

FIRST READING *Daniel 12:1-13*

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Proteggimi, o Dio: in te mi rifugio.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 10:11-14. 18*

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Vegliate in ogni momento pregando, perche' abbiate la forza di comparire davanti al Figlio dell'uomo. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Mark 13:24-32*

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$791.00
- Loose Money..... \$318.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$316.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 15/11/09

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch
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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 22/11/09

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Cavedon
10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Joe Pullicino
S Lobartolo, L Calafiore & T Mirigliano
P Nguyen, M Mizzi & J Tanti

CHURCH CLEANERS

21/11/09 R DeZan, A Natoli, S Brima & A Zappia

MONEY COUNTERS

16/11/09 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito
23/11/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Antonio PASCUZZI

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Paola PRECOMA, Michele & Antonietta PARISI, Onofrio SCHINELLO, Giacomo SALZONE, Rosa e Famiglia COSTANZO, Lucia SCIORILLI, Corrado PELLIGRA, Armando CICCONI, Giuseppe CAPONE, Giuseppe, Mario & Nicola ANNETTA, Lucia ALIFRACO, Antonio ARENA, Rosa SCHIPANO, Domenico ARENA, Anton ISKRA, Francesco ALAMPI, Giuseppe FATO, Saverio & Attilia COLOSIMO, Giuseppe FATO, Saverio Attilia COLOSIMO, Famiglia STANGERLIN, Famiglia ALBEATI, Alma PUSSICH, Damiano FULGIONE, Giuseppe LANZA, Carmen & Emanuel BORG

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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

33rd Sunday, Year B

15 November, 2009

Shock and Awe

Father Charlie passed on years ago. A dear old man. We still recall his stories; he repeated them often enough. I liked his 'leading-the-Japs-into-Lipa' story best of all. Father Charlie always laughed when he told it. At the outbreak of the Second World War, he served as a missionary in the Philippine Islands. Father Charlie was returning from work in a distant barrio to Lipa. He was serenely riding pillion on the back of a motorbike. He stole a casual glance behind. Shock and awe! A fearful sight! He saw a menacing convoy of tanks, trucks and troops. A division of the invading Japanese Imperial Army advanced apace towards him. He tapped his driver on the shoulder. He told him to open the throttle. They raced into town to warn the citizens. Father Charlie's luck ran out. The army overran the town. He was taken a prisoner of war. In today's Gospel, St. Mark tells a fearful story. It is a word picture of how the world and human history will end. He paints a frightful scene of distress and tribulation. Moon and stars cease to function normally. The end will be a time of disturbance and upheaval. A person beholding these signs would like Father Charlie, be inclined to 'open up the throttle' and try to get away as fast as they could. The only trouble is that escape is not an option. So, what to do? One response is to try to second guess when all this might happen. If you do this you will always be looking for negative social factors and take them as signs the world is about to end. And you will find plenty of such influences to pick from. Our world is not in good shape. If you keep doing this you will live a panicky and fear-driven life. You will waste a lot of life and energy. Saint Mark says that this is not the way to go. Trying to predict the end of the world is a futile exercise. Nobody, not even the angels, knows when the end will be. Only God is privy to his knowledge. The Gospel proposes another way of thinking about the end of the world – a more hopeful way. The end of the world can be interpreted as Christ's 'shock and awe' tactic. His purpose is to overcome the enemies of good by a display of overwhelming force. In his gospel, St Mark often portrays Christ as the 'Son of man' – a lowly, scarcely respected messenger of God. He lived a servant existence. Now, at the end of time the 'Son of man' is revealed for who he truly is. He is 'Son of God' invested with the fullness of God's power and glory. This display of 'shock and awe' is meant to be a sign of encouragement to those of us who follow the suffering servant Jesus and remain faithful to him and his teaching. As the sprouts of the fig tree herald summer, these disturbing signs of the ending of the world assure us that Christ is near. He comes to gather the scattered, the scarred, and the scared disciples, and to claim them as his own in the glory of heaven.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Dante Zavaglia child of Gregory and Nella, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 23 November at 7.30pm in the church.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary for Antonio Pascuzzi will be recited on Tuesday 17 November at 9.30am followed by Funeral Mass at 10.00am.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 16 November 7.00pm – Damiano Fulgione (anniversary)

Tuesday 17 November 7.00pm – Giuseppina Lanza (d. Rec. Italy)

Thursday 19 November 7.30pm – Carmen & Emanuel Borg (anniversary)

FEASTS

Tuesday 17 November – Elizabeth of Hungary

Saturday 21 November – Presentation of the Virgin Mary

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.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY

Bethlehem Community will be setting up a stall for their STAR fundraiser on the weekend 21/22 November after the 6.00pm and 10.30am Masses.

Bethlehem Community is a not-for-profit organization located in Reservoir which assists many homeless women in Melbourne. Bethlehem offers accommodation, support, dignity and a sense of community to its residents.

Each Christmas, the walls at Bethlehem Community are filled with Bethlehem star trees which show staff, volunteers and residents at Bethlehem community the care, love and support offered by the broader community.

With a small donation, Bethlehem Stars are dedicated in your name or that of a loved one and then placed on a star tree within our community. Staff, volunteers, and residents will be available to chat to you about the support that Bethlehem Community provides to our women and how your gift can assist us to continue our proud tradition of providing a home, especially at Christmas.

All donations will support our new studio apartments which will house 18 homeless women.

- 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.

LOURDES MASS

Saturday 5 December at 10.00am, St Patrick's Cathedral.

A special day of healing and hope for sick and infirm people, their carers and all parishioners.

To be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart.

The intention of the Lourdes Day Mass is to support to those disadvantaged by illness or poor social circumstances.

The celebration of the Liturgy will be followed by a blessing of the sick with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes.

Wheelchair access is by the side door, off Albert Street.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN 2009

MARCH TO MARKET

Join us as we march to the Preston Market and say **NO** to Violence Against Women.

Friday 20 November 2009 – Meet 10.30am at the Preston Police Station 55 Roseberry Avenue Preston

Enquires: 8470 8545 www.darebin.vic.gov.au/whiteribbon

LOUDEST SHOUT

Join us to shout “**NO**” to violence against women.

Wednesday 25 November 2009 5.30pm fro a 6.00pm shout.

Edwardes Lake Park Reservoir, Entry via Griffiths Street.

Free BBQ and Live Music Everyone Welcome! Enquiries: 8470 8545

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