

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

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 45: 1.4-6*

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Give the Lord glory and honour.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Grande e' il Signore e degno di ogni lode.

**SECOND READING** *Thessalonians 1:1-5*

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rispendete come astri nel mondo, tenendo salda la parola di vita. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 22:15-21*

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$965.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$219.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$271.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 16/10/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba  
 9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & R DeZan  
 10.30am (SUN) – N Sua & L Conte

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

R Nyour  
 A Sonza, M Piscioneri & L Cavedon  
 J Kearney, S Rottura & S Miano

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 23/10/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) - D Pullicino  
 9.00am (SUN) – M Crupi & L Cavedon  
 10.30am (SUN) – J Iaria & S Miano

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

S Dakin  
 T Forte, L Calafiore & S LoBartolo  
 L De Marco, A Filippone & A Keighley

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

22/10/2011 L Catena, F Agugiars & R Nyour

**MONEY COUNTERS**

17/10/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito  
 24/10/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Libera SEGAT, Laurie FREEMAN

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Lucy BONNICI, Francesco CAVALIERI, Antonio ANTONETTI, Ersilia PAGLIARI, Andre RAJSAR(1yr), Antonio FURCI, Angela & Rocco CENTOFANTI, Raffaele & Eremegildo DIAMANTE, Giacomo SALSONE, Pietro SIGNORELLO, Ernesto MERCURI, Maria-Rosa SPOSARO, Teresa NARDO, Maria,Gino,Egidio DE PANNI, Angela, Angelo, Gildo, Ottavio BORDIGNON Caroline & Elsie MOORE, Margaret POWELL, Elizabeth FREEMAN, Mary FLOOD

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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

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

16 October 2011

## Checkmate

At any social gathering in Australia we avoid talking about religion or politics; because to do so may mean a fight. Hence, we can sympathise with the situation presented to Jesus in today's Gospel where the Pharisees and Herodians attempt to trick Jesus into saying something that is not politically or religiously correct. The question they put to him – "is it lawful to pay the Census tax to Caesar?" – permits no apparent easy answer. If Jesus answers "Yes, you should pay the tax," he could be denounced as a collaborator with the hated Roman occupation. If, however, he was to counsel people to refuse to pay the tax, he could be reported to the authorities as a dangerous revolutionary.

Tax revolts against Rome were nothing new. A large-scale one had taken place during Jesus' boyhood, and had been crushed with typical Roman brutality. It was dangerous, then, to discuss the issue of taxation. The Pharisees, had joined forces with the supporters of Herod to trap Jesus into saying something that could be used against him. Jesus evades the question and poses his own conundrum. He asks to see the coin; most likely, the silver denarius of Tiberius. It bore an idolatrous image of the Emperor Tiberius with the confronting inscription "Tiberius Caesar, son of the Divine Augustus."

The coin related directly to pagan Roman religion, especially the imperial cult in the East Empire. It represented an affront to Jewish religious and political sensibilities. By asking his interlocutors to produce the coin, Jesus forces them to admit that they kept such idolatrous objects on their person.

Accordingly, Jesus can brand them "hypocrites" and place them in a trap similar to the one they set for him. The Jewish historian, Josephus proudly proclaimed that the Jewish citizens of Jerusalem preferred death to allowing Caesar's image to enter Jerusalem on the standards of the Roman army. And, yet, here Jesus finds some of Jerusalem's most respected citizens carrying the idolatrous images of Caesar in their purses.

Jesus asks, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" When his opponents reply, "Caesar's," Jesus tells them to "repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus' words here are reminiscent of those of an earlier Jewish revolutionary, Mattathias, who told his sons "Pay back to the Gentiles what is due to them, and keep the law's commands". Neither Jesus nor Mattathias were talking about money, but about personal integrity and fidelity.

Jesus is not advocating what today we would call "the separation of Church and State." Rather, he is suggesting that Caesar's regime was blasphemous nonsense, which God would one day overthrow and replace with a new, heavenly kingdom. As a people who await the coming of that kingdom, we must realise that no political party or regime can bring about true justice and peace. Our first allegiance must be to God, and we are called to engage in the social and political realms as critics, as agents for change, speaking out for the forgotten and the underprivileged.

## WELCOME BISHOP MARIO GRECH

We welcome among us Bishop Mario Grech, bishop of Gozo, Malta. Bishop Mario Grech is visiting Australia during this month and has just arrived in Melbourne after visiting Sydney, Wollongong and Canberra. He will be in Melbourne till the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

Bishop Mario's celebrations in our church will be:

- This weekend Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October: 9.00am Mass and 2.30pm Mass of Stella Maris.
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: 10.30am Mass.
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm a Farewell Mass in Maltese & English.

Together with Bishop Mario we welcome among us his parents: Mr & Mrs Giorgio and Stella Grech, and his brother: Mr Carmel Grech. We also welcome back among us the Bishop's personal assistant Fr Eddie Zammit. We wish them all a very enjoyable stay in our parish and in Melbourne.

## FEAST OF STELLA MARIS

### 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.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Imogen Edgell** child of Cameron and Megan, **Ariana Lauletta** child of David and Hayley, 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.

## FEASTS

Monday 17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch

Tuesday 18 October- St Luke Evangelist

## SR ESTELITA

Sr Estelita will be away from 16 – 23 October for her long retreat (days of quiet prayer) your prayers are requested for her successful retreat.

## FESTA DELLA MADONNA DEL S. ROSARIO

Una celebrazione veramente vivace e festoso quello di Domenica 9 Ottobre. Un sincero grazie a tutti che hanno partecipato, lavorato, organizzato, a Padre Emmanuel Bonello per la sua bellissima omelia. L'abbondanza dei dolci e la musica in sala hanno concluso il pomeriggio di questa devota e gioiosa celebrazione parrocchiale.

Thank you to all those who worked hard, participated with the preparations and brought food for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary last Sunday. Thank you to Fr Emmanuel Bonello. A warm and joyous congratulations, to the children who were present and participated. The afternoon was a devout and joyous parish celebration.

## DON BOSCO BRUNSWICK YOUTH FOUNDATION FUN & FOOD FESTA

Don Bosco Brunswick Youth Foundation's  
Annual Fun & Food Festa  
will be held at Ferraro Receptions,  
14 Onslow Avenue, Campbellfield  
(Melway Map 7, H10 near Sydney Rd/Ring Road Exit)  
On Saturday 19 November 2011 at 6.30pm

The evening, our major event for the year, will again feature great food, dancing, drawing of the Major Raffle, "Lucky Dips", prizes galore and fun for all.  
Tickets \$50 per person (including food, drink & music) are available by contacting the following.

Foundation Office on 9386 3948  
Foundation Secretary on 0412 295 141  
Foundation Treasurer on 0411 790 221

**YOUR ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A GEAT NIGHT  
FOR A VERY WORTHY CAUSE**



## NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

The month of November is dedicated by the Church as a special time remembering all the faithful departed. At the doors of the church there are slips of paper in both English and Italian to write the names of deceased family and friends. These will be put together and brought up in the offertory procession at all weekend Masses during November.

## 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 AOFÉ website [www.cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation) or call 9926 5761