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

FIRST READING Wisdom 11:22-12:2 You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

Benediro' il tuo nome per sempre, Signore.

CANTO AL VANGELO

la vita eterna. Alleluia!

Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il

Figlio unigenito: chiunque crede in lui ha

Alleluia, alleluia!

SECOND READING Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10 The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering	\$760.00
	-Loose Money	\$232.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery	\$291.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 31/10/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan 9.00am (SUN) - P Sparano & C Agostinelli 10.30am (SUN) – S Miano & A Vinelli

SPECIAL MINISTERS E Saliba P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Piscioneri P Nguven, M Mizzi & J Tanti

T Forte, A DeCata & L Calafiore

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 07/11/2010

6.00pm (SAT) - MALTESE MASS 9.00am (SUN) - R Pino & L Cavedon 10.30am (SUN) - G Canavan & M Sernia

T Nguyen, A Filippone & S Dakin L Catena, A Sirianni, F Agugiars & R Nvour 06/11/2010

R & E Cornelious & M Williams **MONEY COUNTERS** 01/11/2010 08/11/2010 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING **RECENTLY DECEASED**

ANNIVERSARIES

CHURCH CLEANERS

Francesco CAMPOMIZZI. Elena TRAMONTI. Michael TRAMONTI Loreto & Domenica TARQUINIO, Angelo & Rosa RAULLI, Carmela TARQUINIO, Anna STICCA Felice TARANTO, Francesco VACIRCA, Harry HOOPER, Giuseppe & Angelina TODARO Salvatore, Giovanni, Caterina & Aldo IOZZI, Sante & Bambina GUGLIELMI, Francesco PRIVITELLI, Maria Rosa LAMBRAID, Raffaele VINCELLI, Vincenzo ROMANO, Giovanni & Vita LI ROSI, Giuseppe & Angela GIARRATANA, Salvatore & AILEN LI ROSI Giuseppe & Antonietta GIARRATANA, Emma & Celestino DI BATTISTA, Gelsumina, Guido & Enzo GAGLIARDONE, Salvatore & Assunta DI BATTISTA

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Sat 6.00pm - English Sun. 9.00am - Italian Sun. 10.30am - English

Maltese Mass

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

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

31 October 2010

31st Sunday of Year C

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment

In the footsteps of Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus was not popular among his fellow Jews around Jericho. After all, he worked for the occupying Roman forces as a tax-collector. For this most Jews considered him a traitor. We also hear that Zacchaeus was a wealthy man. Obviously he gained his wealth by pocketing some of the money he took in taxes. This also means he must have been shrewd in his dealings with the Romans who, no doubt, also despised him. Traitors are respected neither by their own people nor by those for whom they work.

Zacchaeus had another problem: ;he was very short. According to Luke, this is why he climbed the sycamore tree to "catch a glimpse of Jesus" who was being thronged by a large crowd. Maybe there were other reasons, not least the hostile reception he could expect from his fellow-Jews. But Luke hints at another reason, namely, Zacchaeus' motivation: "He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was". Note, Zacchaeus is not (yet) converted; he has no doubt heard about this prophet from Nazareth. Perhaps, like many, he ws just curious. As the story unfolds, it is not Zacchaeus, but Jesus, who takes the initiative: "Zacchaeus, come down...I must stay at your house today", what an embarrassment both for Zacchaeus and for the crowd. The latter, we are told, complained when they saw what was happening, saying "he has gone to stay at a sinner's house". As for Zacchaeus, we have his remarkable promise: he would give half his money to the poor and pay back fourfold anyone he had cheated. What we are not told is what happened afterwards. Did Zacchaeus keep to his word? Did he become a disciple of Jesus? Did he give up his tax-collecting job? We are told none of this. Nonetheless, in Luke's account of this incident, Jesus announces: "Today salvation has come to his house". Not tomorrow, but now, Jesus calls each of us by name - not because we are especially good, but because, in Jesus' own words, "the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost". Could it also be that Jesus was using the occasion to challenge the prejudices of those who thought of themselves as good and upright Jews? There were other occasions when Jesus eats with "tax-collectors and sinners". This was quite a shock to his followers who considered such behaviour improper. The lesson: the world is not divided between the good people in church and the bad people outside it, since, as Jesus said on another occasion, "no-one is good but God alone".

The image of Zacchaeus hopping up a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus should remind us of those many people who find belief in God or his goodness too difficult, or too painful to admit. Yet, they remain curious. They will claim they are not religious: they will not be 'church people'. Perhaps, because their hearts have been broken by too many negative experiences, they are in their groping way what we might call 'anonymous believers'. It is especially to these the message of the Gospel is directed. God is ever patient.



ALL SAINTS DAY MASS TIMES Monday 1st November

9.10am – 7.00pm

ALL SOULS DAY MASS TIMES Tuesday 2nd November 10.00am - Italian 7.00pm - English



NOVEMBER – REMEBERING 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.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Wednesday 3 November 7.00pm – Raffaele Larosa (1mth) Thursday 4 November 7.00pm – Francesco Leone (1 mth)

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team Meeting will be held on Thursday 4 November at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MALTESE MASS

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

FEAST

Thursday 4 November - St Charles Borromeo.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2011 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.

CALENDARI ITALIANI 2011 IN VENDITA

In vendita Calendari Italiani prezzo \$7.00. Puo' essere un regalo per Natale.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

MARIAN MISSION of OUR LADY OF TEARS

IL COMITATO UNITARIO MADONNA DELLE LACRIME PROVINCIA SIRACUSA IN MELBOURNE together with the Combined Societies of Mary invite everyone to the Marian Mission in honour of Our Lady of Tears which will be led by Rev. P. ALFIO INSERRA from SIRACUSA, SICILY

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2010



<u>SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER</u> - COMMENCEMENT OF MISSION St. Mark's, 9 Lee Street, Fawkner 2.30 Holy Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 3.00pm Holy Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER

St. Martin De Porres, 158 Military Road, Avondale Heights 7.00pm Holy Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 7.30pm Holy Mass

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER GALA NIGHT

FLORIDIA CLUB - 9 Wellington Street Flemington - 6.30pm 5 Course meal including drinks & coffee For further information please contact the numbers below

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER - CLOSING OF THE MISSION

 Brendan's - 103 Wellington Street Flemington
2.30pm Holy Rosary, Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
3.00pm Holy Mass, Procession, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Refreshments

For this Seventeenth Anniversary of the Marian Mission, we are very pleased to welcome again **Rev. Father Alfio Inserva** from Siracusa, Sicily, to lead us in this renewal of Christian faith and hope. There will be the opportunity to venerate the Reliquary containing some of the cotton used to dry the tears that flowed from the image of Our Lady in 1953.

Further queries please call; President Paolo Tartaglia 9302 2326

Secretary Rev. William A. Jordan 9376 7378

Coordinator Tina Forte 9460 2682

YOUR VOTE YOUR VALUES

Archbishop Denis Hart and Bishops Connors, Grech and Prowse of Ballarat, Sanhurst and Sales Dioceses have prepared some questions for parishioners to put to their parliamentary candidates prior to the Victorian State Elections on 27 November.

Their suggested questions, contained in a brief document *your vote your values* is available today. Please take one at the entrances of the church.

FR RAYMOND BUGJEJA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Fr Raymond Bugjeja's 25th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration with praise and thanksgiving to God, Fr. Raymond Bugjeja will be celebrating 25 years of priesthood, on Sunday 14 November 2010. Mass will be celebrated at St Raphael's, West Preston at 4.00pm, followed by afternoon tea.