abundantly and we are destined to be in heaven with our Lord."

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY ON CHILD ABUSE: ARCHBISHOP PASTORAL LETTER

Our Archbishop of Melbourne, Denis Hart, sent a pastoral letter to all parishes and churches this weekend on the Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations. The Archbishop said that the Pastoral Letter acknowledges the suffering and trauma endured by children who have been in the Church's care, and the effect on their families. Copies of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter are available in the Narthex and near the side door of the church.

THE MALTESE NATIONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

The Maltese National feast of Our Lady of Victories this year will be celebrated on Thursday 6th September 7.00pm at the Maltese Centre Parkville, with Mass followed by a program by St Albans Melita Band. Then on Sunday 9th September, at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne. Beginning at 2.30pm with the Rosary, concelebrated Mass will follow, led by Fr Mark Demanuele mssp. Then, procession with the statue of Our Lady, accompanied by Maltese own Band, concluding with Eucharistic Benediction.

SECOND ANNUAL BISHOP JOSEPH GRECH MEMORIAL COLLOQUIUM ON ETHICS AND MIGRATION THURSDAY 30 AUGUST, 7PM TO 9PM

You are warmly invited by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office in association with Australian Catholic University to attend this event.

Keynote Speakers for this event will be Archbishop Denis J Jart DD, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference The Hon. Chris Bowen, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship. They will be presenting: My Story: The Journey of an unaccompanied minor seeking asylum in Australia. This evening will be facilitated by Santilla Chingaipe, SBS Radio Presenter.

Where: Central Hall Melbourne Campus, Australian Catholic University, 24 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

More Info: info@acmro.catholic.org.au

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN MELBOURNE SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, 10AM

Archbishop Denis Hart and Very Rev Fr Harry Entwistle are pleased to announce the ordination of 8 candidates to the priesthood. There will be four ordinands from Corpus Christi College: Andrew McCarter, Benneth Osuagwu, Jerome Santamaria and Kevin Williams. There will also be four men ordained from the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross – former Anglican clergymen who have accepted the invitation of Pope Benedict XVI to come into the Catholic Church under the provisions of *Anglicanorum coetibus*. These men are Rev Neil Fryer, Rev James Grant, Rev Christopher Seton and Rev Ramsay Williams.

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Cnr Gisborne Street & Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne.