

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

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Chi teme il Signore abiterà nella sua tenda...

SECOND READING James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Be doers of the word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Per sua volontà il Padre ci ha generati per mezzo della parola di verità per essere una primizia delle sue creature. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$906.00
- Loose Money.....\$212.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$232.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 09/09/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - E Krygger & E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
10.30am (SUN) – J Iaria & Sr Estelita

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino & N Ziino
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
S Miano, D Herbert & U Strangis

CHURCH CLEANERS

08/09/2012 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS

03/08/2012 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert
10/09/2012 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett, C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pietro CAFAGNA, Josephine CACHIA, Fr Gregory VELLA, Fr John XUEREB

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco Paolo SIRAGUSA, Salvatore MONFORTE, Gaetano, Ignazio & Salvatore ABBATE, Giuseppe, Carlo & Filippo MONFORTE, Michele CHIODO, Deloris AGIUS, Vittorio, Santo, Giulio & Bettina CALIGIURI, Agata & Francesco DERANGO, Luigi, Lena & Agata MONARCA, Janez & Matteo ZELE, Antonio GRAHOR, Famiglia BUTERA, Bartolomeo & Giovanna LAGRECA, Bartolo & Giuseppina RANDO, Emmanuel, Polly, John & Anthony FARRUGIA GAY, Stephen BORG, Felice TARANTO, Giuseppe VIRGONA, Angelo TARANTO, Antonio VILLELLA, Giovanni VILLELLA, Felice BRUNO, Gennaro FALVO, Giuseppe TARANTO, Claudio, Giovanni & Carlo VALMORBIDA, Adriano, Giacomo & Luciano CAVEDON, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Angelo MACCIOCCA, Ercole DIRICO, Vincenzo CILAURO, Cont.....

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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

22nd Sunday, Year B

02 September 2012

Honesty and Integrity

Jamie is six years old. He lives with his family on a large cattle station. He loves to explore. There are so many things for a young boy to do when you have a backyard of three hundred thousand acres!

From his exploring, Jamie loves to bring home “presents” for his mother. Old bones, rocks, frogs, dead animals, bits of machinery, and all sorts of other weird and wonderful things find their way into the kitchen. But he is never keen to wash his hands or have a bath, especially following his explorations. He will do anything to ignore his mother’s pleas. She has to constantly remind him and often has to drag him to the bathroom.

But it’s a requirement that Jamie’s mother is prepared to emphasise. She knows that value of sensible hygiene in preventing illness and infection.

The Jewish Law also emphasised rules concerning hygiene. But the issue in the Gospel is not the rule, but how the rule is used. Someone can be judged on how well they adhere to the rule, rather than on who they are and the life they lead.

Like Jamie and his mum, a very simple and sensible rule becomes a point of conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees. For the Pharisees, observing the Law was fundamental. For them, following all the rules and prescriptions made a person “righteous”; in good relationship with God. They couldn’t understand how Jesus did not apply the Law rigorously to himself and his disciples.

But Jesus turns the tables on them, and even calls them hypocrites. He quotes the Prophet Isaiah’s criticism of those who honour God only with lip-service. Jesus challenges the interpretation of rules and religious practices that emphasises seeming righteous on the outside, but overlooks what is going on in the heart. Jesus said he had not come to abolish the Law, but to bring it to its fullness.

He yearned to take people beyond external practices, and to lead them to a deeper understanding of what was most important – the heart of a person. Putting on a front or a show or cultivating a good image is one thing. But if the heart is not in tune with God and with other people, then that is to fail to live honestly and with integrity. The Letter of James gives us a clue as to how we are meant to live and what really makes a person righteous: “Pure unspoil religion, in the eyes of God is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows and keeping oneself uncontaminated from the world.”

In other words, religion and righteous living is more than obeying rules. Rather, it is living free of the corrupt influences of our world, and possessing a heart that reaches out with compassion and care to the most vulnerable among us.

The Gospel is not a rule book. It provides a vision of a truly human life lived with honesty and integrity before God and others.

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 **Lucas Jensen** child of John and Carmela, **Gianluca Pascuzzi** child Giuseppe and Lesley 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.

BON VOYAGE

We wish a Bon voyage to Fr. Eddie Zammit who has been with us for 5 weeks and we thank him for his help in the parish. He will leave for Gozo Malta, on this Sunday Evening.

Fr. Manny will also be leaving to Gozo, Malta, on Sunday and will be back on Saturday 29th September. During Fr. Manny's absence Fr. Dominic De Giorgio will celebrate the weekends and weekday masses.

PLEASE NOTE: To make it easier for Fr. Dom to say the weekday masses; the mass times in September will be 10.00am Tuesday to Saturday, while Mondays remain with the 9.10am communion service.

FEASTS

Monday 3 September – St Gregory the Great

Saturday 8 September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MEMORIAL MASS

Monday 3 September 7.00pm – Lina Di Iorio (1 mth)

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 4 Settembre, la santa Messa delle ore 10.00am sarà offerta in memoria dei Papa' defunti vi invitiamo di portare una loro foto che sarà posta davanti all'altare con preghiere e benedizione.

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.



A SPACE FOR THE YEAR OF GRACE

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

To all fathers and men in our parish and among our friends: Happy Father's Day and may they always enjoy God's Grace and love.



SPECIAL COLLECTION *PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION*

This weekend Father's Day, there will be a **special collection** after all Masses for the many sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne who have served actively in the Archdioceses, but who are now elderly and frail. Your support for our retired priests and sick priests who have shown us deep spiritual care, is a true sign of gratitude.

We ask you to please be generous in your contributions. Special envelopes for credit card/tax deductability will be available.

THE MALTESE NATIONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

Reskeon Maltese Association and Reskeon Seniors Group organises the Feast of Maria Bambina on behalf of the Fathers of the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

Thursday, September 6: Mass at 7.00 pm, at the Maltese Centre, Parkville. This is followed by a Concert from the St. Albans Melita Band. **Saturday, September 8:** the Vittorja Dinner Dance at Firenze Reception Centre, Fawkner. Members \$46 Non-Members \$48. **Sunday, September 9:** The Feast of Maria Bambina at St. Mary's Church, West Melbourne. Rosary at 2.30 pm, followed by Mass and a procession with the statue of Our Lady accompanied by the Maltese Own Band. This will be followed by Benediction. Everyone is invited to attend all these functions and for more information phone **Caesar Vella on 9395-3103.**

Anniversaries Cont:

Francesco CILAURO, Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Antonio PISCIONERI, Francesco & Concetta PAPALIA, Anna & Domenico BELLO, Antonio & Beniamino PASCUIZZI, Mameo, Giuseppe & Antonio NAPOLITANO, Giuseppe DA MARIO, Mariano CATENA, Antonio CAPUTO, Giuseppe PINO, Vincenzo & Fidalma CIPOLLA, Domenico & Anna OCCHIUZZI, Giacomo SALZONE, Michele RUSSO Agostino & Assunta BRUNETTI, Famiglia DI TORO, Domenico PICCONE, Antonio DI GUGLIELMO, Giovanni MONDELLO, Famiglia PAOLINI, Giuseppe & Natale FATO, Saverio COLOSIMO, Famiglia CALAFIORE, Famiglia GERMANO, Salvatore & Mary CANDILORO, Felice, Antonio & Maria CARUSO, Saverio & Rosa NICOLAZZO Rocco, Antonio & Francesco FERRARO, Michelangelo, Giovanni & Michael BUTERA