

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$889.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$324.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$320.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 30/08/09

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan  
 9.00am (SUN) – M Crupi & F Biasibetti  
 10.30am (SUN) – CONFIRMATION (Selected)

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba  
 T Forte, A De Cata & L Calafiore  
 CONFIRMATION (Selected)

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 06/09/09

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
 9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico  
 10.30am (SUN) - T Fitzsimmons & G Silvio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
 F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti  
 U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

CHURCH CLEANERS

05/09/09 J Aliphone, P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

31/08/09 D Herbert, C McMahon, J Galea & R Comito  
 07/09/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio, J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Domenica NAPOLEONE, Domenico & Anna BELLO, Giacomo SALZONE,  
 Matteo & Tonino NAPOLITANO, Beniamino PASCUIZZI, Nazario SOCCIO  
 Alfonso & Maria AVAGLIANO, Francesco - Paolo SIRACUSO, Giuseppe FATO,  
 Ted HERBERT, Des MCMAHON, Paolo SANTO, Giuseppe TRINCHI,  
 Francesco SIRAGUSA, Umberto SILEO, Salvatore & Mary CANDILORO

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year B

30 August, 2009

## Taking the message to heart

It is usual to take at least quiet delight when those who are opposed to what we most believe in are refuted. Something like that happens when we followers of Jesus hear how he dealt with the Pharisees and the scribes. There is a danger here. We may so rejoice in the way Jesus challenges his opponents' duplicity and obstinacy that we can forget that these stories are told so as to be a personal challenge to us as well. While we may smile at the obvious absurdity of the washing customs of the Pharisees, we may be less inclined to check and see whether we have concocted religious customs which make little sense or are a cause of scandal to others. And, as we know, Jesus taught that what really makes us unclean is what is schemed from within our hearts. That provides an examination of conscience for men and women in every age. For us as individuals, and for the Church as a community, there is continual need to be on the alert. We need to check that our intentions are pure, that our customs are relevant to our faith, and that our lives are being lived with integrity. It is for this reason that we are constantly being called to renewal. From ecumenical councils to local meetings of the parish council, the underlying purpose is the same: that we examine how faithfully we are proclaiming and living the Gospel. St James speaks of us submitting "to the word which has been planted" in us. This theme goes back to the Old Testament when Moses told the people that they have the law written on their hearts. If their God was very close to them, we who have inherited the revelation of Jesus have all the more reason to reflect that our God is very close to us. This is never more so than when we assemble in his name, for it is then that the Spirit is present to guide our understanding. This is why our gathering for the Eucharist and our listening to the proclamation of the Word are so important. Today we continue to be challenged in our integrity as communities of believers. We can measure our behaviour according to a number of criteria. St James mentions "coming to the help of orphans and widows", groups often neglected in his day. Who are the neglected ones today? For whom should we care for in our day – in the world over, and in our own neighbourhood? As Mother Theresa of Calcutta was never afraid to point out, it is easy to be so taken up with grandiose schemes that we miss the cry of the person in our own household or community. We pray for one another that we will take the word of God to heart, that it will be uncontaminated by our pride and obstinacy, and that we will allow the Spirit to guide us to make wise practical choices as we strive to be faithful followers of the Lord.

## FEAST

Thursday 3 September – St Gregory the Great

## MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 4 September 7.30pm – Natalina Fiore (1 yr)

## PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team will meet on Wednesday 2 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

## PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team will meet on Thursday 3 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

## MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 5 September at 6.00pm.

## CONFIRMATIONS AUGUST 29/30

This 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.

We welcome and thank Bishop Timothy Costelloe and Bishop Joseph O'Connell for celebrating Confirmations at St Joseph the Worker.

## FESTA DI SAN ROCCO

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

## PRIEST 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. We ask you to please pray for those who cared and have given a lifetime of priestly service to the Melbourne community. Special envelopes for credit card/tax deductability will be available, please be generous in your contributions.

*“Reflect, first of all, with heartfelt gratitude on the immense gift which Priests represent, not only for the Church, but also for humanity itself.” Pope Benedict XVI*

## FROM THE CANONICAL ADMINISTRATORS OF ST MONICA'S COLLEGE EPPING

Fr Peter O'Rourke and the Canonical Administrators of St Monica's College, Epping, Fr Maurie Cooney, Fr Andrew Camilleri, Fr Boy Galdo, Fr Brendan Lane and Fr Brian McMahon, announce the appointment of Mr Brian Hanley as Principal of St Monica's College Epping until January 31, 2016. We express our appreciation for Brian Hanley to continue his leadership and great work at the College and we appreciate and admire all that he has achieved so far.

## ST VINCENTS PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Volunteers are needed to staff a small kiosk, called the Green Shop, at St. Vincent's Public Hospital. This shop is an asset to patients and staff and all money raised goes to the hospital which is conducted by the Sisters of Charity Health Service., which has been helping the needy for more than 100 years and the Green Shop has been open for 80 years staffed by volunteers. If you are able to give 3 hours per week or fortnight to help in this way, please ring Shreen Khera at 9288 4361.

## **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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## THE FAR EAST MAGAZINE

Fr Robert McCulloch a Columban priest, will be visiting and speaking at all Masses on the weekend of September 12/13 to promote subscriptions to 'The Far East' Magazine. Fr Robert will share much of interest from his long overseas mission experience in Pakistan and promote The Far East as the same time.

## **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)

Contact [campion@cis.jesuit.org.au](mailto:campion@cis.jesuit.org.au) or phone 03 9854 8110.

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES FOR THE MALTESE COMMUNITY

Feast of Our Lady of Victories for the Maltese Community will be celebrated at St Mary Star of the Sea Church West Melbourne, on Sunday 13 September 2009, beginning with Rosary at 2.30pm and Mass at 3.00pm followed by Procession.