

FIRST READING *Zephaniah 3:14-18*

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Canta ed esulta, perche' grande in mezzo a te e' il Santo d'Israele.

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:4-7*

The Lord is near.

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 *Luke 3:10-18*

What, then, must we do?

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1021.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$275.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$350.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 13/12/09

6.00pm (SAT) – (Selected)  
 9.00am (SUN) – (Selected)  
 10.30am (SUN) – (Selected)

SPECIAL MINISTERS

(Selected)  
 (Selected)  
 (Selected)

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 20/12/09

6.00pm (SAT) – R Sawi  
 9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & C Agostinelli  
 10.30am (SUN) - L Conte & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba  
 P Sparano, S LoBartolo & A Keighley  
 J & J Kearney & J Vincitorio

CHURCH CLEANERS

19/12/09 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & A Leggiero

MONEY COUNTERS

14/12/09 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon  
 21/12/09 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giovanni FERRARO, Luigi LONGO, Nicola BOVE, Sr Mary Anne Halpin PBVM  
Dino IACOBUCCI

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Sergio DUSSIN, Maria & Giovanni MONDELLO, Joa' o PEREIRA, Anna-Maria SCARPINO, Giuseppe, Giovanna, Giuseppa, Salvatore & Domenico FERRARO, Franco, Maria-Michelina & Nicola SOCCIO, Angela DI CARLA, Antonio SOCCIO, Lucia PARADISO, Giuseppe, Antonio & Maria GAGLIARDI, Vincenzo GABRIELE, Gaetano CARMUSCIANO, Salvatore, Francesca & Carmela CAPPELLO, Isabella LATRONICO, Giuseppina CALAFIORE, Santina GERMANO, Giuseppe & Anna-Maria BELLIZIA, Donato PETRUCCELLI, Maria PETRUCCELLI,

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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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C

13 December, 2009

## Joy and hope amidst strife

On May 27, 1992, in Sarajevo, a group of people were standing in a breadline, hoping for their share of a dwindling food supply. A mortar shell fell from the sky. Twenty-two innocent people were killed. The next day, the principal cellist of the Sarajevo Orchestra, Vedran Smailovic, took his cello to the crater left by the deadly blast. Amidst the sniper fire, outside what was left of the bakery, he played for twenty-two consecutive days. One for each of those killed.

He played the most beautiful music he knew – Albinoni's Adagio in G Minor – a piece of music constructed from a manuscript fragment found in the ruins of the fire-bombed city of Dresden after World War II.

Smailovic did what he loved and knew best. He played his cello. Smailovic played for life for peace, and for the hope and joy that exists even in the darkest hour. His music was stronger than hate. His courage was stronger than fear. Smailovic refused to be locked into an environment of despair.

In time other musicians came to join him in the street and play their music. They were beacons of hope and a testament to God' never-ending presence in the midst of life's most difficult and dark moments.

Today's readings speak of three people who, also in the midst of uncertainty, proclaim joy, hope and God's presence. The prophet Zephaniah calls loudly to the people of Israel to celebrate and give thanks to the God who shouts with joy, dances with delight and renews them in love, despite everything that has happened. St Paul locked away in his prison cell awaiting death, writes an encouraging letter to the Philippians to remind them that there is no need to worry or be afraid, because God is very near.

John the Baptist announces the Good News to the people of his country living under the tyranny of an occupying force. He calls them to hope founded in the belief that God is with them in their uncertainty.

Zephaniah, Paul and John the Baptist all profess a deep faith and belief in God who enters deeply into the experiences of people, particularly in times of suffering and desolation. It was this deep faith and belief in a God who is "with us" and the joy and hope it brought, that sustained John the Baptist and Paul, in the opposition they encountered, the imprisonment they endured and ultimately the horror of their executions. All of us need God's grace and strength to carry us through the difficult times. Advent, with its air of expectancy and promise, reassures us that we are not alone in life. We await the God who comes among us, enter our lives as the ever-fresh source of joy and hope.

## CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

### THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009

7.00pm General Reconciliation Ceremony

### SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009

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.

### THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009 - CHRISTMAS EVE

7.00pm Christmas Carols' singing

7.30pm Christmas Eve Family Mass

(Children invited to dress up as one of the Christmas Characters)

11.30pm Carols singing followed by the Midnight Mass

### FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Mass in Italian

10.30am Mass in English (Children invited to dress as Christmas Characters)

### SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009 – BOXING DAY

There will NOT be any Mass in the morning.

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm Mass (Vigil Holy Family)

### SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mass times as normal weekend: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.00am (Italian), 10.30am (English)

### FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2010 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

Special times for individual Confessions during the week before Christmas

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

Friday (Venerdì)	08/12/09	9.30am
Saturday (Sabato)	19/12/09	10.30am & 5.30pm
Tuesday (Martedì)	22/12/09	9.30am
Wednesday (Mercoledì)	23/12/09	9.30am
Thursday (Giovedì)	24/12/09	9.30am & 6.30pm

### FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary for **Nicola Bove** will be recited on Monday 14 December at 10.30am. Followed by Funeral Mass at 11.45am.



## ADVENT 2009

### PREPARING FOR CHRIST IN OUR ORDINARY LIVES

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent "Sharing and helping those in need"

In this Sunday's Gospel John answer the people's question: What must we do? John's answer was not centred on pious gestures or private devotions. According to the Baptist, to be saved, people need to respond to the ways of God by being what they should to their neighbour. John the Baptist invites us to be people who share with one another and who are generous with those in need. "If anyone has two tunics he must share with the one who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same".

#### **THE GIVING TREE**

The Christmas Giving Tree has been organized by the Liturgy Team and everyone is invited to pick up one of the available paper stars with a written item gift to buy for those in need. Please bring the gift at the Giving Tree by Sunday 20 December 2009.

If you know anyone who might need assistance with food at Christmas please contact Fr Manny, Sr Doreen or Mr Sam Miano.

#### CUPPA

There will be a cuppa after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. It will be the last one for the year. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

#### FEASTS

Monday 14 December – St John of the Cross

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Monday 14 December at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

#### MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 14 December 7.00pm – Giuseppe Napolitano (1 mth)

#### ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 15 ore 9.00am riflessione e preghiera seguita dalla S. Messa di ringraziamento con l'arrivo di Babbo Natale e la Befana. Celebrazione di chiusura delle attività per l'Anno 2009. Vi aspettiamo numerosi per ringraziare il Signore per tante benedizioni e grazie.

#### LOOKING FOR A FRIENDLY ACCOMODATION IN OUR PARISH

My name is Joe, I am an honest, reliable and diligent Nigerian student, and also a lay reader of this parish. I am anxiously looking for a cheap accommodation. Anybody with such accommodation/useful information to that effect should contact the parish priest Fr Emmanuel Bonello on 9460 3013 or Joe on 0451 416 397 – 04217 691 161.