

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:18-19. 21-22. 24-25*

On account of me your iniquities are blotted out.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Rinnovaci, Signore, con il tuo perdono.

SECOND READING *Corinthians 1:18-22*

The son of God, Jesus Christ, was not yes and no; in him it is always yes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord sent me to bring the Good News to the Poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Mark 2:1-12*

The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$992.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$258.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$371.00
	- Bushfires Appeal.....	\$2344.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 22/2/09

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & B Nadenbousch  
9.00am (SUN) – R Mercuri & DiGuglielmo  
10.30am (SUN) – G Silvio & J Iaria

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 01/03/09

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba  
9.00am (SUN) – C Agostinelli & T Forte  
10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

28/02/09 R DeZan & A Natoli

MONEY COUNTERS

23/02/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan  
02/03/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Liberato FATTORE & Frank SCARAMUZZINO, Adelina D' AQUINO (mother of Adolf Simiane),

ANNIVERSARIES

Domenico IACONIS, Giuseppe SCARMOZZINO,  
Salvatore & Anna-Maria FISCARELLI, Lucia & Giuseppe PRIOLETTI, Angelo & Paolina MACCIOCCA  
Ercole-Maria DIRICO, Paola PRECOMA, Gina DI DONATO

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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



7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

22 February 2009

## D.I.Y in Lent

“D.I.Y.” is an expression widely used in our part of the world. It stands of course for “Do It Yourself”. In our culture, if a job around the house can be done by us, then there is no need to call in skilled (and costly) trade’s people. At times the expertise of such folk is necessary, but for most of us the attitude to life is that if there is a job that is within our range of skills, then “D.I.Y” is the way to go. I am sure that the expression “D.I.Y.” would be quite unknown to the officials in the Church who in Rome draw up many of the prescriptions by which we live our Catholic lives. But in the last few decades they have in fact more or less adopted that policy. Older folk will remember when it was prescribed that we not eat meat on Friday. Then the rule was changed. Friday remained a day of penance. But we were now told to decide for ourselves what penitential action we should do on that day. Why the changed rule? In many parts of the world, the faithful are lucky if they eat meat once a week. While going without meat on Friday could be a true penance for Australians and New Zealanders, it was meaningless for vast numbers of other believers. One detailed rule for the whole Church simply did not work. Whereas a self-selected penitential action of one sort or another every Friday, was within the scope of every member of the church policy. Hopefully we regularly remember to replace Friday abstinence from meat with a self-selected act of penance. Whatever of Friday as a weekly day of penance, this Sunday a new D.I.Y. challenge is upon us. This is the challenge of Lent. P.P.C. are the key letters for what D.I.Y. calls us to do in Lent. They stand for Prayer, Penance and Charity. Lent has always been for the most part a D.I.Y. operation. Let us plan now for a well spent Lent. “P” is for prayer. There are manifold choices available to us as to what special to do. It might be a visit to the Blessed Sacrament several times in the week on the way home from work or the supermarket. It could be a daily reading of Scripture. Or it might be reciting daily one or other of the multitude of litanies and other Catholic prayers we could track down using Google or Yahoo. The point is that we have to choose and commit to a course of action. “P” is for penance. The Church sets the pattern of penance by fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. But for the rest of Lent, penance is very much D.I.Y. Let us rise to the challenge and settle on what to do. “C” for Charity. This is a special time of giving. Not just a “oncer,” a single donation of Easter, but a season of giving., spread out over a series of weeks. Our official Catholic weekly Lenten charity collection sets the tone. But donations to other good causes, including those outside our own Church, are truly part of our Lenten “C”. The letters “P.P.C.” are helpful reminders for planning a fruitful Lent. They fit well with our Australasian D.I.Y. culture.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES 25 FEBRUARY 2009

On Ash Wednesday Mass times are as follows:

**9.10am, 11.15am (with School children) & 7.00pm**

**We will have blessing and distribution of Ashes at each Mass.**

### LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

After the 7.00pm Mass on Wednesday 25 February, parishioners are invited to a Lenten reflection discussion group in the Parish House with Fr Manny. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to reflect on the Sunday readings during Lent and seek to come to a deeper understanding of how the Word of God can touch our lives. It is done in a friendly and informal way which promotes common faith sharing. This Lenten reflection will continue to be held during Lent. Resources used are from the booklet "You've got mail", produced by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, with reflections on the Letters of St Paul.

### ITALIAN LADIES

Durante il tempo di Quaresima avremo, come negli anni passati, tutti i Martedì in cappella un tempo di riflessione e preghiera per la preparazione alla Santa Pasqua. Inizieremo il Martedì 24 Febbraio alle ore 9.00am, con l'Adorazione Eucaristica seguita dalla S. Messa. Vi aspettiamo numerose per seguire il programma preparato dall' Arcidiocesi di Melbourne. Arrivederci!

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Dante Pierorazio**, child of Anthony and Nancy, **Gianni Antonelli** child of Fulvio and Flora 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.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 2 March at 7.30pm in the church.

### FUNERAL

The funeral for Victoria Compton will be celebrated on Monday 23 February at 10.00am. The Rosary will be recited on Sunday 22 February at 7.30pm.

### MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday 26 February 7.30pm – Adelina D'Aquino (d. rec. Egypt)

### ST JOSEPH THE WORKER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM ENROLMENTS

Parents requesting their child be included in the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation, are requested to come for enrolments at the Parish Meeting Room (at the back of the Church Hall), on Wednesday 25 February, from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. If you need to come after office hours, please contact Sr Doreen on 9460 3013.

## PLEASE NOTE!

This year's Easter celebration on 12 April 2009 will be an **EASTER DAWN** starting at **5.30am**. This means that on **HOLY SATURDAY** evening 11 April 2009 **There will be NO MASS celebrated.**

### NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2009

The Australian Prime Minister Mr. Kevin Rudd announced Sunday 22 February 2009 to be a National Day of Mourning in memory of those who have died during the Bushfires. At 11.00am there will be a special national Memorial Service at the Rod Laver Arena. On this day of Mourning we have the opportunity to sign the condolence book.

As an expression of sympathy and support, you are invited to add your name to the pages of the Bushfire Message Book available in the narthex, and at the side door of the church. These condolence signatures will then be sent to the Victorian Government to be part of the Condolence Book.

### PARENTS OF GIRLS IN GRADE SIX

You are reminded that applications for year 7 2010 at Mercy College Coburg close on Friday 27 February. Enrolment forms are available from St Joseph the Worker School office or by telephoning Mrs Robyn Herrera at the Mercy College Office on 9319 9299. The enrolment form may also be downloaded from the College website, [www.mercycollege.melb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mercycollege.melb.catholic.edu.au).

Interested parents are invited to attend a College Tour on Monday 23 February at 9.15am. If this time is not convenient, please ring Mrs Robyn Herrera to arrange another time.

The Catholic Education Office Enrolment Policy states clearly that the ability of parents to pay school fees is not a criterion for acceptance of enrolment of a student at Mercy College. No child will be denied a place at Mercy College on financial grounds. Parents concerned about this aspect should contact the Principal or the Business Manager.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT WEST BRUNSWICK

On Sunday 22 March 1959, Bishop Arthur Fox blessed and opened the new church of St Joseph's at West Brunswick, realising the dream of the then-parish priest, Fr John McDonnell and his parishioners. To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event, Archbishop Denis Hart, a former parish priest, will be main celebrant at the 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's on Saturday 21 March. Past parishioners and priests are warmly invited to join the present parishioners for this occasion. There will be supper in the school hall after Mass.

### THE PASSION STORY IN MARK'S GOSPEL

Thursday 26 March and Thursday 2 April 2009, 7.30 pm at St. John the Baptist, 61 Queens Pde Clifton Hill. Fr Frank Moloney sdb will deliver two lectures on the Passion Story in Mark's Gospel. This is also a fundraising exercise so, as for the Advent Lectures held last year. Entry will be a note for those who are financially able and a gold coin for those who are less financially able. The funds raised will go toward the restoration of our painting "Adoration of the Magi". Further information Ph: 9481 7333 or email [sjbaptist@netspace.net.au](mailto:sjbaptist@netspace.net.au)