

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Grandi cose ha fatto il Signore per noi.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5:1-6*

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Il salvatore nostro Cristo Gesu' ha vinto la morte e ha fatto risplendere la vita per mezzo del Vangelo. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Mark 10:46-52*

Master, grant that I may see.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$891.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$371.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$309.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 25/10/09

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 01/11/09

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & A DeCata
 10.30am (SUN) - S Brima & G Silvio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Krygger
 P Sparano, R Pino & R Fato
 J Iaria, J Broadbent & Sr Doreen

CHURCH CLEANERS

31/10/09 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & A Leggiero

MONEY COUNTERS

26/10//09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
 02/11/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr John Gavan FITZPATRICK, Rosaria BONNICI, Armando CICCONE, Ernesto DI RAGO, Rosa SINAPI

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Angela CENTOFANTI, Rocco IRME, Antonio & Giovanni TABACCO, Domenico, Antonio & Rocco SCARINCI, Clementina ALESIO, Berardino & Tommaso SCARINCI, Francesco VACIRCA, Harry HOOPER, Famiglia ZAPPIA, Famiglia POLIMENI, Nazareno, Tony, Edward, Carmena, Carmelo & Carmena GRECH, Carl DESSMAN John, Manuela, Carmelo, Joseph & Clementina FABRI, Fred SPITERI, Frank XERI, Caroline & Elsie MOORE, Margaret POWELL, Elizabeth FREEMAN, Adelina D'AQUINO, Edward SIMIANE

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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

30th Sunday of Year B

25 October, 2009

Seeing

The story in today's Gospel of the restoration of sight to Bartimeus shows that there are three steps in such a cure. He needed to acknowledge that he was blind. He needed to want to be cured. There had to be someone at hand who could effect the cure. In biblical speech, blindness can mean a lot more than not just being able to see the objects around one. In the Gospel context, it often meant the inability of Jesus' hearers to picture the Kingdom of God that he was painting for them in words. Today it means the inability of those outside the Christian faith to comprehend the message of the Saviour and to appreciate his healing power for a wounded world. Sadly there is also a great deal of blindness among those who are members of the Christian community. It can be the inability to recognise the human rights of the unborn child or to recognise legitimate diversity within the Church. On the pastoral level, it can mean the inability to find adequate solutions to new problems such as those arising from the large number of marriage break-downs. Take the inability to appreciate the imminence of global warming. Global warming constitutes a massive danger to human life as we know it. It places on each of us a moral responsibility to act appropriately in these days of impending climate change. The first step is of course, is to determine whether there is indeed a problem. There have been dissident voices claiming that global warming is not a serious issue. But they have become a rapidly shrinking minority. The scientific community is virtually unanimous that global warming is a massive and imminent threat. If by the end of this century, no significant remedy is found, 600 million people will have been forced by rising sea levels to move from where they currently live (for example, in such places as the deltas of the Irrawaddy and Ganges in Myanmar and Bangladesh.) Others will have been driven by drought from vast areas of farmland, such as the sub-Sahara in Africa. These human beings will be looking for new homes. From a purely selfish point of view, think of the threat that all this constitutes to the country in which we live. By world standards it is thinly populated. Tens of millions of folk will push their way in; and our way of life will be radically altered, and, humanly speaking for the worse. But as Christians we cannot view the threat merely in selfish terms. We are bound by our faith to care for our neighbour, for those with whom we share this planet. Global warming faces us with massive moral responsibilities. Today's gospel reminds us that there are three steps to solving problems. We need ultimately to move to the third step of action to contain the impact of climate change. But first we must take the initial step of recognising that there is indeed a genuine problem.

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.

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Rosary for **Rosaria Bonnici** will be recited on Monday 26 October at 9.20am followed by Funeral Mass at 9.45am.

The Rosary for **Armando Ciccone** will be recited on Monday 26 October at 7.30pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 27 October at 11.30am.

The Rosary for **Ernesto Di Rago** will be recited on Tuesday 27 October at 7.30pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 28 October at 10.30am.

The Rosary for **Rosa Sinapi** will be recited on Thursday 29 October at 10.00am, followed by Funeral Mass at 10.30am.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 October at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

THE MARRIAGE OF JEFF TANTI & MELINDA SMITH

The marriage of Jeff and Melinda will be taking place here in the Parish next Saturday 31 October 2009 at 11.00am. Any interested parishioners are invited to join them as they commit themselves to each other in the sacrament of marriage.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 27 Ottobre Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella alle ore 9.00am con devozione alla Madonna nel mese di Ottobre. Seguita dalla Santa Messa alle ore 10.00am.

CALENDARI ITALIANI 2010 IN VENDITA

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

PIETY STALL

- 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.



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.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday 1 November

Mass in Italian 9.00am - Mass in English 10.30am

ALL SOULS DAY

Monday 2 November

Mass in English 9.10am - Mass in Italian 10.30am

Mass in English 7.00pm

WEDDING

We congratulate Krystal Schwalger and Leigh O'Sullivan who were married here at St. Joseph the Worker this weekend. We ask God's blessing on them and their families on this special occasion.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Jordan Ortisi** child of Luke and Enza and **Valentino Lauria** child of Donato and Carmela, 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.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Saturday 24th October is the 14th Anniversary of the founding of Mothers' Prayers Groups.

Mothers' Prayers was launched in England in 1995. At that time, two grandmothers, Veronica and her sister-in-law Sandra both from England, felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. Through prayer, they learned that Jesus wishes all mothers to surrender their children into his care, to take away pain from the mothers and to pour blessings on their children.

Mothers' Prayers has now spread throughout the world and is in over 70 countries. There have been many answers to prayers.

At Present in our Parish mothers meet in the Chapel on a Tuesday at 1.30- 2.30pm. and pray together for our children and we too have had many answers to prayer.

We warmly invite other mothers or women who love children to join us.

For further details contact - Sr. Doreen on 9460 3013, or Judy Kearney 9460 9139.

COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE MELBOURNE

Courage and EnCourage Melbourne are wonderful organisations within the Archdiocese with priestly guidance, ministering to and offering real friendship and spiritual support according to the group, and to families and friends of same sex attracted persons in the EnCourage group. For more information see the free booklets "Homosexuality" in the Church foyer, or contact Fr Laurie Leonard SJ, chaplain on 9854 8189 or email: leonard@iprimus.com.au. Or Marie and Alan on 9847 0713 or email them on: encouragemelbourne@yahoo.com. See also encourage.cam.org.au