

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

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il Signore e' buono e grande nell'amore.

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Vi do un comandamento nuovo, dice il Signore: come io ho amato voi, cosi amatevi anche voi gli uni gli altri. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$980.00
- Loose Money.....	\$411.00
2 nd Collection - Presbytery.....	\$106.00
Father's Day Collection.....	\$646.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 11/09/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – D Pullicino
9.00am (SUN) – R DeZan & S Lobartolo
10.30am (SUN) – J Iaria & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
L Catena, L Cavedon & M Crupi
J Kearney, L Greco & J Tanti

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 18/09/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - E Krygger
9.00am (SUN) – R Fato & C Brunetti
10.30am (SUN) – G Canavan & J Akinido

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino
T Forte, P Leggiero & R Mercuri
A Keighley, T Nguyen & M Mizzi

CHURCH CLEANERS

17/09/2011 A DiRico, M Pascuzzi, E Selso & G Ferrara

MONEY COUNTERS

12/09/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlet & C McMahon
19/09/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Monsignor Francis LYONS, Sr Marie CELINE (RSM), Nellie BORG, Giuseppina SPAGNOLI

ANNIVERSARIES

Luisa TORCHIA, Mario BONADIO, Sebastiano GUARNACCIA, Luigi GIAMMARCO, Vincenzo CILAURO, Margherita JADI, Santo & Carmelo RENNA, Carmena VESCIA, Santo RASO Filippo & Beniamino PASCUZZI, Santo & Luigi ROCCA, Vito FISCARELLI, Raffaele & Maria MACCARONE, Nicola CIANCIOSI, Umberto DI SANTO, Assunta CIANCIOSI, Angelo & Rosa RICCIONE, Mario & Angela DI VINCENZO, Angelo CIANCIOSI, Domenico DI SANTO, Osvaldo PORCARO, Agostino TRAVAGLINI, Angelo D'ORAZIO

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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



24th Sunday of Year A

11 September 2011

77 Times

The Jewish custom of forgiveness entailed forgiving the offender three times. When Peter approached Jesus, he thought he was being generous when he said: “Seven times”. Jesus set him back on his heels by replying: “Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.” Jesus tells the story about the king forgiving his minister an enormous debt. He goes on to add that this miserable minister refuses to forgive his fellow-servant a trifling debt. The message seems obvious.

There are some former prisoners-of-war who never forgave the Japanese for their cruelty, and have gone to their grave filled with hate. Others have been able to accept what happened and to forgive their captors. These who were able to forgive talk about the effect it had on themselves. Through the act of forgiveness, they suddenly felt relieved of an enormous burden; they felt free. They did not deny the horror of the times as prisoners. Still, they realized that by holding on to hatred, they were hurting themselves and not those they hated.

In general, people find it hard to forgive. We are not considering petty offences that occur every day, for example, selfish driving, bad manners, or offensive comments. But there are those bigger problems. The breakdown of a marriage, a ruptured relationship within the family, the pain caused by a child on drugs, or gambling away the family resources are far more demanding on our capacity to forgive. What is the foundation of our forgiveness? Here we need to examine our relationship with God. As we look back over our lives, can we honestly say that we have led a blameless life and have never needed God's pardon? Scripture tells us that the just man sins seven times a day. So how does God deal with us sinners?

Here is one example from the Old Testament: God spoke through the prophet Isaiah: “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool”. God willingly and joyfully forgives even the worst sins. Then, we have many examples of how Jesus treated sinners-the woman at the well; the adulterous woman; even those who crucified him: “Father, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing”.

Perhaps the most surprising of all was his complete forgiveness of Peter, one of his closest friends, who shamefully swore three times that he did not know Jesus. We learn from the story of the Prodigal Son that no matter how ungrateful we have been, God receives us back with tremendous love and forgets all that we have done. We cannot separate the two basic commandments, love of God and love of one another. If we close our heart to our brother or sister on earth, if we refuse to forgive, then we close our heart to God's love.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE ALLA VERGINE DEL S. ROSARIO

NELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA DI SAN GIUSEPPE LAVORATORE

DOMENICA 9 OTTOBRE 2011

PROGRAMMA

ORE 2.00PM

Pregchiere 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 dal nostro parroco Padre Emanuele Bonello e Padre
Giuseppe Yu. Con preghiera di affidamento alla Madonna.
Benedizione con il S.S.. Sacramento ai malati e famiglie.

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2011

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 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.



BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Sienna Formica** child of Joseph and Oriana, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the proud parents Jeff & Melinda Tanti on the arrival of their baby girl Mackenzie, may God's blessing be upon them.

YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 14 September at 7.00pm many of the Year 3 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they experience the healing love of Christ.

MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday 15 September 7.00pm – Delia Valeri (1 mth)

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 13 Settembre raduno dei membri del comitato per organizzare la festa della Madonna del S. Rosario. Ore 9.00am in cappella, segue S. Messa ore 10.00am.



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.

PARISH DATA PROJECTOR

The parish is moving with technology and has decided to install a data projector in the Church. We hope that this tool will be able to enhance our liturgical celebrations. Works will commence on Monday 12 September and is anticipated to take about a week to complete. Once the conversion process of hymns and training has been completed we will commence using the data projector during Mass and anticipate that this will commence before the end of October.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for any parishioner who has computer experience to come along to the Data Projector Training Session which is to be held on Wednesday 12 October at 7.30pm in the Church. We are aiming to increase the volunteers on the roster and we are hoping that parishioners will embrace this new technology. If you are interested please contact the parish office on 9460 3013.

FEASTS

Tuesday 13 September – St John Chrysostom
Wednesday 14 September – The Triumph of The Cross
Thursday 15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday 16 September – Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Thank you to the community of St Joseph the Worker North Reservoir, for your donation to Caritas Australia of \$1317 your gift has helped to provide the most basic of needs like food, water and medical support to communities all around the world, as well as respond to emergencies through our extensive network of partners. Your support will enable Caritas Australia to direct the funds to where they are needed most in delivering life-saving supplies to disaster affected regions as well as looking at long term development support for the future. Thank You!