

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Lode il Signore, anima mia.

SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Beati i poveri in spirito, perche' di essi e' il regno dei cieli. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$856.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$247.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$409.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 08/11/09

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
 10.30am (SUN) – E Selso & J Vincitorio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
 L Conte, G Silvio & J Frangiosa

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 15/11/09

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenboush
 9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli
 10.30am (SUN) - N Sua & J Iaria

SPECIAL MINISTERS

R Nyour
 P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Piscioneri
 A Keighley, D Lucato & T Saleh

CHURCH CLEANERS

14/11/09 A DiRico, M Pascuzzi, E Selso & L Pennacchia

MONEY COUNTERS

09/11/09 J&J Kearney, E&K Bartlett, C McMahon
 16/11/09 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dura HARDI, Alda MAZZARELLA, Giuseppina TERNA

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Vincenzo ROMANO, Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Giulio COSTANTINO,
 Gaspare SONZA, Vincenzo, Domenico & Rosina CRUPI, Itria & Francesco BARRESI,
 Luciano & Vincenza RIO, Luigi & Antonina PANCARI, Josefina OLIVEIRA, Joaquim MOREIRA

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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

32nd Sunday, Year B

8 November, 2009

Doing what I can

A crow, flying aimlessly across the fields, saw below, on a patch of dusty road, a magpie. The bird was lying on its back with its feet in the air. The crow swooped down and inquired of the magpie why it was lying in that peculiar position. The magpie replied, “haven’t you heard of the recent prophesy, that the sky is about to fall?” “Then why are you lying on your back with your feet in the air?” “To stop the sky from falling.” “You’ll never do that”, laughed the crow. The magpie replied, “One does what one can.” So it was with the gospel today and the widow’s small coins that she placed in the treasury. So it was with the handful of meal and the small amount of oil that fed Elijah, the widow of Zarephath and her son, for many days. So it was with the seven loaves and few small fish that fed the four thousand; and again with the small boy’s five barley loaves and two fish that fed the four thousand; and again with the small boy’s five barley loaves and two fish that fed the five thousand. It’s the small contributions that matter so much. God makes use of these in quite remarkable ways.

I recall what an experienced, elderly priest said to me many years ago, when I was planning to build a church for my parish. The small contributions of many people will build the church. He insisted that if I concentrated on looking for big donations, I would fail. Through the years this has proved to be true. Certainly some considerable assistance comes along from time to time from generous people. But it remains that the bulk of help in spreading the gospel comes from those faithful who, though possessing little in material terms, give what they can.

Jesus said to us that he would choose the weak to confound the strong. As with the Widow in today’s Gospel story, those who have little, give from the heart. And that is most acceptable to God. Those who make a donation from their abundance so often do so in order to receive praise and worldly fame. Such are the philanthropists who see their donations as a monument to themselves – or even as a tax dodge. Those who do what they can and give from their heart with a true concern for their neighbour are always most acceptable to God. On these people the church is built. We all have something to give. It is a poor excuse to say we have nothing to offer, given our situation and its limitations. That is not being humble. Christ has chosen us to be his co-workers in bringing salvation to the world. We are called to contribute something, no matter how small it might appear. We are not on this earth simply to receive, and not it give. Don’t be concerned about what you can’t do. Be ready to give what you are able to contribute. As the magpie said, “One does what one can”.

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.

CUPPA



This weekend after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Wednesday 11 November 7.30pm – Vito Sinopoli (1 mth)

Friday 13 November 7.30pm – Marianna Galati (1 yr)

Saturday 14 November 4.00pm – Grace Stanton (d. Rec. in Sydney)

FEASTS

Monday 9 November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday 10 November – St Leo the Great

Wednesday 11 November – St Martin of Tours

Thursday 12 November – St Josaphat

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB – “REASONS FOR HOPE IN THE CHURCH”

TALK BY DR ANTHONY PADOVANO

Reasons for Hope in the Church forum talk by Dr Anthony Padovano.

Date: Monday 7 December

Time: 7.30pm for 8.00pm (finished before 10.00pm)

Location: Veneto Club Bulleen, Sala Venezia

There is no dinner provided so you come just for a coffee beforehand and the talk and discussion.

There is a bistro downstairs if you wish to have dinner there (see details in the flyer on notice board).

DON BOSCO YOUTH FOUNDATION FUN AND FOOD FIESTA

Saturday 21 November 2009 Ferraro Receptions, 14 Onslow Avenue Campbellfield. The Don Bosco Youth Foundation's major event for the year will feature great food, dancing, drawing of the Major Raffle, 'Lucky Dips', prizes galore and fun for all.

Tickets \$45 per person, (including food, drink & music). Details: Foundation Office, 9386 3948.

PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

The Parliament of the World's Religions, the world's largest interreligious event, 3-9 December, at Melbourne Convention Centre, held every five years, will bring together up to 8,000 people from around Australia and the world, including renowned spiritual, religious and political leaders.

Details: www.parliamentofreligions.org or 1300 852 156.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB

Southern Stars Social Club Party Night for single Catholics in 25 to 45 age group.

Saturday 21 November 2009 starting at 8.00pm.

Location: Benedict House, St Benedict's Parish 301 Warrigal Rd, Bundoora. (Melways Map 61 H 6)

Cost: \$10.00 including lucky door prizes and supper.

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 A/H.

- THE DESERT IS FERTILE – PREPARING FOR CHRIST IN OUR ORDINARY LIVES

Advent is a season of hope and joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord, our Saviour.

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelization invites you to attend a gathering at

St. Damian's Parish, 5 Settlement Rd Bundoora

On Thursday 26 November, at 7.30pm

to reflect on the meaning of the message of the Word this Advent.

The Guest Speaker will be **Fr. Brian Boyle MSC.**

This reflection evening will look closely at the key Advent texts from the prophet Isaiah, in particular the book of Isaiah, chapter 40, verses 1 – 11.

Anyone who wishes to attend at Bundoora, please give your name to Fr. Manny or Mrs Liz Pistoni in the Parish Office.

This same reflection night will be held on Tuesday 17 November at St Mary's Parish Centre, 150 Yarra St, Geelong, and on Tuesday 24 November at Our Lady of the Assumption, 9 Centre Rd Cheltenham.

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2009

The anniversary of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, erected by the Emperor Constantine in 333, has been observed on 9 November since the twelfth century. This is the oldest, and ranks first among the four great "patriarchal" basilicas of Rome, being the official cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. The Lateran Basilica is a symbol of the unity of the Church.

Its altar stands alone among the altars of the Catholic world in being built of wood and not of stone, and enclosing no relics of any kind. The reason for this peculiarity is that it is itself of a most interesting kind, being the actual wooden altar upon which St Peter is believed to have celebrated Mass during his residence in Rome.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAMILY FAIR

Sunday 29 November 2009, 10.00am – 4.00pm, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park.

Lots of international food stalls including sausage sizzle and snack foods.

Rides, reptiles, trash 'n treasure, pre-loved clothes, books etc, and games for all children.

Live entertainment and bargains galore! Great family day out.

Details: www.stfrancismillpark.org.au or iferraro@sfmillpark.catholic.edu.au

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS c.316 – 397

Born in Pavia Italy, to pagan parents, Martin became a catechumen in his early teens. At age 15 he joined the Roman army, where once on horseback he encountered a beggar. Having nothing to give but the clothes on his back, he cut his heavy officer's cloak in two, and gave half to the beggar. Later he had a vision of Christ wearing the cloak. A hermit and monk for ten years, he was declared Bishop of Tours by popular acclamation in 371 – and was the first non-martyr to be given the status of a saint.