

FIRST READING *Genesis 2:18-24*

They were two in one flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ci benedica il Signore tutti i giorni della nostra vita.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 2:9-11*

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified, have one origin.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Se ci amiamo gli uni gli altri, Dio rimane in noi e l'amore di lui e' perfetto in noi. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Mark 10:2-16*

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$881.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$207.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$261.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 04/10/09

6.00pm (SAT) – (MALTESE MASS) Selected
 9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & M Crupi
 10.30am (SUN) – G Canavan & A Vinelli

SPECIAL MINISTERS

(MALTESE MASS) Selected
 S Lobartolo, A DeCata & L Calafiore
 S Rottura, G Santinon & L DeMarco

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 11/10/09

6.00pm (SAT) – Evelyn Krygger
 9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & T Forte
 10.30am (SUN) - D Lucato & A DeCata

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Silvia Dakin
 L Catena, M Crupi & A DiRico
 C McMahon, S Miano & D Herbert

CHURCH CLEANERS

10/10/09 T Caruso, R Guerino, A Costanzo & P D'Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS

05/10/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea
 12/10/09 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Oreste GERONAZZO

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Antonio DIMASI, Antonio AMORE, Antonio BUTERA, Francesco & Raffaella SCATURCHIO, Salvatore & Sofia RACHIELE, Antonio & Filomena LOMBARDO, Eddie DAKIN, Giuseppe MORFUNI, Vincenzo & Nazzarena MORFUNI, Giuseppe & Lucia ANNETTA, Pasquale, Angelina & Giovanni VILLELLO, Genaro FLAVO, Angelo RAPONI-(21st ann.), Giovanni BUTERA, Angelina VILLELLA, Salvatore D'ALESSANDRI, Tonino DI MEZZO, Maria -Francesca GALATI, Santina PEPE, Santo COSTANZO, Francesca CENTOLA

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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



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

27th Sunday of Year B

4 October, 2009

Equal Partnership

The theme of marriage dominates the liturgy today. Jesus and the Pharisees debate what the law of Moses means when it allowed a man to dismiss his wife "on account of something indecent". That had come to mean anything from infidelity to being a bad cook.

In clear opposition to such an interpretation, Jesus cites the original law founded upon nature as described in today's first reading from Genesis. There, we read, "a man leaves his father and mother, and the two become one flesh".

The Gospel, therefore, upholds the sanctity of marriage, along with the God-given dignity of women. But as we read further, it also affirms the rights of children, who were in Jesus' time regarded as their father's property. The focus on marriage in these readings clarifies what it means to be a human person. Each one exists within a wide world of relationships - to God and to others, be it as spouses in marriage, or as parents and children in families, in all kinds of friendship and collaboration - and, as we stress today, all this in relation to the integrity of nature. In early biblical terms, we human beings are formed from the earth and receive the life-giving breath of God. In the words of the original Hebrew, the human being becomes a living *nephesh* - a term that is often translated as "soul". However, it originally meant "throat", which not only signified human desire, thirst and hunger, but also that which distinguished humans from animals - the ability to speak, communicate and, hence, enter into relationships. Humans, both male and female alike, in Jewish and Christian thinking are literally "living voices", made in the image of God. God's word brought forth all creation. Made in the image of this God, we too must care for all creation. To stifle the voice of any person or group is to dehumanize them. To ignore the cries of the marginalized, muzzle the pleas of the refugee, or to suppress the voices of women and children is to deny them their birthright as images of God. The story of the Man and Woman in the Garden is the pivotal chapter in a series of stories in Genesis (1-11) explaining how, when relationships break down, everything goes awry. Humans try to be "like gods" (Gn3:5), men dominate women (Gn 3:16), humans misuse and destroy the earth (Gn 6:5). As a result, we have societies that are beset by crime, immorality, and man-made disasters. Today, Jesus challenges the view that marriage is an unequal partnership in which women and children can be treated as mere chattels of their husbands and fathers. With his perfect understanding of the sacred scriptures, Jesus saw that the original wisdom of Genesis was more important than later legal arrangements of Deuteronomy. By recalling the Genesis' story of the Man and Woman in the Garden, Jesus demonstrates the sinfulness of attitudes that seek to dehumanize the powerless, the voiceless and the marginalised in our society.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Kassia Libroaperto** daughter of John and Lisa, **Kiara Muzzin** daughter of Davide and Lorena, **Sienna Scerri** daughter of Mark and Virginia and **Nathan Vignola** son of Luca and Francesca, 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 5 October at 7.30pm in the Church.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team will meet on Wednesday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

Please note there will be **NO MEETING** held in October. Ms Lenyce Willason will conduct a Ministry of Reading workshop on Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm in the Church all Liturgy members welcome to attend. Next Parish Liturgy Meeting will be Thursday 5 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary for Oreste Generazzo will be recited on Monday 5 October at 10.00am followed by Funeral Mass at 10.30am

FEAST

Wednesday 7 October – Our Lady of the Rosary

MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 6 October 7.30pm – Salvatore D’Alessandri (1 mth)

8.30pm – Tonino Di Mezzo (d. Rec. Italy)

Thursday 8 October 7.30pm – Maria Francesca Galati (1 mth)

Friday 9 October 7.30pm – Santina Pepe (1 yr)

MISSIONE MARIANA DELLA MADONNA DELLE LACRIME

MARTEDI 13 – 18 OTTOBRE 2009

Il comitato unitario Madonna delle lacrime provincia Siracusa in Melbourne in unione con le Societa' Associate di Maria vi estendono un invito cordiale a partecipare alla Mission Mariana in onore ella Madonna guidata dal Rev. P. Alfio Inserra proveniente da Siracusa.

Martedì 13 Ottobre – Apertura della Missione – St Joseph the Worker 79 Wilson Blvd N Reservoir 9.30am S. Rosario Sacramento della Penitenza (Confessioni) 10.00am Santa Messa e Predica.

Mercoledì 14 Ottobre – St. Mary’s West Melbourne, 33 Howard St, West Melbourne. 7.00pm Santo Rosario Sacramento della Penitenza (Confessioni) 7.30pm Santa Messa.

Sabato 17 Ottobre Gala Night

Florida Club – 3 Wellington St, Flemington. Time: 6.30pm - 5 Course meal including drinks & Coffee. Per ulteriori informazioni vedete i numeri telefonici in fondo.

Domenica 18 Ottobre – Chiusura della Missione

St Brendan’s, 103 Wellington St Flemington

2.30pm - S. Rosario Sacramento della Penitenza (Confessioni)

3.00pm – Santa Messa Solenne - Processione Benedizione del S.S Sacramento, Rinfresco

Per informazione: Tina Forte 9460 2682, Paolo Tartaglia 9302 2326, Rev. W Jordan 9376 7378

STELLA MARIS MALTESE ASSOCIATION



Friday 16th October 6.30pm Confessions in English and Maltese. Followed by Mass at 7.00pm celebrated by Fr Dennis Carabott. Refreshments and entertainment in the Parish Hall.

Saturday 17th October 6.30pm. Dinner Dance will be held at Emerald Receptions.

Sunday 18th October at 2.30pm. Mass concelebrated by Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Fr John Magri, Fr Denis Carabott and Fr Joseph Yu. The St Francis of Assisi “Sunrise” Choir will participate under the direction of Mr Martin Gauci during Mass. All the Societies are invited to take part by joining us in the church celebrations, during the procession representing their Society by carrying the banners.

4.00pm The procession will commence. The Maltese Own Band and the Malta Gozo City of Brimbank Concert Band will accompany the Statue around the streets near the Church.

6.00pm. After the procession everyone is welcome to the hall for entertainment by the two Maltese bands and music by DJ Thomas. There will be food and drink for sale. All are welcome!

PIETY STALL

A reminder that the Piety Stall will be open after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday. On sale St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards at \$6.50 a pack of 10.

CUPPA



Next Sunday 11 October after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

SAN CARLO HOMES FOR THE AGED

Come join us San Carlo homes for the Aged fundraiser Dinner Dance celebrating 30 years of care 1979-2009. To be held on Saturday October 24 2009 at Casa D’Abruzzo, 55 O’Herns Rd, Epping at 6.30pm. You will enjoy a 4 course meal, including beverages and imported Italian wines, and live entertainment. Price: \$60.00 per person. Tickets are now available ring: Liliana on 9460 2888 or Lorraine on 9404 1490.

San Carlo homes for the Aged, in Plenty Road South Morang, is renowned for its continual commitment to the care of the ageing Italian community. The evening will raise greatly needed funds to furnish the new Dementia unit and refurbish the existing Dementia wing.

MISSIONARY SISTER OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 10 October 9.00am – 3.30pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds from this year’s Fair will be directed for a much needed bore well for a Girls School in Machakos, Kenya. Come to our Fair and support missionaries and the people for whom they are working, with your prayers and help. Enquiries: phone 9817 3715.