

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50: 5-9*

I gave my body to those who struck me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Camminero' alla presenza del Signore nella terra dei viventi.

SECOND READING *James 2:14-18*

Faith without good works is dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Quanto a me non ci sia altro vanto che nella croce del Signore, per mezzo della quale il mondo per me e' stato crocifisso e io per il mondo. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Mark 8:27-35*

You are the Christ...the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$892.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$492.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$373.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 13/09/09

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
 10.30am (SUN) – J Iaria & J Vincitorio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon
 Sr Doreen, G Silvio & J Frangiosa

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 20/09/09

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch
 9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R DiGuglielmo
 10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

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 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
 D Lucato, T Saleh & M Mizzi

CHURCH CLEANERS

19/09/09 L Catena, A Sirianni, F Agugiari & R Nyour

MONEY COUNTERS

14/09/09 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
 21/09/09 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Tom WHITE, Salvatore D' ALESSANDRI, Maria GALATI

ANNIVERSARIES Rosa CICHELLO, Luigi GIAMMARCO

Giuseppe & Girolomo SUTERA, Giuseppe PINANISI, Angelo BUNONATA, Paolo GIBILISCO, Giuseppe & Antonina CATACANO, Domenico & Domenica VARRENTI, Frank BONADDIO, Bruno, Antonio & Nicola ARENA, Antonio, Domenico, Giuseppe & Elisabetta SCHIPANO, Nicola GIAMPIETRO, Giovanni SPOLIDORO, Rocco LONGO, Alessandro PANNUNZIO, Salvatore & Domenico MANCUSO, Giuseppe TALARICO, Arcangelo CARDAMONE, Francesco COSTANZO, Vincenzo & Francesco CILAURO, Margherita JEDI, Sergio DUSSIN, Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Angelo & Antonio Critelli, Nicola & Alfonso LO FARO, Francesco ALAMPI, Raffaele & Maria MACCARONE, Pasquale & Maria SALERA

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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

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



24th Sunday of Year B

13 September, 2009

To Know Jesus

The reading from Mark's Gospel for today is deliberately confronting. It is designed to make us uncomfortable when in effect it poses the question to each one of us, Who is Jesus? Do we really know Him? As Jesus gained a popular following, and his reputation grew among people of all classes and persuasions, controversy about his identity emerged. Was he John the Baptist who had come back to life? Was he a prophet from of old? Was he a fraud whom the Prince of demons used to deceive the people? Who was he, then? And where did his remarkable authority come from?

The gospel shows Jesus provoking a personal answer from those about him. After some serious discussion with them about the various ways in which people were viewing him, we can imagine him looking into the eyes of the disciples, and putting the big question to them: "But you, after being with me all this while, and seeing my works and hearing my words, who exactly do you say I am?" This question surprised them. It caught them off guard – and at a loss to answer. Today, we can imagine Jesus looking into our eyes with that same piercing look, and asking a similar question: "But you, after all these years as a faithful Catholic in prayer, in communion, and being engaged in all kinds of church and social causes on my behalf, who do you say that I am?" How would we reply? What would our most honest answers sound like? It is not unlikely that we would fumble in expressing exactly what we wanted to say – as was the case with the disciples. Yet a rigorously honest answer on our part is very important. The way we respond has profound implications for the way we live. The question Jesus asks probes the heart, just as the answer we might give arises out of our deepest experience of life, love, death and suffering.

Like Peter, we may answer, "You are the Christ, the Anointed one of God", and be praised by Jesus. But also like Peter, we probably would not have understood what was involved in the answer we give. There is always the problem of Jesus not fitting into our expectations. Peter had vigorously objected to what Jesus had predicted to be his fate: to be condemned and executed. For that, Jesus rebuked him for closing himself to the mystery of God's way of acting for the world's salvation.

It follows, then, that if we really want to know who Jesus is, we must take up the crosses of life as part of God's providence. That is the path of the true disciple. To know Jesus is a lifelong task of searching and personal discovery. Peter took a whole lifetime to know and understand him. It ended with his crucifixion in Rome. Jesus will never fail to surprise us in revealing his presence in our lives. Yet to know Jesus intimately is ultimately a most precious gift of grace from God. It is a gift that God never fails to give to those who ask.

THE FAR EAST MAGAZINE

We welcome to our parish Fr. Robert McCulloch a Columbn priest, who will be speaking at all masses this weekend September 12/13 to promote subscriptions to "The Far East" magazine. Fr. Robert was born in Rubicon and grew up in Melbourne, Cheltenham. He was ordained priest in 1970. After Ordination he spent four years in the Philippines and then another four years in Rome studying Liturgy. He presently works as a missionary in Pakistan where he has been for 31 years. Fr. Robert will share much of interest from his long overseas mission experience in Pakistan and promote the Far East at the same time.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary will be recited for Maria Galati on Sunday 13 September at 7.00pm
The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday 14 September at 10.30am.

FEASTS

Monday 14 September – Triumph of the Cross

Tuesday 15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday 16 September - Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

PARISH WEBSITE.....DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS????

A committee has been formed to maintain and improve the parish website. Since the site was launched we have had over five and a half thousand visits.

The first project this committee will be undertaking is to improve the photo gallery on the site. We are looking for any photos taken by parishioners around the parish from the very beginning in 1970 up to current events. If you have any photos that we can borrow kindly drop them into the parish office (house) in an envelope with your name, address and contact number. We will then scan these photos and select the best photos to go onto the website. Alternatively, if you have any digital (soft copy) photos please email them directly to jeff@mccrackenlegal.com.

If you have facilities (scanner) at home and are able to scan photos for us or if you would like to join this group please contact Jeff Tanti on 9670 9661 or 0416 006 720.

CUPPA



This weekend after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 18 September 7.30pm – Frank Bonaddio (1 mth)

FIRST RECONCILIATION

We pray for the children of our parish who will be making their first Reconciliation on the 15/16 September.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Priscilla Camilleri and Robert Cauchi, who were married at St Joseph the Worker on Saturday 5 September. We ask God's blessing on them and their families on this special occasion.

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.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE ALLA VERGINE DEL S. ROSARIO

NELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA DI SAN GIUSEPPE
LAVORATORE

DOMENICA 4 OTTOBRE 2009

PROGRAMMA

ORE 2.00PM

Preghiere e Inni Processione con la statua

Recita del S. Rosario con i Misteri presentati dai bambini.

Con il Coro di Sant'Antonio sotto la guida di Duilio Malavisi

Processione con la statua recita del S. Rosario con i misteri presentati dai bambini.

ORE 3.00PM

Santa Messa

concelebrata da Padre Raymond Bugeja, 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 in sala e musica con Tony D'Amico

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2009

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 Raymond Bugeja, Fr Emmanuel Bonello and Fr Joseph Yu.

Benediction for the sick and families.

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

Followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Entertainment by Tony D'Amico



GRANDE FESTA DI SAN PADRE PIO

Domenica 27 Settembre, presso la chiesa di San Luca 1A David Street, Lalor.

Ore: 2.00pm, Santa Messa celebrata dai sacerdoti della parrocchia, accompagnata dal coro della chiesa.

Dopo la Messa ci sarà la processione con la statua nel cortile della scuola accompagnata dalla Banda Bellini.

Rientro in chiesa per la benedizione del Santissimo.

Alla fine della parte religiosa, tutti i fedeli sono invitati nella sala parrocchiale per un gradito rinfresco mentre la Banda Bellini suonerà delle bellissime Marce Sinfoniche.

Dinner Dance in onore di San Padre Pio, Sabato 26 Settembre.

Cena di 5 portate con bevande incluse. Prezzo: Adulti \$38, Bambini sotto 12 anni \$20.

Al Maiella Club, 31-35 Lipton Drive, Thomastown. Ore 6.30pm – 12.00pm.

Per informazione: Diodoro Ferraro 9466 3109, Donato Polvere 9466 1177 or Angelo Ricci 9466 3702.