

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

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 55:6-9*

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord is near to all who call him.

**SECOND READING** *Philippians 1:20-24.27*

For me to live in Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 20:1-16*

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$562.00  
- Loose Money.....\$324.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery.....\$396.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 18/09/2011**

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

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 25/09/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) - G Canavan  
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & A DiRico  
10.30am (SUN) – E Thompson & Sr Estelita

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

24/09/2011 R DeZan, A Natoli, S Brima & A M Zappia

**MONEY COUNTERS**

19/09/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito  
26/09/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Salvatore BRULLO, Pietro COSTANZO, Laura PICINO (d.rec. Italy)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Antonietta, Elisa & Raffaele BONELLI, Famiglia DELUISE, Mariarosa CICHELLO,  
Giuseppe DI TULLIO, Concetta MAZZIO, Rosa CORSO  
Antonino, Castanzia & Domenico CARNOVALE, Nicola, Maria & Giuseppe CARNOVALE,  
Gaspere SONZA, Giovanni D'AMIANO, Michele CHIODO

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Il Signore e' vicino a chi lo invoca.

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Apri, Signore, il nostro cuore e  
comprenderemo le parole del Figlio tuo.  
**Alleluia!**

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

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

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N Ziino  
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti  
U Strangis, G Santinon & J Iaria

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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**

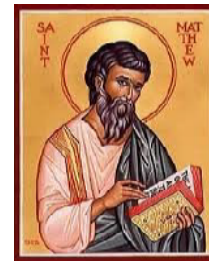
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A

18 September 2011



## Saint Matthew

We sometimes listen in a detached sort of way when the lector reads from “the Gospel according to Matthew”. I wonder if we ever take time to reflect on how much language we have borrowed from St. Matthew. How much of his way of speech have we taken into our daily conversations?

For example, we still refrain from casting pearls before swine. We still separate sheep from goats. We still burn the midnight oil. We still wait until the eleventh hour to do something we should have done last week. We still canonise people as the salt of the earth. We still warn against wolves in sheeps clothing; or, the blind leading the blind; or, the peril of living by the sword because such violent people die by the sword. We still wash our hands of something of which we disapprove. We acknowledge that the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak; that the last shall be first and the first last. We readily quote The Beatitudes. All this expressive language is borrowed from Saint Matthew.

St Matthew is one of the inspired Gospel writers intent on presenting key incidents in the life of Jesus. Gilbert Keith Chesterton expressed his gratitude for the expressive power of the inspired Word when he said: “There was a Man who dwelt in the East centuries ago, and now I cannot look at a sheep or a sparrow, a lily or a wheat field, a raven or a sunset a vineyard or a mountain, without thinking of him.” We could add, “And when we are driving at night through our neon-lighted cities, we might remember Jesus’ words – as Matthew recorded them for us – ‘So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and so give glory to your Father in heaven’ (5:16).”

Another Matthean influence in our lives is the way we refer to God amongst us as Jesus. “You shall call his name Jesus,” the angel said (Mt.1:21, 25) – and Matthew gives the strong lead in following this directive. From the first sentence of his Gospel (The Gospel of Jesus....) to the final paragraph where Jesus said “I am with you all days”, Matthew uses the holy name about one hundred and fifty times.

The invocation of the name of Jesus, along with the “the Jesus prayer” have long been part of Christian living. In moments of uncertainty, wonder, challenge, fear, and concern, we breathe “the name which is above all other names” – the name of Jesus (Phil. 2:9-10).

The Church in her liturgy makes copious use of this name. Repeatedly the petition or the praise we direct to God ends with the refrain, “We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Lord.” There is another reason for a warm, companionable, trusting, reverent use of Jesus’ name in our private conversations with him. It helps atone for the frequent, mindless, irreverent use of his name.

## 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.**



#### **THANK YOU FR ANGELO AND FR MICHAEL**

We would like to thank Fr Angelo Di Berardino and Fr Micheal Galea for celebrating Mass with us here at St Joseph the Worker while they were here in Melbourne on holidays. We wish them all the very best, and a safe trip home. Auguri!

#### **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**

The current series of Thanksgiving envelopes ends in September.

A new series of Thanksgiving envelopes will be issued for the following six months and delivered to your homes within the next two weeks.

We ask parishioners who are not currently listed through Thanksgiving to please consider supporting the parish in this way. Please contact the Parish Office for further details on 9460 3013.

#### **PARISH DATA PROJECTOR - 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.

#### **MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER**

“The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 8 October 9.00am – 3.30pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds from this year’s Fair will be directed to assist the Sisters of St Theresia in their work among the poor in Iringa, Tanzania. Come to our Fair and support missionaries and the people for whom they are working, with your prayers and help. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715.”

#### **MASS FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

St Pius X, West Heidelberg will celebrate a Mass for those who suffer from mental illness, relatives, friends and carers of those with a mental health condition on Wednesday 28 September at 2pm. Mass will be followed by afternoon tea. Details: Fr Wayne Edwards on 9457 5794 or email [stpiusvic@bigpond.com](mailto:stpiusvic@bigpond.com)

#### **CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY COURSE: THE GREAT ADVENTURE**

Discover God's plan for your life as you discover his amazing story in A Quick Journey Through the Bible - An eight-part DVD introduction to the Bible timeline study course to be held Monday evenings, 7.30pm, in the James Kierce Centre, at St Mary's, Greensborough, from 10 October-28 November.

Details and to register: Sam Giudice, 9434 7282 or email [sam.giudice@bigpond.com](mailto:sam.giudice@bigpond.com). Registration is essential. Cost for course including workbook and materials \$25.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Christian Macri** child of Sandro and Linda, **James Chindamo** child of Frank and Anna who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

#### **PARISH LITURGY MEETING**

The Parish Liturgy Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

#### **MEMORIAL MASSES**

Tuesday 20 September 7.00pm – Maria Rosa Corso (1 mth)

Thursday 22 September 7.30pm – Giuseppe Ilardi (1 mth)

#### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Martedì 20 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.

#### **FEASTS**

Tuesday 20 September – Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

Wednesday 21 September – St Matthew

Friday 23 September – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

#### **THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL**

“The last will be first and the first last.” God's ways constantly overturn our human expectations. Of all the parables of Jesus, the story of the labourers in the vineyard is probably the most puzzling for Christians of successive generations. That means that it is a great success, that it achieves what Jesus intended.

“That is the purpose of the parable, to invite us to leave aside the human logic and predictability with which we shape our world, and to enter the Kingdom announced by the Saviour, the new world shaped by God's generous and merciful ways. The fact that we still find ourselves challenged by the story indicates that it has a lesson that is valid for every generation.

“Did we not agree? Take your earnings.” God will never be unjust. But the Lord's great plan for the human family has a measure that goes far beyond our human calculations of what is appropriate and just – designs of generosity and mercy conceived in the eternal depths of the divine freedom. “Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways.” Jesus is calling us to bow down before the mystery of God's “grace”.

*Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Thornhill SM*