

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

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 5:1-7*

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

La vigna del Signore e' la casa d'Israele.

**SECOND READING** *Philippians 4:6-9*

Do these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made know to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io ho scelto voi, dice il Signore, perche' andiate e portiate frutto e il vostro frutto rimanga. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 21:33-43*

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$817.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$224.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$242.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 02/10/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
 9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & C Agostinelli  
 10.30am (SUN) – A DeCata & Sr T Fitzsimmons

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
 P Sparano, S LoBartolo & A Keighley  
 S Dakin, Sr. Estelita & D Herbert

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 09/10/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) - B Nandenbousch  
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & C Monforte  
 10.30am (SUN) – E Bartlett & R Sawi

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Saliba  
 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & P Leggiero  
 C McMahon, J Frangiosa & P Nguyen

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

08/10/2011 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

**MONEY COUNTERS**

03/10/2011 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert  
 10/10/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlet & C McMahon

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Joe DIGUARA, Francesco LEONE, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI,  
 Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Concetta GANCI, Salvatore & Sofia RACHIELE, Eddie DAKIN  
 Orazio & Erlinda DI BARTOLO, Ada & Tonnino SILLA, Anna GASPARRI,  
 Emmanuel, Polly & John FARRUGIA GAY, Stephen BORG

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

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

2 October 2011

## The Key to the Vineyard



I read a lovely story about a village elder in Cambodia who invited a friend to her home to receive a thank-you gift. The friend was full of anticipation, wondering what form the gift would take. When she arrived at the one-roomed home, after being offered a blessing, she was ushered to the back door of the simple dwelling. Here the elder pointed to the view of the mountain. This was her gift, a vision of beauty for her friend to cherish and remember.

I was reminded about this story when I began to think about today's readings. They take us aside and give us a glimpse of a beautiful vineyard. This vineyard is cherished by the owner, who lavishes love and care upon it. It is a vision of great beauty, jealously protected by this landowner. We quickly realise that God is the landowner, and we, God's people, are that vineyard upon which such intense love is poured out. The vineyard is beautiful symbol of God's desire for intimacy with each one of us. God wants to be our companion and friend.

However, because we have here a story about human beings, the vision becomes marred. It turns into a story of sour grapes, briars, thorns and human brokenness. The writer is really talking about what happens in our hearts when we lose our way, and when darkness takes over. We experience broken relationships, human weakness, and setbacks of all kinds. The original beauty of the vineyard is blurred. God's plan might even seem to be thwarted for a while. But not really; and surely not forever. Because ultimately, it is only in our damaged beauty, our neediness and fear, that we find the gate to God, and the key to the vineyard. As Jesus reminds us today, the stone rejected by the builders can become the keystone. It is in our weakness that we are saved.

And in all of this, we are offered a choice. When Jesus says the kingdom will be given to a people who produce its fruit, he's really asking us to say yes to love. In everyday terms, this could mean bringing a smile to the face of someone we meet today. Or perhaps trying to let go of our anger, or offering words of healing to a friend. Maybe it will be simply making an effort to live this day as well as we can. Or we might enter into the prayer of our hearts, holding in love those who suffer.

Whatever we choose, we know that if we try to live with compassionate hearts, the God of peace will be with us. If only we could pause on a mountain top and look back at the way we've come, even enjoy a view of the vineyard that is ourselves. Then we could gather up all the times we chose love, and treasure them. For in those moments, the real beauty of the vineyard has shone through, and the sour grapes have been smothered!

## 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.**



## FEAST OF STELLA MARIS

#### Friday 14 October:

**6.30pm.** - Confessions in English and Maltese will be heard at St Joseph the Worker Church, Wilson Blvd, North Reservoir.

**7.00pm.** - Mass celebrated by Fr De Giorgio.

There will be presentation of flowers to Our Lady.

After Mass we will welcome among us Bishop Mario Grech, everyone is invited to join us for refreshments.

#### Saturday 15 October:

**6.30pm.** - Feast Dinner Dance to be held at Emerald Receptions, Settlement Road, Thomastown. DJ Mario Moods Music will be entertaining us on the night.

Later on in the night the Maltese United Brass Band will join us to entertain us playing various joyous marches.

#### Sunday 16 October:

**2.30pm** – High Mass concelebrated by His Excellency Mario Grech and other priests. The “Sunrise” choir from St. Francis of Assisi Parish, under the direction of Mr. Martin Gauci will participate during Mass.

All associations are invited to participate by joining us in the church celebrations as well as during the procession with their association banner.

**4.00pm.** - Procession with the Statue of Stella Maris will commence. The Malta Gozo City of Brimbank Concert Band and the Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society Inc. will take part during the procession.

**6.00pm.** - After the procession everyone is welcome to come in the Hall where the two Maltese Bands will perform. Afterwards DJ Mario will take over to entertain for the rest of the night. There will be food and drink for sale.

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENTRY TO THE HALL IS FREE!***

If you have queries please contact the President, Charlie Xerri on 9308 3308.



### ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 4 Ottobre 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.

### PARISH DATA PROJECTOR

Unfortunately the data projector training session on Wednesday 12 October 2011 will need to be postponed due to installation delays.

We will inform you again once the system is in place and has been fully commissioned for another training session date. We thank you for your understanding.

### MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 3 October 7.30pm – Raffaele La Rosa (1yr)

Saturday 8 October 4.00pm – Pietro Costanzo (1 mth)

### FEASTS

Tuesday 4 October – St Francis of Assisi

Friday 7 September – St Jerome

Saturday 1 October – St Teresa of the Child Jesus

### 2011 RERUM NOVARUM LECTURE

Seeking asylum – is there a just solution?

2011 Rerum Novarum oration by Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFMConv.

Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser will respond. Tuesday 11 October 2011, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, ACU Central Hall, 20-22 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

Details: Mark Clarke, 9926 5727 RSVP: justice@cam.org.au

### RCIA REGIONAL SEMINAR: 'BRING THE CHILDREN TO ME'

Saturday 15 October, 9.45 – 3.00pm, St Clement of Rome Parish, Egan Drive, Bulleen. Cost \$20 per person/maximum \$100 per parish. Registration is essential!

### GETTING IT RITE LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION

Saturday 22 October, 9.30am to 2.45pm, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ will give the keynote presentation at the Getting it Rite Liturgical Ministry Formation day that will focus on key theological images and spiritual themes that mark our entry into the new liturgical cycle and new year, accompanied this Advent by the revised Missal texts. A variety of workshops will follow on the day. Cost is \$25. Visit the AOFE website [www.cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation) or call 9926 5761