

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-6.10

God himself will come and save us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come and save us.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Vieni, Signore, a salvarci.

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lo Spirito del Signore e' sopra di me, mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$673.00
- Loose Money.....\$234.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$283.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 12/12/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – D Pullicino
9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & M Crupi
10.30am (SUN) – J Kearney & L Conte

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
A Sonza, L Calafiore & G Barbaro
C McMahon, S Miano & D Herbert

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 19/12/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – E Krygger
9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & T Forte
10.30am (SUN) - A De Cata & G Canavan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
L Catena, M Crupi & A DiRico
J & J Kearney & J Tanti

CHURCH CLEANERS

18/12/2010 S Dakin & P D'Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS

13/12/2010 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
20/12/2010 A Sinopoli, L Cavedon, F Nardoza & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe NICOLAZZO, Maria ROMANO, Gina CAMPOMIZZI,
Franceschina DONATO (d. Rec. Italy), Francesco PETRUCELLI (d. Rec. Italy),
Elisa Rocchina BONELLI (d. Rec. Italy),

ANNIVERSARIES

Slavica MANDIC, Maria TOMAC, Rosa BIANCO, Nicola BOVE, Maria – Franacea CURCI,
Eleanora & Nicola ANNETTA, Nazzarena & Vincenzo MORFUNI, Lucia & Giuseppe ANNETTA,
Renato MORFUNI, Itria BARRESI, Vincenzo CRUPI, Giuseppe TARANTO
Mariannina VECCHIO, Costantino BUTERA, Nicola CARUSO, Maria SALOMONE,
Mariuccia GIULIANO, Giovanni OLIVIERO, Carmela FORLANO, Michele, Caruso, Carmela, Danielo, Sabato,
Assunta, Figlio Luigi Piccolo Angelo STABILE

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

3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

12 December 2010

Expecting the unexpected

‘Who Do You Think You Are?’ is a popular series on T.V. It combines an infatuation with tracing family history with a curious fascination to know details of the lives of celebrities. The search of ten uncovers surprises and skeletons in the family cupboard. Usually the celebrity is forced to re-evaluate his or her impressions of their ancestry. Stories handed down over time are sometimes fanciful and false. They need to be corrected by the facts. John the Baptist is a good, upright man. Today’s Gospel finds him in Herod’s prison awaiting execution. He is told that his cousin, Jesus, is exercising a powerful ministry of healing. He wonders: might his cousin be the Messiah? It is a confusing thought. All his life, he has been preparing to welcome the Messiah. There were many stories and traditions about who this Messiah might be. He had come to believe that the Messiah would be a stern judge who would exercise fiery vengeance on wrongdoers.

The stories he heard about Jesus confounded these expectations. Jesus healed; blessed; taught his disciples not to judge but to be peacemakers, to love their enemies. John led an austere, penitential life in the desert. He dressed roughly like the prophet Elijah. He is shocked to hear that Jesus does not require his disciples to fast. John is confused. So, he gets his disciples to, on his behalf, ask Jesus if he is the Messiah.

Jesus answers John’s inquiry by quoting from the prophet Isaiah “the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor...” This is how Jesus is Messiah. This is how he interprets his role as saviour.

In light of this answer, John the Baptist must readjust his perceptions. The Messiah is different from how he understands that role. His concept of Messiah is inadequate. The Christ comes to bring liberation, not judgement; redemption not damnation. Inadequate concepts won’t do

Advent is a time when we reflect more deeply on our Saviour’s first coming and renew our desire for his second coming. It is important that we recognise the Christ as he reveals himself as our Saviour. In the spirit of today’s Gospel, we are asked, like John the Baptist, to examine our understanding of who the Messiah – the Christ – really is. Sometimes we go through life with inadequate and distorted ideas about who Christ is and what redemption might mean. They need to be corrected and our ideas adjusted. Advent is a time to purify our understandings. It is a time to allow Christ to reveal himself as he truly is. We do this by paying close attention to the Gospel and the teachings of the Church that are developed from a contemplative and rigorous reflection on the Gospel.

SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS

St Joseph the Worker Primary School will celebrate their end of year Mass on Monday 13 December at 9.10am. We wish all children, staff and families a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas. All welcome!

WELCOME BACK SR. DOREEN

We welcome Sr. Doreen back from her sabbatical time. Sr. Doreen will continue to work as our Pastoral Associate till the end of this year. Next year we will have a new Pastoral Associate, another Pastorelle Sister: Sr. Estelita Manabo. Sr Estelita has been for eight years Pastoral Associate in the parish of Newtown, Archdiocese of Adelaide S.A. Sr. Estelita was also Pastoral Associate for ten years at St. Stephen's East Reservoir. While we look forward to welcoming among us Sr. Estelita, we will miss Sr. Doreen whom we thank for her dedicated work in the parish: visiting the sick, organizing the liturgy, celebrating communion service, looking after baptism meetings, leading the mother's prayer every week, organizing the sacramental program for Catholics of the state schools, teaching the children for the sacraments and involving their parents in teaching.

Next year in on Sunday 13th February at the 10.30am mass we will take time to farewell Sr. Doreen and thank her for her great work in the Parish during these last eight years. Many thanks to the Congregation leader of the Pastorelle Sisters, for giving us Sr. Doreen and for once again, helping us by sending Sr. Estelita.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 13 December 7.30pm – Sebastiano Guarnaccia (d. rec.)

Tuesday 14 December 7.30pm – Maria Zeolla

Wednesday 15 December 7.30pm – Ilario Petrolo (1mth)

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for Gina Campomizzi will be celebrated on Tuesday 14 December at 1.00pm.

The Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Nicolazzo will be celebrated on Wednesday 15 December at 10.00am.

The Rosary for Maria Romano will be recited on Friday 17 December 10.30am followed by funeral Mass at 10.45am.

CUPPA



Next weekend after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish as it will be the last one for the year.

FEASTS

Monday 13 December – St Lucy

Tuesday 14 December – St John of the Cross

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 14 Dicembre, chiusura delle attività per l'Anno 2010. Ore 10.00am Santa Messa di ringraziamento. Dopo la Santa Messa Babbo Natale e la Befana ci porteranno gli auguri per le feste Natalizie. Venite numerosi con i nipotini a salutare i due personaggi.

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 18 December beginning at 8.00am, to clean the church and the surrounding gardens outside. Volunteers needed! Anyone is welcome to come and give a hand. Lunch will be provided.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY TIME TABLE

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 2010

Working Bee 8.00am – 3.00pm, Lunch will be provided. Please come along and help us do some cleaning in and around the Church to prepare for Christmas.

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2010

7.30pm General Reconciliation Ceremony

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER - 2010 CHRISTMAS EVE

7.00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass

11.30pm Carols singing followed by the Midnight Mass

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER 2010 CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Mass in Italian

10.30am Mass in English

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER (BOXING DAY) FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mass times as normal Sunday: 9.00am (Italian), 10.30am (English).

SATURDAY 1ST JANUARY 2010 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass times: 10.00am in Italian, 11.00am in English

SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Mass times as normal Sunday: 9.00am (Italian) 10.30am (English)

Please note that Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Saturday

Please remember that there **will not** be a Saturday 6.00pm Mass
on Saturday 25th December 2010
and Saturday 1st January 2011

Special times for Individual Confessions during the week before Christmas

(Orario speciale per le Confessioni individuali durante la settimana prima del Natale)

Tuesday (Martedì)	21.12.2010, 9.30am
Wednesday (Mercoledì)	22.12.2010, 9.30am
Thursday (Giovedì)	23.12.2010, 9.30am
Friday (Venerdì)	24.12.2010, 9.30am & 6.30pm

ADVENT GIVING TREE



As we journey through our Advent season, we remind parishioners to take home a star from our Giving Tree and to bring to the church the usual donations of food which will be given to the local St Vincent de Paul Society to distribute to the needy families in our area. Thank you.