

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

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17*
You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING *Corinthians 15:20-26.28*
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31-46*
He will take his seat on the throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK
1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$760.00
- Loose Money.....\$245.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$297.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 20/11/2011
6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
10.30am (SUN) – Sr Estelita & Sr T Fitzsimmons

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 27/11/2011
6.00pm (SAT) - E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & C Agostinelli
10.30am (SUN) – A DeCata & E Bartlett

CHURCH CLEANERS 26/11/2011 M Martuccio, L Calafiore, A Leggiero & P D’Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS 21/11/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito
28/11/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED
Joseph GRIMA, Rita GALEA & Fr John MURPHY

ANNIVERSARIES
Damiano FULGIONE, Pasquale CICCIA, Emmanuel Farrugia GAY, Polly Farrugia GAY, Stephen BORG, Stella MIFSUD, Giuseppe ANNETTA, Lucia ALIFRACO, Antonio ARENA, Rosa SCHIPANO, Domenica ARENA, Mario ANNETTA, Michele & Antonietta PARISI, Giuseppe FATO & FAMIGLIA, Saverio COLOSIMO, Attilia BIANCO, Francesco & Stella PARLATI

SALMO RESPONSORIALE
Il Signore e’ il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.

CANTO AL VANGELO
Alleluia, alleluia!
Benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore!
Benedetto il Regno che viene, del nostro padre Davide!. Alleluia!

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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

Christ the King, Year A

20 November 2011

Feast for the Insignificant

The Church’s proclamation of Jesus Christ as King combined with today’s Gospel conjures up popular images of a crowned, glorious, and majestic King. Sitting on a royal throne, He justly determines the eternal fate of every human being. These images arise from our fertile imaginations as seen in the rich history of our religious art. They inspire anxiety when we imagine ourselves before Him to be judged. We hope that He will mercifully rank us among the sheep!

However, a close scrutiny of today’s Gospel text would surely challenge us to re-examine these images of Christ’s Kingship. The parable of the Last judgement unveils for us in a surprising and even shocking manner the true identity of our real King and Judge. Look at the characters in the parable: the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the sick, the naked, and the prisoner. These are the poor, the insignificant, the unattractive, the vulnerable, the hidden, and those serving time. Jesus made it crystal clear that they are our real and final Judges because he identifies with them. Whatever is done, or not done, to them is considered done, or not done to Him. Our responses to them will qualify us as either “blessed of my Father” or “the cursed”.

In our contemporary cultural experience the market is the driving force. But today’s message is a direct challenge of tsunamic proportion to this market-driven culture. The market fetes and rewards the powerful, the rich and the gifted. In this culture, people are not really important. Economic expansion and numbers are what really count. Those who count are those who could help boost the economy.

Today’s feast declares clearly the **significance of the insignificant**. In particular the little and forgotten ones are the ones who are truly significant in the eyes of God. Our King asks us to consider the place we give to human beings in our lives, especially those who are on the margins, downtrodden, poor, and unwanted. He asks us to raise serious questions about the kind of values and priorities affecting the ways we organise and live our lives. As humans and subjects of Jesus, He wills that these insignificant and forgotten people will judge us by our responses to them.

Our responses could be so insignificant and seemingly mundane that don’t attract notice. We can act in the form of simple and small but tender acts of mercy-such as giving food, water, clothing, housing the stranger, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Christ tells us that in them He still suffers and that in them His Body is still broken. Do not be surprised therefore that our judges will be those we may have met before. We may have served or neglected to serve them. Yet these seemingly little acts of mercy and kindness determine who we are forever.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to Gabriel Gasbarro, Gabriella Labombarda & Carlos Rocha, this Sunday they will receive Jesus for the first time at the 10.30am Mass.

MAINTENANCE MEETING

The Maintenance Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 November at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Sophia Backen** child of Thomas and Angelica, who will be baptized this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Wednesday 23 November at 7.00pm – Sebastiano Guarnaccia (1 yr)
Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm – Giovanna Scala (1 yr)

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.

CALENDARI ITALIANI 2012 IN VENDITA

In vendita Calendari Italiani 2012, prezzo \$8.00. Può essere un regalo per Natale.

PASTORELLE SISTERS

The Pastorelle Sisters are happy to invite you to the Feast of their founder Blessed James Alberione on Saturday 26 November, Mass at 5.30pm. St Damian's Parish 5 Settlement Rd Bundoora.

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.

WHITE RIBBON DAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Friday 25th November 2011 Is

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

For that day people are encouraged to purchase a white ribbon from around shopping centres and wear it as a sign of great support towards the campaign to stop the violence against women.

For more information about the work to prevent violence against women contact Mr. Sam Miano who has the role of White Ribbon Ambassador in the Darebin City and the Northern Region.

ROSTER

The new roster for the various ministries is now available. Please collect your copy of the roster from the Mass co-ordinators after Mass.

FEASTS

Monday 21 November – Presentation of the Virgin Mary

Tuesday 22 November – St Cecilia

Thursday 24 November – St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions

ST BRIGID'S PARISH MINI FETE

St Brigid's Parish Mini Fete – Sunday 20 November, 11.00am – 3.00pm, 378 Nicholson St, North Fitzroy. Spinning Wheel, Plants, Crafts, Trash & Treasure, Cakes, Books, Music, Sausage Sizzle & more! Fun for the whole family!

LOURDES DAY MASS

Lourdes Day Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart – All Welcome!

St Patrick's Cathedral Saturday 3 December, 10.30am, presented by the Order of Malta. Gift bag, for all attendees including a bottle of Lourdes Water, Rosary Beads & more. Wheelchair access by the side door of Albert St – vehicles can approach this entrance. More Information: 9926 5760.

2011 ADVENT FESTIVAL

Newman College, Parkville, Sunday 4 December, 1.45pm. The first of its kind in Australia – a celebration of sacred music and the arts timed around the cycle of eight services celebrated each day in a medieval community, the festival's concerts feature many of Australia's finest musicians, ensembles and choirs.

Details: www.bit.ly/newman-adventfest or reception@newman.unimelb.edu.au or 9347 5577.

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