

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

FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Tutti i sentieri del Signore sono amore e fedelta'.

SECOND READING Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!

Non di solo pane vivra' l'uomo, ma di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio.

Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!

GOSPEL Mark 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$776.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$135.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$375.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 26/2/2012

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba & D Pullicino
9.00am (SUN) – R DeZan & S LoBartolo
10.30am (SUN) – J Kearney & S Miano

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino & E Krygger
L Catena, L Cavedon & M Crupi
U Strangis, L Conte & A Filippone

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 04/3/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – R Fato & C Brunetti
10.30am (SUN) – L De Marco & G Canavan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
T Forte, P Leggiero & R Mercuri
G Santinon, L De Marco & A Keighley

CHURCH CLEANERS

03/3/2012 A DiRico, M Pascuzzi, E Selso & G Ferraro

MONEY COUNTERS

20/2/2012 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito
27/2/2012 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe PITTO, Paul MUSCAT, Karistu THEUMA

ANNIVERSARIES

Teresina PANTALEO, Felice TARANTO, Antonio, Irmucia, Raffaello, Angela & Luca CENTOFANTI, Giuseppe & Laura DAMARIO, Francesca Donatina FARINACCI

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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

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

26 February 2012

Confronting Our Demons

For us, the term “wilderness” has a positive meaning. It suggests an experience of pristine landscapes untouched by the destructive hand of human progress. For us, the “wilderness” is not a place that engenders fear and apprehension. Apart from encountering the occasional militant Greenie chained to a tree, we are not likely to run across anything that might harm us or lead us astray.

This, however, is a uniquely modern perspective, which was not shared by those who lived in the first century as with the story of Jesus’ temptation “in the wilderness” recorded in Mark’s Gospel. For people in the first century the wilderness was a forbidding place. For them it was inhabited by demons, evil spirits and wild beasts. For the unwary, it was the region of peril and menace, both physical and psychological. Demons could lead the incautious over a precipice, entangle the careless in brambles, or capture the short-sighted in labyrinthine valleys where physical strength and food supplies would soon peter out. Those thus stranded could be devoured by mythical monsters-or fall prey to bandits.

Anyone who ventured alone into the lonely expanse of the desert, the dark recesses of the forest or into the barren lands of the freezing mountains had to be either crazy or bent on facing-and finding themselves. Either way, the wilderness was where you had to wrestle with your demons.

In this respect, the story of Jesus being tempted by Satan is of great importance. In most Christian liturgical traditions, this story is recalled as we enter into the forty-day period of “Lenten” reflection and repentance. As we embark on our Lenten reflections, we do well to ponder this account of Jesus’ battle with Satan in the wilderness. Although all three Synoptic Gospels recall this story, the Markan evangelist tells us little about what happened when Jesus did encounter Satan. Mark tells us simply that “immediately after Jesus’ baptism “the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness, and he remained there for forty days, tempted by Satan...among the wild beasts, and ministered to by angels” (Mk 1:12-13).

Mark reminds us that “wilderness” is not simply a place of untouched magnificence. It is also a place of silence where the “stilling of the storms” of everyday life opens the door to what we usually repress, our inner demons. All of us have demons to exorcise: obsessions, inhibitions, destructive addictions-or simply bad habits that have possessed us during the passing of the years, and have led us to seek only to feed our own selfish desires. All of us are to varying degrees held captive under the sway of unreasonable fears and formless anxieties born of past hurts, which express themselves in our all-too-willing acceptance of fate.

These are our modern demons, which cannot be simply avoided by crowding them out of our lives. Through the example of Jesus’ struggle we learn that such “demons” must be confronted and can only be exorcised by “prayer and fasting” (cf. Mk 9:29).

First Sunday of Lent



Your support for Project Compassion gives expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and help those suffering from poverty and disadvantage. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Flabiana, whose family lost everything in the 1999 conflict following Timor Leste's independence. Flabiana joined Caritas Australia's Integrated Rural Community Development trainings, learning techniques for fast-growing crops, processing food and traditional medicines and breeding animals. Thanks to your solidarity with the poor, thousands of conflict-affected families like Flabiana's in Timor Leste are working towards a more just, peaceful and prosperous future.

Please donate to Project Compassion today.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Antonio D'Errico** child of Alberto and Maria, **Allegra Scalora** child of Sebastian and Sera, **Alessandro Mascaro** child of Giuseppe and Elaine 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.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 February, at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 28 Febbraio ore 9.00am in cappella, Adorazione Eucaristica con preghiere e riflessione sul tempo di quaresima, seguita dalla S. Messa ore 10.00am. Vi aspettiamo numerosi.

MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 29 February 7.00pm – Paul Muscat (d. Rec. Malta)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening during Lent, at 7.00pm in the Church, both in English and Italian.

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is invited to join the Lent sharing group every Wednesday at 3.30pm, in the Chapel. Prayer group will start on February 29 2012. Please inform Sr Estelita or the Parish Office on 9460 3013, if you are interested in participating.

ENROLMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

A reminder for state school children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, you will need to register now. Please contact Sr. Estelita at the office on 9460 3013 or at home on 9465 1077.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH "FAMILY FAIR"

Sunday 25 March, 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Lots of rides, international food court, free entertainment, games, fairy floss, spinning wheel, bargain stalls and lots more fun for the whole family to enjoy. **Where:** 290 Childs Road, Mill Park.

Enquiries: If you would like to have a stall or for any enquiries please contact the Parish Secretary on 9407 3190 or send an email to millpark@cam.org.au.

Trivia Night

As part of fundraising for Term1, St Joseph the Worker Primary School will be holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 24th March at 6.00pm sharp, in the School Hall.

Come along for a fun evening amongst family and friends.

An evening filled with games, raffles, lots of prizes and quiz questions...of course!!

Entertaining and loads of fun!!

\$10 per person entry fee and a maximum of 10 people per table.

We will help you with seating arrangements if you do not have a group of 10 people. Adults Only!

We ask that everyone BYO a plate of nibbles to share at your table.

Coffee will be sold in the hall throughout the evening.

Please call the school office to book a table on 9469 7800

or contact Romina 0418 525 088 or Teresa 0419 139 326

Hope to see you all there!!!

BISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE S.D.B., D.D,



The Holy Father has appointed Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe, S.D.B., D.D, Archbishop of Perth.

We thank Bishop Costelloe for his work in Melbourne as a Salesian Priest, Formator, parish Priest and Auxillary Bishop of the Northern Region.

As Bishop Costelloe prepares to take up his new appointment as Archbishop of Perth, we assure him of our congratulations and prayers for his new responsibilities. He will be dearly missed by the Melbourne community.

Bishop Costelloe will celebrate a Farewell Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass, will be celebrated next Saturday 3 March at 6.00pm.

HEALING MASS SATURDAY

You are all invited to A Healing Mass with Alan Ames, at St Francis of Assisi Church 290 Childs Road Mill Park. (Melway: 9J3). 3 March 2012, commencing at 6.30pm.

Alan Ames has been speaking and praying for healing around the world since 1994. With a simple faith-filled approach, Alan has touched the hearts of hundreds of thousands all over the world in his evangelical mission. Enquiries: Anna 9436 4490 or 0432 842 172.

FR ROB GALEA AND GARY PINTO LIVE PERFORMANCE

Sunday 25 March, 6.00pm hosted by the Flame Youth Group, this live concert will be held outdoors in the car park. Supporting acts include David Lemewu and Chris Eaton and other supporting musicians. St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, 152 Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs. Tickets: \$20pp.

Enquiries: flametrain7@hotmail.com or airportwest2@optusnet.com.au Mary Anne 0415 957 123. See 'Flame Youth Group' Facebook page for updates.

DONCASTER ANTIOCH RECRUITMENT WEND

Friday 9 March, 6.30pm – Sunday 11 March 10.30pm. Doncaster Antioch is a Catholic youth group established in 1986 to allow young people (16-25) to learn more about themselves, others and their faith. This weekend is the real pinnacle of our year!! Plenty of music, talks, reflections, discussions and activities! **Where:** St Gregory the Great School, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster. **Cost:** \$50 **RSVP:** 4 March. **More information:** doncaster.antioch@hotmail.com or call Susan Dickinson on 0422 672 409.