

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

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

The word of the Lord God has meant decision for me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ha sete di te, Signore, l'anima mia.

SECOND READING *Romans 12:1-2*

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21-27*

Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$667.00
- Loose Money.....\$246.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$15.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 27/08/2011

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

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 04/09/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Cavedon
10.30am (SUN) – L De Marco & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

03/09/2011 M Martuccio, L Calafiore, A Leggiero
& P D'Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS

29/08/2011 D Herbert, C McMahon & S Miano
05/09/2011 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe ILARDI, Maria COMPAGNINO, Rev. Mgr. Edward Bondi DALLI (d. Rec. Gozo)

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe LENTINI, Sergio DUSSIN, Margherita & Gregorio BERTUNA, Salvatore & Mary CANDILORO, Domenico & Anna RELLO, John Michael SPALL, Mario AMORE, Ted HERBERT, Baby KATHRYN, Des MCMAHON & Baby BENJAMIN, Antonio CASTELLI, Antonio CICHELO, Maria-Concetta SALIMBENI

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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 of Year A

28 August 2011

Follow the Leader

Giuseppe Garibaldi, the Italian revolutionary, summoned his followers to arms, “He that loves Italy, let him follow me! I promise him hardship, suffering and death!” In today’s Gospel Jesus sounds a similar call, not to bear arms, but to bear the crosses of discipleship.

Our reading is drawn from Matthew. It continues our focus on Simon Peter who, in the reading last week, won Jesus’ approval for acknowledging his divine identity. In the development of Matthew’s Gospel, Peter’s confession of faith is at the culminating point of Jesus’ instructions on the Kingdom of God and the role of his disciples bringing it about. The image of the group of disciples of Jesus that emerges in this Gospel would have been familiar to first-century Jews. Here, Jesus presented as a rabbi whose role it is to interpret the word of God for his disciples. Disciples were expected to submit totally and unreservedly to the rabbi’s teachings and directions. Correcting a teacher was rare, and interrupting the master’s teaching was regarded as deeply offensive. So when Peter rebukes Jesus, he oversteps the appropriate bounds of discipleship. The language used to describe Jesus’ reaction is significant. We are told that Jesus turned to confront Peter. Disciples “followed” their teachers. They literally remained behind them out of respect when they walked. So when Jesus turned around and ordered Peter to get behind him, he was literally telling him to resume his proper place as a disciple. However, Peter was not simply “getting too big for his boots”, as we might say today. Jesus characterises Peter’s counsel as akin to Satan’s temptation in the wilderness. There, Satan offered Jesus the kingdom without the cross. Peter now offers the same temptation and is deemed an agent of Satan. This story was no doubt significant for that early community addressed by the evangelist. Its relevance continues for Christian communities today, as they face persecution and even death at the hands of agents of bigotry and violence. Matthew’s community was most likely facing persecution from the authorities. Suffering and, even on rare occasions, martyrdom, were the costs of discipleship, Matthew needed to make clear that there was a parallel between what happened to Jesus on the cross, and what was causing suffering for these early Christians. Jesus “must” go to Jerusalem to “suffer greatly” and so, too, if anyone wishes to be Jesus’ disciple, “they must deny their very selves, take up their crosses, and begin to follow in Jesus’ footsteps.” So, like Garibaldi, Jesus challenges us to follow him through the hardships and sufferings that are part-and-parcel of Christian discipleship. The difference, of course, is that our efforts are not directed merely to some secular form of government, but to that Kingdom of God in which all suffering and death will be abolished. And so, Matthew reminds all disciples of Jesus, tempted to waver in the face of trials, that Jesus will return to repay all “according to their conduct”.



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.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Daniel Scamarco** child of Claudio and Pina, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 August at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 30 Agosto Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella, ore 9.00am con preghiere e riflessione. Segue Santa Messa ore 10.00am. Vi aspettiamo numerose per essere unite alla presenza di Gesù con noi.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Funeral Maria Compagnino will be celebrated on Monday 29 August at 10.00am.

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 2 September 7.30pm – Anna Gasparri (1 mth)

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 3 September at 6.00pm.

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.

THE 97th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY 28 AUGUST **“ONE HUMAN FAMILY”**

Pope Benedict in his address said that the World day of Migrants and Refugees offers the whole church an opportunity to reflect and to pray that hearts may open to Christian welcome and to the effort to increase in the world justice and charity.

PRAYER FOR ONE HUMAN FAMILY

Dear God our Father in heaven,
We thank you for the sacred gift of
The Eucharist which unites us in a single body.
We thank you for the gift of solidarity
And for the richness and beauty found in diversity,
Dear God, show mercy to those who travel in
Danger and lead them to a place of safety and peace.
We pray for the grace of hospitality and the courage
to welcome those who Come in search of refuge.
Through unity and Charity,
help us to attain justice and lasting peace in the world.
Mary, Mother of Migrants and Refugees, present our prayers
to your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is one with the Father
And the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

SPECIAL COLLECTION – PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

As next Sunday is 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.

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.

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.