

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

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ha sete di te, Signore, l'anima mia.

SECOND READING Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Vegliate e tenetevi pronti, perche', nell'ora che non immaginate, viene il Figlio dell'uomo. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$787.00
- Loose Money.....\$290.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$382.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 06/11/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
10.30am (SUN) – G Canavan & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon
T Nguyen, M Mizzi & L Greco

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 13/11/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R DiGuglielmo
10.30am (SUN) – J Akinido & E Thompson

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino
D Biasibetti, P Leggiero & S LoBartolo
U Strangis, J Iaria & J Tanti

CHURCH CLEANERS

12/11/2011 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS

07/11/2011 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert
14/11/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giovanni SALTARELLI,

ANNIVERSARIES

Charlie BONNICI, Battista DE MELIS, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI,
Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Giuseppe & Antonietta COCO, Pasquale COCO, Rachelina VOCALE,
Lezatra GRAZIA, Salvatore IOZZI, Santo & Bambina GUGLIELMO, Anna & Nicola GUGLIELMO,
Francesco & Nunziata RAPONE, Francesco PRIVITELLI, Mario PANNUNZIO,
Erocle & Eugenio SERGIO, Eugenio & Emilia CANNATARO

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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

32nd Sunday of Year A

6 November 2011

Waiting so long

The silver-top pulled up at the end of Sophia Road. Leo slipped on his coat, pulled shut the front door, and sauntered out to the waiting taxi. “94 Pilgrims Pike”, he directed the driver. It was Thursday, and on Thursdays Leo, a widower, always went to his daughter Ellen’s place. “How are you, love?” he greeted her as she led him into the kitchen for his usual boiled egg and toast. Hearing Leo’s familiar voice, five year old Mark ran from the TV and jumped into his granddad’s lap planting a welcome kiss on the old man’s leathered cheek. At the same time Ellen rushed from room to room giving instructions for the day and sharing with Leo the latest on her husband who had already left for work. Then she too was gone. “There we have it, son”, Leo smiled to young Mark: “the place is ours”. He poured the youngster a glass of milk and himself another mug of tea. The two of them sat there in the kitchen half-gazing at each other, the old man grateful for this moment, and the little boy happy in his wonder. They moved out onto the back verandah and took their assigned places, Leo in the rocking chair and little Mark on the gnarled verandah boards. Their words were few. Leo enjoyed his pipe and the boy played with his trucks. But an occasional question with an easy –going answer of rare worth passed between them, their voices interspersed only with the warbling of magpies and the clucking chooks. After some lunch and a short nap the old man and the boy returned to the verandah. Later, and within minutes of each other, Ellen and her husband arrived home from work. They were arguing as to who would take Leo back, but in the end it was Ellen who drove him home. When they had gone, Angus, Ellen’s husband, asked Mark, “What did you do today?” “I waited with grandpa on the verandah”, the little boy replied. “All day?” his father shot back. “Yep”, said the boy. “What were you waiting for?” his father retorted. “Everything”, answered Mark as he picked up grandpa’s green scarf left behind on a chair. “What do you mean *everything*?” Angus tried again. “Just *everything*: it’s really good waiting with grandpa”. At the moment Angus felt locked out of some truth, something real that he had once known but now forgotten. Looking at Mark running around the lounge room he remembered the wisdom that belonged to innocence. The gift of it! But how to find it again when innocence is lost, when betrayals have carved crevices across the heart, and when the world is so materialistic? Angus felt an acute longing within him, and waited for Ellen’s return. Over on Sophia Road Leo waited too. Lately gripped by aches and pains, he had waited so long, waited on a mystery that enfolded him more and more every day, a mystery that lovingly held him. In each of their hearts that night there was an unscripted, unspoken prayer: “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.”

NEW MINISTRY ROSTER

The new ministry roster is being prepared.
We are looking for volunteers to assist in any of the ministries
(Readers, Special Ministers, Overhead/Data Projectionist,
Hand out Bulletins at 10.30am Mass and Church Cleaners).

The main area we need assistance in is the overhead/data projectionist.
If you can volunteer, training will be provided.
Please call the Parish office on 9460 3013.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the ministries or be removed from any of the ministries
please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Sienna Iuele** child of Josie, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEER TYPISTS

We would like to thank Josie Iaria and Sue McVeigh for volunteering to assist in the typing of the overhead conversion to the data project format. We thank you both for great work.

FEASTS

Wednesday 9 November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thursday 10 November – St Leo the Great
Friday 11 November – St Martin of Tours
Saturday 12 November – St Josaphat

MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday 6 November 5.00pm – Battista De Melis (1yr)

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2012 Columban Calendar is NOW available at the Piety Stall for only \$8.00. 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.

ADVENT FAMILY PROJECT

Bring out that creativity and artistic talent in the whole family. You can make a lovely Manger using old Christmas cards. Contact Sr. Estelita for the patterns of the manger if your family is interested to do one. Tel: 9460 3013

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.

MARIAN MISSION OF OUR LADY OF TEARS

The Committee of Madonna Delle Lacrime of Siracusa in Melbourne
invites everyone to the Marian Mission in honor of Our Lady of Tears
which will be led by His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pappalardo from SIRACUSA SICILY.
From Sunday 13th November to Sunday 20th November 2011.
All are welcome to participate in this Marian Mission in honour of Our Lady of Tears.
Also guided by Rev. Fr. Antonino Siringo of SIRACUSA.

Sunday 13 November – Commencement of Mission

St Brendan's – 103 Wellington Street, Flemington

2.30pm Holy Rosary & Confession

3.00pm Holy Mass, Procession (Melita Band), Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, Refreshments.

Monday 14 November – Social Night

Meet His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pappalardo & Rev. Fr. Antonino Siringo

7.30pm St. Brendan's School Hall

Wellington St, Flemington (behind school)

Refreshments Provided. All Welcome.

Tuesday 15 November

St Joseph the Worker – 79 Wilson Blvd, Reservoir Nth

9.30am Holy Rosary & Confession

10.00am Holy Mass & Anointing of the sick

Wednesday 16 November

St. Mathew's – 75 William r Street, Fawkner North

7.00pm Holy Rosary & Confession

7.30pm Holy Mass

Thursday 17 November

St Martin's – 158 Military Road, Avondale Heights

7.00pm Holy Rosary & Confession

7.30pm Holy Mass

Saturday 19 November – Gala Evening

With His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pappalardo Oakville Receptions – Cnr High St & Oakover Rd, Preston.

5 course meal including drinks & coffee

For further information contact Tina Forte 9460 2682

Sunday 20 November – St Patrick's Cathedral

St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

2.30pm Holy Mass, Procession & Bellini Band.

'FOUNDATIONS IN ADVENT' – YOUTH ADVENT PREPARATION WITH BISHOP TIM COSTELLOE

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth (AOY) is running a 2-week course to help young people prepare for Christmas. Bishop Tim will present on "Mary and her 'Yes' to God" (Session 1) and "The birth of Jesus" (Session 2). Thursday 10 & 17 November, 7.45pm – 9.30pm, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. Registrations: aoy@cam.org.au or call 9412 3300 www.cam.org.au/youth