

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

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Resta con noi, Signore, nell'ora della prova.

SECOND READING Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

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 Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$835.00  
- Loose Money..... \$245.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery..... \$426.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 21/2/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba  
9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & T Forte  
10.30am (SUN) – L Conte & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Krygger  
L Catena, L Cavedon & M Crupi  
J & J Kearney & J Vincitorio

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 28/02/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch  
9.00am (SUN) – F Biasibetti & R Fato  
10.30am (SUN) - J Akinido & Sr T Fitzimmons

SPECIAL MINISTERS

R Nyour  
T Forte, G Motisanti & R Mercuri  
L Greco, U Strangis & M Sernia

CHURCH CLEANERS

27/02/2010 R De Zan, A Natoli, S Brima & A Zappia

MONEY COUNTERS

22/02/2010 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan  
01/03/2010 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gianni CUDA (d. Rec. Italy), Marija CAMILLERI, Franceschina COSTANZO, Doris GRECH,

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Ercole DI RICO, Domenico BRUNI, Pasquale INZITARI, Maria PEZZANO Rosa LAZZARA, Gina DI DONATO, Pasquale VILLELLA, Angelina VILLELLA, Angela PUCCIO Tommaso MARUCA, Giovanni VILLELLA, Antonio PISTONE, Domenico & Rosina CRUPI Johnny FORTE, Giuseppe, Salvatore, Domenico & Giuseppa FERRARO, Victoria COMPTON, Silvano SALVATORI, Vincenzo DE THOMASI, Teresina PANTALEO, Giuseppe GAGLIARDI Laura & Pasquale MARIANI, Lorenzo & Rachele PACELLA, Lucia SALVATORI

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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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Year C

21 February, 2010

## Walking for God

“My father was a wandering Aramean” – a statement in the first reading of the Mass today, taken from the book of Deuteronomy. It brings home to us these centuries later that the Word of God was passed around in shoes and not in jet planes. Even in bare feet.

In the life of St Ignatius Loyola – the founder of the Jesuits, we read that a man who had squandered the money the saint had put aside for his education had become abandoned and seriously ill.

To bring about this man’s conversion, Ignatius determined to walk bare foot and fasting to the town where he was lying ill. It means travelling some day’s journey from Paris where Ignatius was a student. In this way Ignatius carried with him the Good News of Jesus Christ and achieved his objective.

For centuries, the disciples of Jesus Christ have carried the Good news of the Gospel on foot. In this way, the faith has spread, not through television spectacles, but by hard work and much prayer.

In the many journeys over thousands of miles, these missionaries, in great faith, relied on the providence of God to take care of their needs and to protect them on the journey. The Redemptorist, St Clement Hofbauer, spent much of his life walking from town to town, from parish to parish and from house to house. Often he would have to spend a night alone under the stars. Before he settled down to try and get a little sleep, he would make a circle around himself and recite Psalm 90. It was a prayer for God’s protection. “He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High...my stronghold, my God in whom I trust.”

Let’s not forget the wonderful providence of God. We are never alone. It is God who walks with us on our journey, as St Clement reminds us. Even though the journey may at times be difficult, the Lord is with us and guiding us. It is his Gospel we carry with us. To follow the way of the Gospel will require sacrifice and great efforts on our part. It will mean sharing in the sacrifice of Jesus himself as we take up the cross.

No doubt all of us know someone we care for who is in urgent need of conversion. Even though Our Lord does not ask us to take extreme measures as did St Ignatius, he does require us to make some effort. How committed are we to having our prayers answered? Remember St Monica who tramped around the Roman Empire after her son, Augustine, determined to obtain his conversion. The saints urge us on to back up our prayers with personal sacrifice. Prayer is more than a “text message” to Jesus!

Make the effort and be missionary, with confidence in God and Divine Providence! Move out from your comfort zone. Try walking – it’s good for the health, and it’s good for the soul.

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Mia & Talia Butera**, children of Joe and Gina, **Elijah Coles** child of Mathew and Vanessa, **Lucas Cuomo**, child of Joseph and Maria, **Rogen Delos** child of Daryl and Jane, **Luca Hanna** child of Ernest and Lisa and **Zane Renda** child of Michael and Irene who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them with joy into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

### ST JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL

This weekend we welcome the Grade 2 students and their families who will join us at the 10.30am Mass to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Monday 22 February at 7.30pm in the Church.

### 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Fred and Margaret Turnbull**, on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marriage. We ask God's blessing on them and their family on this special occasion.

### MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 23 February 7.30pm – Silvano Salvatori (1 mth)

Wednesday 24 February 7.30pm – Vincenzo De Thomasi (1 Yr)

Friday 26 February 7.30pm – Teresina Pantaleo (1 Yr)

### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 February at 8.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary for Doris Grech will be recited on Tuesday 23 February at 11.00am, followed by Funeral Mass at 11.15am.

### ITALIAN LADIES

Incontro di riflessione e preghiera Martedì 23 Febbraio in cappella ore 9.00am. Padre Manny darà la prima Riflessione sul tempo di Quaresima.

Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese tutti i Venerdì della Quaresima, alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church. It will be in both English and Italian. All parishioners are warmly invited to come together for this important time of prayer.

### SANTA MARIA COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Parents wishing to enrol their daughter/s at Santa Maria College please note that applications for Year 2 2011, close on Friday 26 February. Word of mouth is our most powerful promotional tool, so please ensure you remind your friends, neighbours and family members about this date. For more information on regular tours ring the College on 9489 7644 or visit our website at [www.santamaria.vic.edu.au](http://www.santamaria.vic.edu.au)

### SANTA MARIA COLLEGE REUNION

Past students of Santa Maria College are invited to attend the Annual Reunion on Sunday 28 February, at 2.00pm. The celebration will be held in the Polding Centre on the College grounds. For full details visit the College website at [www.santamaria.vic.edu.au](http://www.santamaria.vic.edu.au) or ring 9489 7644.

## First Sunday of Lent 21 February

The good news of the Gospel challenges us to change ourselves and our world for the better. This week's story takes us to rural Cambodia where Samon lives with his family. Life here is often a daily struggle. Caritas Australia is supporting 22 Cambodian communities, including Samon's, with practical training in micro credit to increase families' food production and livelihoods. Your generous donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion allow subsistence farmer families to gain skills to increase their household food security and offers hope for a healthier future.



Samon lives with his family between Siem Reap and the Thai border in Cambodia.

Like many children in his province, Samon's parents died of HIV/AIDS when he was a young child. He went to live with his Aunty and chronically ill Uncle and their two children. Despite working hard to support her family, Samon's Aunty found it difficult to have enough money to buy food, pay medical bills or send the children to school.

Caritas Australia's partner, Salvation Centre Cambodia, supports poor families with training in micro credit and farming skills to increase food production and empower future generations to help themselves.

By attending small business training and learning how to grow sustainable crops, Samon's Aunty has been able to open a market stall to sell food for income.

She has also been able to buy chickens to breed and sell.

Caritas Australia has also supported the building of water pumps and community ponds that have ensured clean drinking water as well as year round gardening and food sustainability for Samon's family and the community.

The 'Happy Happy' Program run by the project allows Samon and other HIV/AIDS orphans the opportunity to play games, learn hygiene and life skills and to help raise awareness of HIV/AIDS.

**Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to eradicate hunger and poverty for vulnerable families like Samon's and brings hope for a brighter future.**

### FEAST

Monday 22 February – The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

### *SPIRITUAL REFLECTION*

Because we are all liable to self-deception and tend to use God and Christ to justify and support our own narrow ways of thinking and acting, we need the institutional and the critical elements of the Church as a check to our self-deception, but ultimately it is Christ himself who is our teacher. Christ is mystery. We can never possess the truth of Christ: all we can do is beg to be possessed by him, his truth and his love "which is beyond all knowledge". Imaginative contemplation on scenes from the Gospel is an invaluable way of coming to recognise Christ today living in our hearts. When he makes his home in us, it is not that we let Jesus into our lives, but rather we surrender our home to him, for he is Lord of all, who loves all that he has created.

*Excerpt from God of Surprises by Fr Gerard Hughes*