

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

FIRST READING Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

I precetti del Signore fanno gioire il cuore.

SECOND READING James 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

La tua parola, Signore, e' verita':

consacraci nella verita'. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 9: 38-43. 45.47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$666.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$232.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$266.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 30/09/2012

6.00pm (SAT) – E Krygger & E Saliba

9.00am (SUN) – S Lobartolo & A Di Rico

10.30am (SUN) –J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

D Herbert & N Ziino

L Catena, L Cavedon & M Crupi

A Filippone, G Santinon & P Nguyen

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 07/10/2012

6.00pm (SAT) -MALTESE MASS (Selected)

9.00am (SUN) – R Fato & C Brunetti

10.30am (SUN) – L De Marco & G Canavan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)

T Forte, P Leggiero & R Mercuri

R Nyour, J & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

06/10/2012

A DiRico, M Pascuzzi & E Selso

MONEY COUNTERS

01/10/2012

R & E Cornelious & D Herbert

08/10/2012

J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett, C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Adrien MADIONA, Francesco LEONE, Giuseppe TARANTO, Rocco ROMEO,

Antonio & Filomena PISANI, Salvatore & Sofia RACHIELE, Antonio CARNOVALE,

Domenico COSTAZIA, Olimpia CARNOVALE,

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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

26th Sunday, Year B

30 September 2012

Not One of Us!

It's good to belong to a tribe, group, family or community. We feel a sense of belonging. We share the same values, like the same music, speak the same language, and enjoy the same jokes. We might play in the same team, go to the same movies, read the same books, and holiday together. Occasionally, there will be sibling rivalry, maybe family feuds, but we know our identities are formed and affirmed in our relationships with like-minded people.

But what is our attitude to the outsider? Do we find ourselves rejecting others because they don't belong to our clan? Are we welcoming or intolerant of the stranger?

Both Moses and Jesus found themselves dealing with one-eyed disciples. John tries to stop a man performing miracles in Jesus' name. Why? "He was not one of us"! Joshua was similarly dismissive of two little-known prophets. Eldad and Medad, who strayed into the camp. Joshua complains to Moses they do not belong to our circle.

Moses hits the nail on the head by asking Joshua if he is jealous. Jesus could have said the same to John and his mates. What Jesus does say may be more revealing: "Anyone who is not against us is for us". In both cases, Joshua and John felt they had a certain ownership of Moses and Jesus respectively: Joshua had been with Moses since his youth; John was among the special disciples of the Lord. They were both good men who were rightly proud of their special status – which they wanted to guard. Strangers, foreigners and outsiders threatened their identities

There's an apocryphal story of Jesus attending a football match: Protestant Punchers versus Catholic Crusaders. The Punchers scored first and Jesus cheered. Then the crusaders scored and Jesus cheered again. This confused his mates so they asked him: "Which side are you on?" Jesus replied: "Me? I'm on everyone's side!" Later he told them: "God does not have favourites!"

How easy it is to divide the world into *us versus them*. We are all familiar with stories of religious bigotry, ethnic hatred and class warfare. Too often, people guard their place in the world by rejecting the 'other' as humanly inferior, morally deficient or simply "not one of us." Whether white or black, rich or poor, Christian or Muslim, Jew or Gentile, male or female, gay or straight, saint or sinner-we are all chosen and blessed by God. "Do not devise evil in your hearts against others" (Zech 7:10).

On this, Catholic teaching is quite clear: "The Church reproves as foreign to the mind of Christ any discrimination against others on account of race, colour, condition of life, or religion" (Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate*). If this appears obvious, the Council goes further by insisting we enter into dialogue with other traditions to learn from them the ways in which a generous God has distributed gifts among all peoples and nations. As Moses and Jesus taught, there are no outsiders. Let us then embrace the stranger.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass, will be celebrated next Saturday 6 October at 6.00pm.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 2 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.

FEASTS

MONDAY 1 OCTOBER – ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS 1873-1897

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, one of the most instantly popular saints of the 20th century, was canonized less than 30 years after her death at the age of 24.

A principle reason for her great appeal was her *Little Way* to holiness -- her example of achieving sanctity, not through undertaking great deeds, but through personal devotion and dedication. The young nun's autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, presented people with a compelling example of spiritual maturity and piety achieved by an ordinary young girl. Her shrine at Lisieux, France, is still one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in Europe.

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER – THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

The Gospel tells us that Lazarus 'was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham'. While not being an article of faith, it is the 'mind of the Church' that each person has a guardian angel - as St Jerome expressed it: 'How great the dignity of the soul, since each one has from his birth an angel commissioned to guard it.'

THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER – ST FRANCES OF ASSISI

Francis of Assisi turned away from his life of wealth and privilege to live with lepers, the 'untouchables' of his society. He preached the idea of the sanctity of all life, becoming an advocate of animal rights and environmentalism in a time when even human life often had little value. He found joy in owning nothing, and giving everything away. St Francis captures the imagination of Catholics and non-Catholics alike by his unique simplicity, the originality of his spirit and his utter devotion to the risen Christ.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The current series of Thanksgiving envelopes ends this weekend.

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

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.

We invite those parishioners who distribute the Thanksgiving envelopes to please collect your allocated streets from the sacristy.

The distributors are as follows: **B Nadenbousch, P Sparano, J Barbaro, J Ciantar, L Cavedon, J Kearney, R Di Guglielmo, R DeZan, T Sinopoli, Nancy Ziino, D Cipollone, R Catena, M Mizzi, P Caligiuri, P Leggiero, A Filippone, N Ziino, S Miano & V Zele.**

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER??

Are you a new parishioner? Do we have you on our census? Would you like a visit from the parish priest? Do you wish to support the parish by contributing through Thanksgiving envelopes or through eftpos/direct-debit. Please phone the parish office on 9460 3013.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE ALLA VERGINE DEL S. ROSARIO

NELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA DI SAN GIUSEPPE LAVORATORE

DOMENICA 7 OTTOBRE 2012

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 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 con il maestro Antonio Vilella.



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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2012- 2013

This Year's Statement of the Catholic Bishops of Australia for Social Justice Sunday is titled:

The Gift of Family in Difficult Times:

In this Statement, Australia's Catholic bishops urge us to consider the essential role that families play in our society- to think how we can strengthen and support them. We are called to give special consideration to those families in our midst that face particular difficulties in their efforts to stay together and nurture each other.

It is particularly significant that this Statement is being issued during the Year of Grace in Australia. The Year of Grace is a time for us all "to heal relationships, deepen our unity and forge a future full of life in Jesus Christ" – exactly the things we all hope for in our own families as they grow and change. Change, after all, is what family life is: families are the environment in which we are born, mature and grow old, and it is only through grace that we can adapt to this change.

In the 21st century, Australia's families confront new pressures. Our workplaces are changing: more and more workers are employed on a casual basis, many of them forced to find two or more jobs just to make ends meet. There are growing demands to work late hours or on weekends, or even to be away from home for weeks on end. These stresses can make it ever harder for Australians to be with their families, to nurture love, to strengthen bonds, to learn and to teach.

As we seek guidance and grace to find ways to strengthen and unite families, we look to the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We pray that all families will be strengthened as intimate communities of life and love-the very foundation of our society.

Copies of the Social Justice Statement are available in the Narthex and near the side door in the Church. For more information visit the websites: www.catholic.org.au or www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au