

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'e' 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 word of everlasting life.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$756.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$130.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$297.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 23/08/09

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch  
 9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & R De Zan  
 10.30am (SUN) – A De Cata & G Canavan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 30/08/09

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan  
 9.00am (SUN) – M Crupi & F Biasibetti  
 10.30am (SUN) - S Miano & M Sernia

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba  
 T Forte, A De Cata & L Calafiore  
 S Rottura, Gordana Santinon & S Dakin

CHURCH CLEANERS

29/8/09 J Aliphone, T Saleh & P Sparano

MONEY COUNTERS

24/08/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan  
 31/08/09 D Herbert, C McMahon, J Galea & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Laurie POLIDANO, Amedeo MARINE, Francesco BONADDIO

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe LENTINI (2yr), Luigi PASCUIZZI, Giovanni & Luigia VALMORBIDA, Maio PANNUNZIO Remenegildo & Diamante CENTOFANTI, Rocco, Angela, Raffaele & Giuseppe CENTOFANTI Sebastiano & John GIACCA, Margherita & Gregorio BERTUNA, Antonio & Carmela NAPOLETANO, Giuseppe & Carmela MIRILIANO, Paolo NASELLI, Grazia & Salvatore LUMINATO, Rosaria & Mateo GIUFRAIDA, Maria-Concetta SALIMBENI Maria, Nicola & Giuseppe CARNOVALE, Teresa GUARNACCIA

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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

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

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Year B

23 August, 2009

## Spirit and Life

When you imagine yourself in the shoes of Jesus' hearers, it is not really surprising that many people who heard his teaching really struggled with it. They were often perplexed, and even dismayed. Today's gospel reading for example, begins with Jesus' hearers saying that his language was intolerable, that no one could accept what he was saying. Jesus had just been telling them that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." On first hearing, it does sound preposterous. No wonder that his disciples were perplexed and that many chose to go away. It takes courage along with faith in Jesus to allow ourselves to enter further into the real meaning of his words. Jesus insists that it is not just bread, but the bread of life, the bread which comes down from heaven, living bread that we must eat. It is the spirit which gives life, he insists, not the flesh. Jesus' words ring true when we ponder the times of grief and tragedy in our lives, those dark and terrible times when we have been physically alive, but spiritually dead, as good as dead really. Those are the times when we see so clearly that bread alone does not give us life. We need much more than mere physical sustenance. Hence Jesus' promise that the words that he has spoken give spirit and life. Today's gospel tells us that Jesus knows that his followers are murmuring and grumbling. But Jesus is not angry or bitter. Rather, he asks the Twelve, his closest followers: What about you? What is your choice? Do you too choose to go? Now Peter was not the brightest spark in the group. But he did have the knack of getting to the point of what was at stake and here, he nails the issue in an instant: Where else can we go? Who else is there? "It is YOU who have the words of eternal life", he says to Jesus, and he adds, "we believe, we know that you are the Holy One of God". He doesn't say that we understand, that it is all clear and makes good sense to us. We too, each and every one of us, like the disciples, like our ancestors in faith, each of us is called to believe, to place our trust, to have faith in Jesus. We are called to follow him, even though we don't always understand and it isn't always clear to us. We wonder why it is that some hear Jesus' words and some don't, that some are unable to get past their incredulity and to respond to his offer of spirit and life. Ours is not to question their lack of faith or to question what is in their hearts. Carrying all those we love in our hearts, we walk by faith – a faith in the love of God that is so powerfully revealed in Jesus. He is truly the way, the truth, and the life.

## FEASTS

Monday 24 August – St Bartholomew  
Thursday 27 August – St Monica  
Friday 28 August – St Augustine  
Saturday 29 August – Beheading of St John the Baptist

## FUNERALS

The Rosary for Amedeo Marine will be recited on Sunday 23 August at 7.00pm.  
Funeral will be celebrated on Monday 24 August at 10.00am

The Rosary for Francesco Bonaddio will be recited on Sunday 23 August at 8.00pm.  
Funeral will be celebrated on Monday 24 August at 1.00pm.

## MAINTENANCE MEETING

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 August at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

## FESTA DI SAN ROCCO

Un sincero grazie a tutti che hanno partecipato, lavorato, organizzato, e al nostro parroco Padre Bonello.

I numeri vincenti della lotteria sono: 1 – Orange R7, 2 – Purple 44, & 3 – Blue E11

## ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 25 Agosto Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella con inizio ore 9.00, segue Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

## CONGRATULATIONS ANTONIETTA CRITELLI

Antonietta Critelli wishes to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday 25 August with our parish community where she served for nearly 40 years, we are all invited to the celebration in the Narthex after the 10.00am Mass. We wish Antonietta all the very best and may the Lord bless her on this special day and always.

## FIRST EUCHARIST



This weekend the Religious Education children of our Parish, **Ebony Butera, Jacob De Leo, Bianca Fato and Narthan Thorneycroft** will be celebrating First Eucharist at the 10.30am Mass. It is an important occasion for the children and their families as we welcome them to the Lord's table, and extend our sincere congratulations to them. The Eucharist is our sacrament of unity and belonging in which Jesus nourishes us to bring his Good News to all the world.

## CONFIRMATIONS 29/30 AUGUST

Next weekend 53 candidates from our school will receive the sacrament of Confirmation, we ask you to pray for them and their families that the gift of the Holy Spirit may transform their lives and give them courage to be disciples of the light, and love of Jesus in our world.

Bishop Timothy Costelloe will be celebrating Confirmation on Saturday afternoon and Bishop Joseph O'Connell will be celebrating the Sunday morning Confirmation.

## PIETY STALL

A reminder that the Piety Stall will be open after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

## **SANTA MARIA COLLEGE**



Fostering Global Learning & Global Citizens

Santa Maria College is a Catholic secondary school for girls, founded by the Good Samaritan Sisters in 1904. Our Catholic ethos, cultivates a spirit of compassion and a sensitivity to social justice. Santa Maria College encourages students to be part of a global learning community equipped with the skill and confidence to think independently. The College offers a rigorous academic program and is a candidate school for the international Baccalaureate Middle Years Program commencing with Year 7 students in 2010. The co-curricular program includes the Duke of Edinburgh Award, sport, music, public speaking and debating as well as cultural immersions in Central Australia, Japan and Italy. Education is offered within an affordable and equitable fee structure.

### **Tour Dates and Events**

August 31, School Tour, 9.00am (booking required)

October 14, School Tour, 9.00am (booking required)

November 9, School Tour, 9.00am (booking required)

November 25, School Tour, 9.00am (booking required)

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### **Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality Offers - Life in Chronic Illness Friday 11 September – Sunday 13 September**

Being chronically ill is an experience like no other. There is very little available for people who want to share their journey of chronic illness at the level of faith. This retreat offers prayer and spiritual conversion on healing, vulnerability, affirmation and our special relationship with God. If you have any special access requirements, please advise us. Bringing a support companion is often an excellent idea, please advise us. (suggested donation: \$190 live-in, \$160 live-out)

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