

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

FIRST READING *Isaiah 9:1-7*

A Son is given to us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Christ the Saviour is Born.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Oggi e' nato per noi il Salvatore.

SECOND READING *Titus 2:11-14*

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-14*

Today a Saviour has been born for you.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$959.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$308.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$322.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 25/12/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – FAMILY MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
10.30am (SUN) – CHRISTMAS DAY (Selected)

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 01/12/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - B Nadenbousch & G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & M Crupi
10.30am (SUN) – J & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

07/01/2012 M Martuccio, L Calafiore, A Leggiro & P D'Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS

26/12/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
02/01/2012 R & E Cornelioius & D Herbert

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anna PUCCIO, Charlie XERRI (d. Malta), Katrina MITCHEL, Joseph ZERAF(A)(d. Malta)

ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Joe GRECH, Saverio (Sam) TOLANI, Giuseppe & Maria VIRGONA, Felice TARANTO, Emmanuel Farrugia GAY, Polly Farrugia GAY, Stephen BORG, Lugi, Arcangela & Maria NARDELLA, Antonio, Angela, Paolo & Maria CURSIO, Filomeno RENDA, Giuseppe & Angelina TODARO, Giuseppe FATO, Giuseppe & Santina GERMONO, Giuseppe & Raffaolina CALAFIORE, Vincenzo & Caterina ROMANO, Giovanni TABACCO, Rosa AGUGIARO, Nicola GIANPIETRO, Famiglia FERRARO, Famiglia PUGLIESE, Michele CHIODO, Giulio, Bettina & Vittorio CALIGIURI, Famiglia VALMORBIDA, Famiglia CAVEDON

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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

Christmas Year B

25 December 2011

The Wait is Over

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to be part of a Redemptorist Mission Team working in a large parish in Malaysia.

Each weekend, thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds gather for mass. Hundreds serve in the many ministries active in the parish. There is a strong commitment to social outreach assisting people in need. Nine hundred children participate in the catechism classes and sacramental programme. People meet regularly in small zone areas of the parish for prayer, formation and fellowship.

The parish is truly a place of life. However, it hasn't always been so. The people endured years of waiting, watching and longing for their church and parish to come to fruition.

It took more than twenty five years from the time the initial application for land was made, for the church to reach completion. Many obstacles were encountered along the way. Construction began and then approval was withdrawn. Work re-commenced only to be halted again. A new site was found; plans were submitted and approved only to be rejected yet again. Finally another site was identified. Construction started and eventually the new church and parish was born.

“With undaunted faith, unflagging spirit and consistent prayers and appeals, the church at last is a visible reality,” wrote the Archbishop in his message to the people on the day of the church’s consecration.

For the past weeks of Advent we too with faith, spirit and prayer have been anticipating, longing and yearning for the One who is to come.

Today, we complete our long vigil of waiting for the Lord. A new era has dawned. We celebrate the reality that God comes to us and lives with us in a faithful covenant.

God in Jesus has become one flesh with all of humanity. A new relationship of life and love has come to birth. God is with us. The wait is worth it!



MONDAY 26 DECEMBER – BOXING DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

There will be NO COMMUNION SERVICE on this day, the church will remain closed.

SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER 2011

Mass at 6.00pm

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY 2012 NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

PLEASE NOTE

Please note this is the last Parish Bulletin for the year.
The next Bulletin will be available on 5 February 2012.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are Christmas offering envelopes in the seats. Please be generous to the parish during this Christmas season.

FEASTS

Monday 26 December – St Stephen

Tuesday 27 December – St John

Wednesday 28 December – The Holy Innocents

Friday 30 December – The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 27 December 7.00pm – Rinaldo Costanzo (1mth)

CATECHISTS' REUNION WITH SR. RITA FITT (Sr Anthony Mary)

Sr Rita invites any Catechists who taught Religious Education and Sacraments in government schools or the parish (especially during the 1970's – 1980's) to come to a reunion on SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2012 at St Joseph the Worker Church Hall, 79 Wilson Blvd, North Reservoir at 2.00pm for afternoon tea.

Sr Rita is looking forward to connecting with her wonderful friends who were so committed to the children and families. Please take this as your invitation to come along. Others may wish to join us – the youth or disco committee, Italian Class etc.

Please contact Emilia (Giusti) Sacchetta on 9435 7475 or 0418 120 902 for further details.

9TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY AND MIRACULOUS INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE SUNDAY 15 JANUARY, 1.50PM

The Disciples of the infant Jesus of Prague & The Good Shepherd Parish Novena Group welcome all to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 88 South Circular Road, Gladstone Park for 1.50pm – Rosary, Novena Prayers & Chaplet. 2.45pm – Holy Mass followed by a procession carrying the Statue of Infant Jesus, Exposition & Benediction. Followed by a BBQ. Details: Gary/Darlene 9335 4742.

CHRISTMAS



This year 2011 we celebrate Christmas Day on a Sunday. During the last four Sundays of Advent we have reflected on our spiritual journey by taking a moment to discover advent. We had advent calendar prayers, the advent wreath and the liturgical reflection of waiting, preparing, witnessing and accepting. Like Mary who accepted to cooperate with God in bringing Salvation into the world we welcome and accept God's coming to us with the feast of Christmas. As a parish community we continue to cooperate with God in bringing the news of great joy to every person through our prayers, kindness and responsible Christian living.

As we celebrate Christmas let us be grateful for all our parishioners and friends who through their faith are doing their best to see goodness in our community.

Thanks to the Presbytery and Parish Office people (secretary and Pastoral Associate) for their great work of coordination in the Parish. Thanks to the School Principal and Teachers, the School Board, the School Fund raising. Thanks to all the groups of people for their good work in the parish: the Parish Leadership team,

Liturgy team, Finance Committee, Maintenance Committee, the Working Bee Helpers, the Italian Ladies and Men's committees, the Italian Prayer Group, the ministers of communion at mass, and to the sick, the readers, those who welcome people, the music people and the singers at mass, those at the overhead projector, the money collectors, the counters, the altar servers, and those who prepare for mass. Thanks to those who use the Hall regularly: the Italian Pensioners' Club, the Acquaro Club, and the Maltese Stella Maris Club.

Thanks also to anyone else who has been involved in the parish ministry and activities during the year. Thank you all for your dedication and your great help in our Parish living our motto: "Let us work together"

To everyone, Parishioners and Friends

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

Buon Natale e Buon Anno Nuovo

Il-Milied it-Tajjeb u s-Sena t-Tajba

Maligayang Pasko at Mapayapang Bagong Taon

Manny Bonello