

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Loda il Signore, anima mia.

SECOND READING James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$797.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$336.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$365.00
Special Father's Day Collection.....		\$696.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 16/09/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - D Pullicino & B Nadenbousch
 9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli
 10.30am (SUN) – R Sawi & E Bartlett

CHURCH CLEANERS

15/09/2012 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

10/09/2012 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
 17/09/2012 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatore BRULLO, Sebastiano GUARNACCIA, Pietro COSTANZO, Maria-Rosa SALZONE, Luigi Ottaviani GIAMMARCO, Conceicao DAS NEVES, Manuel TELES, Anthony & Andre RAJSAR, Ted & Baby Kathryn HERBERT, Des & Baby Benjamin MCMAHON, Nicola MATTEO, Giovanna D'ALESSANDRO, Stefano DAGOSTINO, Stella & Slavatore IERARDO, Michele STABILE, Carmela CARUSO, Sabato AMELLO, Costantino BUTERA, Giovanni OLIVIERO, Lucia ONNEMBO, Nicolina GIOVINAZZO, Giuseppe TARANTO

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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

23rd Sunday, Year B

09 September 2012

Stop Look Listen

As we listen to today's readings we are struck by the many references to 'seeing' and 'hearing'. For those of us who possess both gifts, we are able to both see and hear the Word proclaimed. But the question we might ask ourselves is: do we look and listen insightfully? That is, do we really listen to what is being said, and do we look deeply into the text of what has been written?

Today's gospel offers a number of insights provided we are open to all that is being proclaimed. An initial insight occurs at the very beginning of the gospel. Jesus has been travelling beyond Jewish territory into Gentile lands; he has separated himself from Jewish territory. Whilst moving through the Greek cities of the Decapolis, they bring to him a man to be healed, since he is deaf and cannot speak clearly. This man may well be a Gentile, one outside the 'flock'. This in itself is significant. Jesus has been asked to minister to an outsider, to touch and heal him – a request he does not refuse.

Jesus' response to the request is to take the man aside, away it seems from prying eyes. Here another insight is revealed. Jesus does not seek public acclamation. He does not need others to see what he does. He is more than willing to heal the man's deafness as well as his speech.

His response included touching the man's ears, spitting on his own fingers and then touching his tongue – three tactile actions that are reported by the Gospel writer for his readers. Those present cannot see this but we do. Jesus then utters the word, "Ephphatha" ("Be opened").

Immediately the man's ears were opened and his tongue released. Now at this moment perhaps his followers did hear what Jesus said.

Stronger evidence suggesting Jesus' desire to have this miracle remain hidden is his command that his followers are to remain silent about what had happened.

They are to tell no one. Key contrasts emerge here: The person to whom Jesus gave the gift of hearing and speech is ordered to remain silent – and those who had the gift of hearing and heard his words, he also ordered to be silent.

This continued plea of Jesus to his followers to remain silent about the nature of his work in unique to Mark. It is often called "the messianic secret". There is much discussion among scripture scholars about this, but for the moment, it is enough to reflect on what it might mean for us and our understanding of Jesus, then and now.

Today's hearers of the gospel message were not present to see or hear the miracle. Though we were not witnesses to the past events, we can be witnesses to the effect Jesus has on our lives, in giving us the capacity to hear God's word and to hand on the Good News. How effective are we?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to our present supply priest Fr Dominic De Giorgio who will celebrate his 80th Birthday on 10/9/2012. We wish him a very happy Birthday and while thanking him for his great help may God bless Fr Dom with many more wonderful years. AD Multos Annos.

CUPPA



There will be a Cuppa in the Narthex after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish and meet some fellow parishioners.

MEMORIAL MASS

Monday 10 September 7.00pm – Rosa Salzone (1 mth)

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 11 Ottobre ore 9.00am in cappella riunione dei membri del comitato per la festa della Madonna del S. Rosario. Segue Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 17 September at 7.30pm in the Church.

FEASTS

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER – ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (347-407)

Doctor of the Church. Born in Antioch, Syria, baptized at the age of 23, Chrysostom spent some years as a monk, 374-381. Later he was Archbishop of Constantinople, 398-404. A brilliant preacher, he was given the title of *Chrysostom*, meaning ‘golden-mouthed’.

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Also known as Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The Cross is the most potent and universal symbol of the Christian faith. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ – all in one image. Rather than being a symbol of shame, faith in the resurrection makes the cross a symbol of pride. The worst weapon of Jesus’ enemies could not overpower him. Through the cross, Jesus triumphs over death, accomplished our salvation.

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER – OUR LADY OF SORROWS

John the Evangelist witnessed first-hand and then recorded in his Gospel that Mary stood by the Cross of her Son (Jn 19:25). There, on Calvary, the Mother of Jesus suffered-overwhelmed with grief at seeing her Son, who is also her God, die an agonizing death by crucifixion.

Since the 14th century, the principal sorrows of Mary have been seen as being:

1. The prophecy of Simeon.
2. The Flight into Egypt.
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus for Three Days.
4. Meeting Jesus on the Way to Calvary.
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross.
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb.

FACES OF JESUS FOR TODAY THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Presented by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ, a Lecturer in Theology and Church History at Jesuit Theological College and frequent contributor to “Eureka Street” and “Australian Catholic”.

Where: St Ignatius Parish Hall rear of 326 Church Street, Richmond

More Information: St Ignatius Parish Office 8420 67 89.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE ALLA VERGINE DEL S. ROSARIO

NELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA DI SAN GIUSEPPE LAVORATORE

DOMENICA 7 OTTOBRE 2012

PROGRAMMA

ORE 2.00PM

Preghiere e Inni Processione con la statua
Recita del S. Rosario con i Misteri presentati dai bambini.
Con il pianista Raffaele Rossi

ORE 3.00PM

Santa Messa
concelebrata con Padre Luciano Toldo, Padre Emanuele Bonello e
Padre Giuseppe Yu. Con preghiera di affidamento alla Madonna.
Benedizione con il S.S.. Sacramento ai malati e famiglie.
Segue rinfresco e musica in sala.

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 2012

PROGRAMME

2.00PM

Prayers and procession with the Statue of Our Lady with Mysteries of the Rosary presented by the children.

3.00PM

Holy Mass – Concelebrated by Fr Luciano Toldo, Fr Emmanuel Bonello and Fr Joseph Yu.
Benediction for the sick and families.

The children will be entrusted to the maternal protection of Mary.

We invite all families to bring along their children to this beautiful feast.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows with First Class Relic of Blessed John II present for Veneration on Sunday 16 September, at 1.30pm.

The combined Societies of Mary invite you to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and to venerate a first class relic of Blessed John Paul II. Adoration and prayers at 1.30pm in honour of Our Lady’s Sorrows will be followed by Holy Mass.

Where: St Mary’s Church 91 Manning Road, East Malvern.

Contact: Joy Hunt 9509 2207.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION WORKSHOP

Saturday 15 September, 10.00am – 3.00pm introduction to Christian Meditation day to be presented by Mirella Pace. All newcomers welcome. This day offers practical steps to Christian Meditation in the Christian tradition of prayer and how this helps us in our personal life.

Where: St Peter’s Eastern Hill Hall, 15 Gisborne Street, Melbourne.

Contact: mirella.pace@cam.org.au