

FIRST READING *Daniel 7:13-14*

His sovereignty is eternal.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is king: he is robed in majesty.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il Signore regna, si riveste di splendore.

SECOND READING *Apocalypse 1:5-8*

The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore! Benedetto il Regno che viene, del nostro padre Davide! **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *John 18:33-37*

You say that I am a king.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$1040.00  
- Loose Money..... \$201.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$323.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 29/11/09

6.00pm (SAT) – Evelyn Krygger  
9.00am (SUN) – Rosa De Zan & S LoBartolo  
10.30am (SUN) - M Sernia & S Miano

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Silvia Dakin  
L Catena, L Cavedon & M Crupi  
T Nguyen, A Filippone & S Dakin

CHURCH CLEANERS

28/11/09 T Caruso, R Guerino, A Costanzo & P D'Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS

23/11/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan  
30/11/09 D Herbert, C McMahon, J Galea & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe NAPOLITANO, Lawrence PACE, Tony SULTANA

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Armando CICCONE, Oreste GERONAZZO  
Giovanni & Luigia VALMORBIDA, Francesco & Stella PARLATO, Bruno, Antonio, Rosa, Nicola,  
Domenica & Mario ARENA, Domenico, Maria, Carmela, Antonio & Caterina SCHIPANO, Bruno,  
Elisabetta, Giuseppe & Bettina SCHIPANO, Rosaria BONNICI, Francesco GARGARO,  
Pham NGUYENS FAMILY, Gina DI DONATO

# 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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

Christ the King Year B

22 November, 2009

## King of Peace and Freedom

Celebrating Jesus Christ as King does not comfortably sit with our many other images of him as, say, the suffering servant, the crucified redeemer of the world, and as the advocate of the poor and excluded. There is a reason for this. Our present image of kings is influenced by our democratic experience, especially when royalty is often reduced to as symbolic role with its attendant pomp and ceremony. The meaning of Christ's kingship is in stark contrast to all this. In today's gospel, we hear Jesus rejecting Pilate's understanding of kingship and kingdom: "My kingdom is not from here." And later, "You say that I am king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Clearly, Christ's kingship stands in contrast to how the Roman governor in the past or democratic peoples of today think of kings.

In his reply to Pilate, Jesus makes clear that his kingdom is not to be confused with the world's idea of kingdom. It does not pose a direct threat to Pilate's legitimate rule as a Roman official. Jesus' kingdom is free of pomp and ceremony, power and oppression. He does not rule by force. His kingship is focused on truth—the truth about God and the truth about ourselves. His role is witness to this saving and all-embracing truth. But who belongs to his kingdom? Belonging to this kingdom is not a birth right or a matter of correct descent. It implies no usurpation of power or conquering the territory or other peoples. The only criterion is that they belong to the truth. So to be subjects of this kingdom, we must recognise the truth, engage with the truth, and live the truth.

What is the truth? To recognise the truth involves one central action – listening to Jesus' voice, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." So it is in this sense that Jesus is king: he testifies the truth, and he is the source of truth. What is Jesus saying to us? How has he expressed the truth in his life and death? How is he present to us now, as the conqueror of sin and death? Once we seek to answer such questions we begin to engage with the truth.

By hearing this Gospel reading and reflecting on it, we come to a profound knowledge of the meaning of Christ's kingship and the truth that is at its heart. Christian life is not a matter of being spectators of pageantry or, for that matter, being ruled by fear or threatened by force. It means entering into a realm of peace and freedom, in the knowledge that the love of God is stronger than anything that threatens us. Nothing can separate us, in life or in death, in ourselves or in the world at large, from the love of Christ. When he is king, we need nothing more.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 November, in the Parish Meeting Room.

### MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 24 November 7.00pm – Rosaria Bonnici (anniversary)

Thursday 26 November 7.00pm – Francesco Gargaro (1 yr)

### ITALIAN LADIES

Adorazione Eucaristica con riflessione sull'Avvento presentato da Padre Manny, Martedì 24 Novembre ore 9.00am in Capella, Segue Santa Messa alle 10.00am. Vi attendiamo numerosi.

### FEAST

Tuesday 24 November – St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions

### 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).

### BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY

Bethlehem Community will be setting up a stall for their STAR fundraiser this 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.

### WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN 2009

#### **LOUDEST SHOUT**

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

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

Edwardes Lake Park Reservoir, Entry via Griffiths Street.

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

[www.darebin.vic.gov.au/whiteribbon](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/whiteribbon)

## **- 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 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.

## **ANDREW DUNG LAC AND COMPANIONS ( b1785 – d1835)**

St Andrew Dung Lac was born to a poor and pagan family in Bac-Ninh in North Vietnam. When he was 12 he and his family moved to find work and it was then that he met a catechist who for three years gave him food and shelter along with a Christian education and baptism. After learning Chinese and Latin he became a catechist himself throughout the countryside, studied theology and became a priest. As a parish priest he preached with vigor, fasted, and in general through pious behavior was a model of Christianity to his parishioners and those whom he was able to convert and baptise. Under the emperor Minh-Mang Catholics were persecuted and he himself was imprisoned but his congregation donated money to pay for his freedom. When he moved to another parish, he changed his name from Dun to Lac in order to conceal his identity and avoid persecution but he was arrested anyway along with a fellow Vietnamese priest whom he was confessing to. Once again his freedom, along with Peter Thi's (the other priest), was bought-but not for long because they were arrested again and taken to Hanoi where they were tortured and beheaded along with 115 other martyrs.