

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

FIRST READING *Isaiah 66:18-21*

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Tutti i popoli vedranno la gloria del Signore.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13*

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord: no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono la via, la verita' e la vita, dice il Signore; nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Luke 13:22-30*

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering..... \$641.00
- Loose Money..... \$297.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery..... \$263.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 22/08/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – K Krygger
9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico
10.30am (SUN) – J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
K Keighley, D Lucato & T Saleh

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 29/08/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – D Pullicino
9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
10.30am (SUN) - A Vinelli & M Sernia

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Nancy Ziino
P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon
M Mizzi, J Tanti & T Nguyen

CHURCH CLEANERS

28/08/2010 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS

23/08/2010 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
30/08/2010 D Herbert, C McMahon & M Williams

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING
RECENTLY DECEASED**

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco (Frank) BONADIO, Mario PANNUNZO, Vincenzo & Filomena BRANCATI,
Anna BIVIANO & Grandparents, Amedeo MARINE, Franceschina COSTANZO, Paolo NASELLI,
Grazia FRAPANE, Salvatore, Rosaria & Santo LUMINATO, Giovanni VALMORBIDA,
Antonio CICHELLO, Luigi PASCUZZI, Margherita & Gregorio BERTUNA, Giuseppe VIRGONA,
Felice DI IULIO, Emmanuel FARRUGIA GAY, Polly FARRUGIA GAY,
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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



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

21st Sunday of Year C

22 August, 2010

The Narrow Door

Jesus and his followers are continuing on their journey to Jerusalem. Such journeys in those days took place across long dusty roads, unhurried. People tended to amble or saunter along.

Urgent meeting schedules and time-constraints were not part of life. Time was available. People had time to talk, discuss, question and argue about the perplexities of life. As they left each village on their way to Jerusalem, Jesus' followers had many opportunities to probe deeper into the many insights they had gleaned from him. We can imagine his followers listening to him as they stopped at each village; and then, as they left, having the time to reflect more on what they had heard. They would then raise further thoughts, questions, and concerns with Jesus. Today's gospel suggests something like that. While on this journey into Jerusalem, Jesus on a number of occasions had given cautionary advice about what it meant to be part of the Kingdom. Here, the disciples are still wrestling with his teachings on this matter: they ask him about who will be saved. Jesus answers in terms of two key conditions for entering this kingdom of God. First, one must strive. That immediately suggests that it is not just a matter of simply walking effortlessly. On the contrary, considerable effort will be required. The second part of this initial response suggests further difficulty: the door is "narrow". So not only will one have to put in some effort and energy, but also the actual path itself also presents a barrier.

Then, as if these two aspects were not enough, there is a third complication: time is running out, as the door is about to be closed so that some will be left standing outside.

And here again, we have yet another setback, since those left outside the closed door will be questioning and arguing their status. Were not they the ones who ate and drank with him, as he taught in their streets? They should be allowed in. This, though, is not enough, and "indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." The message is the same for us today. The four concerns Jesus outlined to his disciples, are also our own concerns:

- We need to strive, to be energetic and purposeful in our own journeys towards the Kingdom
- We cannot always take the easy route; we will not be able to avoid difficult pathways;
- We cannot waste time; the time is now, no matter how young or old we are;
- We cannot be complacent and think that just because we have also eaten and drunk at the table of the Lord, (indeed ticked all the right boxes so to speak), we will be guaranteed our entry into the Kingdom of God. Where are we, then, along this line waiting to gain entry: in the first position or the last?

GOOD GRIEF!!!

Grief is the emotional suffering we feel after a loss of some kind. The death of a loved one, loss of a limb, divorce, even intense disappointment can cause grief. A lecture on Bereavement will be given by priest-psychologist Dr Victor Shields MSSP on Wednesday 25th August 2010, at 7.00pm, in our Church of St. Joseph the Worker, North Reservoir. In this lecture Dr Victor Shields, clinical psychologist and theologian, will show, by means of a power point presentation, how grieving and its stresses can pass more quickly, by understanding the grief process and developing good self-care habits. Please mark this date of 25th August on your calendar, everyone is invited to attend.

MEMORIAL MASS

Monday 24 August 7.30pm – Vincenzo DeFazio (d. Rec. America)

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 24 Agosto riunione del Comitato Femminile in Cappella ore 9.00am. Segue Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

FESTA DI SAN ROCCO

Un sincero grazie a tutti che hanno partecipato, lavorato, organizzato, a Padre Joseph Yu e al nostro parroco Padre Bonello. I numeri vincenti della lotteria sono: 1 – Orange Q92, 2 – Orange Q22, 3 – Orange Q48 & 4 – Orange G23

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT-MARY MACKILLOP

Procession, Festival and Live Broadcast, of Canonisation from Rome. Sunday 17 October, in Fitzroy and at Royal Exhibition Building. For more details visit: www.cam.org.au/mackillop.

THE FEAST OF MARIA BAMBINA

Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group Inc. every year organise, on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Paul, the Feast of Maria Bambina (also known as Our Lady of Victories). This feast is celebrated in four villages in Malta and Gozo, one being the Xaghra Parish where Fr Emmanuel Bonello was born.

Wednesday, 8 September at 7.00pm, a Mass will be celebrated at the Maltese Centre, Parkville, followed by Marches by St Albans Melita Band.

Saturday 11 September at 7.00pm, The Vittoria Dinner dance is held at the Firenze Receptions, McBryde Street Fawkner. 5 Course Meal includes beer, wine and soft drinks. DJ Moods Music and Merriment Malta Gozo Concert Band. Members \$45, N/Members \$47.

The Feast of Maria Bambina is celebrated on **Sunday 12 September**, at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne. Rosary 2.30pm followed by Mass and Procession accompanied by the St. Albans Melita Band and The Maltese Own Band. Benediction will take place at the conclusion of the procession.

FEASTS

Tuesday 24 August – St Bartholomew

Friday 27 August – St Monica

Saturday 28 August – At Augustine

ST AUGUSTINE (354- 430)

Augustine is the most significant theologian of the Patristic era and one of the most important theologians in church history. After a time of moral laxity, he was converted at the age of 33 when hearing a child's voice singing "Tolle lege!" (Take up and read!), he began to read Scripture. He made major contributions in theology in relation to God, free will, salvation, the church, and the end times.

One of his well known reflections is:

- 'Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they shall not rest until they rest in you.'



St Gabriel's Theatre Group
Invites you to

AUDITIONS

For Gilbert & Sullivan's

"The Gondoliers"

Sunday 29 August 2010 at 7:30 sharp

St Gabriel's Hall, Viola Street, Reservoir 3073

People of all ages welcome, including family groups

Auditions are to select Principal roles.

Everyone who comes along is automatically in the chorus.

Rehearsals are from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm sharp on Sunday evenings

Performances in the week of 29 November to 3 December

Inquiries Dorothy Leonard : 94622281 Judy O'Meara 94785865

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

Will there only be a few saved? The response of Jesus to this question has often been interpreted in a pessimistic sense – the very opposite of the message of hope he brought to the world. Fortunately, today's biblical scholarship shows this interpretation to be mistaken. Jesus had no intention of entering into this discussion; in fact his whole purpose was to lead them beyond the exclusiveness they took for granted. He called them to identify with the generous ways of God.

The 'narrow door' does not imply that salvation is available to only a few; it refers to the conversion called for if his hearers are to accept his teaching, and thus become the people God wants them to be.

Similarly, the point of the parable of the 'locked door' is not exclusion, but the need to hurry in – the opportunity brought by Jesus is coming to an end. Only conversion from the constricted ways the nation has come to take for granted will give entrance to 'the master's house'.

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Thornhill SM

ST MONICA (333-387)

Monica – the mother of St Augustine – was born of Christian parents in North Africa. She married a pagan, Patritius, who became a Christian before his death. As a young man, Augustine was wayward and lazy. She followed her son to Rome and then to Milan, praying for his conversion. She was consoled with the words, 'the child of those tears shall never perish'. In Milan, she had the joy of seeing Augustine baptised. She died at Ostia on their way back to Africa.