

FIRST READING *Isaiah 53:10-11*

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Donaci, Signore, il tuo amore: in te speriamo.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man has come to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Il Figlio dell'uomo e' venuto per servire a dare la propria vita in riscatto per molti. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Mark 10:35-45*

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$961.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$173.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$294.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 18/10/09

6.00pm (SAT) – D Pollucino
 9.00am (SUN) – F Biasibetti & R Fato
 10.30am (SUN) – L Conte & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 T Forte, T Mirigliano & R Mercuri
 J & J Kearney & J Vincitorio

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 25/10/09

6.00pm (SAT) – R Sawi
 9.00am (SUN) – S. Lo Bartolo & A Di Rico
 10.30am (SUN) - J Akinido & T Fitzimmons

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
 A Keighley, G Tempone & C Alberti
 L Greco, U Strangis & M Sernia

CHURCH CLEANERS

24/10/09 Josaine Aliphone, P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

19/10//09 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito
 26/10/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Charlie GRECH, Vito SINOPOLI, Robert CIANTAR (brother of Jim Ciantar)
Anna TEMPONE (d. Rec. Italy), Frank DIMECH

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Nicola SCARDAMAGLIA, Josefina MOREIRA, Antonio & Mria DA SILVA,
Anthony RAJSAR, Antonio ANTONETTI, Ersilia PAGLIARO, Giuseppe & Anna DE MATTEI,
Antonio FURCI, Anthony Francis CACHIA, Giuseppe ANDRIGHETTO (Andrea's father),

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 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

29th Sunday of Year B

18 October, 2009

Desire and Suffering

To be human is to experience desire and ambition. To know a person's soul. Desire for good, such as world peace or the end of global warming, is a positive urge of the human spirit. Other desires that focus on personal happiness and success can also be positive. However, they may also become caught up with the 'dark side' of the human spirit leading to jealousy, blind ambition and ruthless disregard for others. Throughout the drama of human life, desire and suffering are closely linked. This evident, for example, in the works of Shakespeare: one thinks of the innocent, youthful desires of Romeo and Juliet, the dark and treacherous desires of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, or the obsessive desires of King Richard III. In different ways, these desires all lead to tragic suffering.

The connection between suffering and desire is also a key insight of the Buddha who taught that all suffering is caused by human desire and that happiness or enlightenment consists in the elimination of all desires. How does this compare with the approach of our own Christian Scriptures?

The long history of Israel is one of suffering at the hands of external enemies and through internal divisions. Jesus' life-story is also one in which his efforts to bring about God's kingdom of justice and peace are thwarted by negative forces. Even Jesus' own disciples, especially in Mark's Gospel, seem blind to his real mission and message. Why are Jesus' disciples so dim-witted? In a word, they are so caught up with their petty desires and ambition for power and glory; they are unable to see Jesus for who he really is or to hear what he truly asks. They want to overcome suffering (as we all do); but they think the way to do this is in the worldly way of grabbing power, status and authority. Jesus' response is to challenge their preconceptions: "Anyone who is to be great among you must be your servant; anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave." Suffering is integral to our human lives. In this sense, compared to the Buddha, Jesus is more radical by insisting his followers embrace suffering as he does: "Can you drink the cup that I must drink?" Jesus is not in any way glorifying suffering for its own sake. But he offers a way for us to place suffering in its proper context. The message is foreshadowed by the prophet Isaiah who links the positive acceptance of suffering with liberation from sin and the practice of justice. Acting for God's kingdom means putting one's life on the line – and even, as in Jesus' case, giving one's life as a ransom for many". There is another form of suffering Jesus shares with us. Like us, he experiences human weakness – though, the writer is careful to add, "he is without sin" (Hebrews). Sin is the ultimate cause of human suffering often expressed in our wayward human desires. Jesus shows us the way to purify such desires through a life of servanthood.



STELLA MARIS MALTESE ASSOCIATION

This 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!

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 19 October 7.30pm – Angelo Rizzi (1 mth)
Tuesday 20 October 7.30 – Giuseppe Galiardi (1 mth)
Thursday 22 October 7.30pm – Iride Leggiero (1 yr)

PARISH COMMUNITY GATHERING

Recently the Catholic Bishops of Australia sent us Our Parish Social Profile (Statistics) based on the 2006 Australian Census. It contains useful information about our Parish with its changes. Fr Manny and the Parish Leadership Team wish to share this useful information of the Social Profile by organising a Parish Community Gathering where we can explore together ideas about the future of the Parish Faith Community, and become more aware about the people that make up our community. The Parish Community Gathering will be held on Thursday 29th October 2009 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Our guest Speaker and Facilitator will be Sr Joan Power PBVM. Sr Joan has facilitated pastoral planning meetings and programs in many parishes around Melbourne. Keep the date of the 29th October free and come along to help each other discover the challenges in building our faith community.

According to the 2006 Australian Census, North Reservoir has a Total population of 9,887; Catholic Population: 5,597 (56%). 2,611 Catholics were born overseas. Total Catholic families: 1,853.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2010 Columban Calendar is NOW available at the Piety Stall for only \$7.00. By buying one of these calendars you will be helping our missionaries at the same time. This calendar also makes an excellent gift for family or friends.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

On sale at the Piety Stall St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards at \$6.50 a pack of 10.

CONVEGNO – RINNOVAMENTE NELLO SPIRITO 2009

Convegno Annuale di Ministero di Guarigione con Dr. John Bonnici da Malta. I giorni 20, 21 & 22 al Centro, e 24 & 25 il Convegno sara al 379 Nicholson St, Fitzroy North. Concludera' con la Santa Messa che sara' celebrata da S.E. Bishop Joe Grech. Per informazioni telefonare al Centro 9489 5007



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.

WORLD MISSION DAY THIS SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2009

REACHOUT GIVELIFE WORLD MISSION DAY

Join in the spirit of World Mission Day this weekend and help to 'Reach Out & Give Life'. Help support communities throughout the world suffering from leprosy and HIV/AIDS and support freedom from oppression for the next generation.

Be a source of love and hope with your generous donation today. Please consider making a small monthly donation with our **Friends in Faith** program and help build strong communities throughout the world.



Reach out. Give life.
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