

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

**FIRST READING** Job7:1-4.6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Risanaci, Signore, Dio della vita.

**SECOND READING** Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the gospel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cristo ha preso le nostre infermita' e si e' caricato delle nostre malattie. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$626.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$223.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$373.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 05/02/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri  
10.30am (SUN) – Sr T Fitzsimmons & Sr Estelita

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro  
J Kearney, P Nguyen & S Dakin

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 12/02/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) - D Pullicino & E Krygger  
9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli  
10.30am (SUN) – E Bartlett & R Sawi

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Saliba & N Ziino  
P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Piscioneri  
J Kearney, S Rottura & S Miano

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

11/02/2012 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

**MONEY COUNTERS**

06/02/2012 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert  
13/02/2012 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Fr Tom McCARTHY, Fr Ned PURCELL CCSP, Joseph CALLEJA, Grace LETRAN (Sister of Maria Carabott).

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Vincenza GENTILE, Filippo PASCUZZI, Carol CARDAMONE, Assunta & Angelo CIANCIOSI, Pierino RACCIATTI, Umberto & Domenico DI SANTO, Mario & Angelo DI VINCENZO, Fioralba VARRASSO, Concetta TALARICO, Angelo D'ORAZIO, Giuseppina SPAGNOLI, Angelo & Rosa RICCIONE, Osvaldo PORCARO, Nicola CIANCIOSI, Umberto & Concetta PRETA, Agostino TRAVAGLINI, Emmanuel & Polly FARRUGIA GAY, Stephen BORG, John FARRUGIA GAY Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Vito ROCCA, Angelina GENTILE Ercole, Alberico, Maria, Elisa & Evelina DI RICO, Giuseppe DEL ZOTTI, Vincenzo, Mariannina & Maria VECCHIO.

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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**

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

**Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm**

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year B

5 February 2012

## Call to Compassion

Most of us could improve our lives if we regularly took time to read the Scriptures. So often we haven't the time, or don't make the time, to immerse ourselves in the Word of God and to allow God to speak to us through the Scriptures. A good place to start is the four Gospels in the New Testament and their accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. For, as St Paul summarises it, Jesus is "the image of the invisible God" (Col 1:15). It is Jesus who teaches us most about God. The Gospel of Mark is the earliest of the Gospels and it is this Gospel from which our readings for this year are taken.

It was written around the mid 60s of the first century, about thirty years after Jesus' death, and it is probably the Gospel that is closest in factual detail in regard to his teaching and activities.

One cannot but be struck by the compassion of Jesus. Mark's Gospel is replete with stories of Jesus' miracles of healing. No one is turned away; no one falls outside of his care and concern. We see through Mark's eyes what the psalmist means in today's psalm (Ps 146), when it speaks of God's loving kindness especially for the broken-hearted. The crowds were clearly amazed and astonished by Jesus' healing powers. Naturally, everyone in need of healing wanted to come to him and be healed. Many people were brought to him who were sick or debilitated in one way or another. Mark tells us that, on this occasion, the whole town came and gathered round the door. But Jesus makes no great claims for himself. All of this is not for his sake, but for the Reign of God. Indeed, his message is that this is the Kingdom of God among them. It is the Kingdom of God's abundant love for each and everyone, for them then, and for us now. Mark tells us that at that end of this particular day Jesus slipped away. He was not looking for time-out or for rest, but for time to pray. Indeed, in Mark's Gospel Jesus' preaching teaching, healing, and prayer are seamlessly integrated into his life and his mission to proclaim the Reign of God. St Francis of Assisi urged his followers, "Preach always," adding, "and, if necessary, use words." We who are disciples of Jesus are called to walk in his way, to follow his example, to take the good news of the abundant love of God to every part of the world. We too must preach always, in our actions first and foremost; in love for our neighbours, compassion for the broken-hearted, and concern for the common good. And, like Jesus, let all that we do be grounded in prayer.

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## PARISH DATA PROJECTOR

The data projector installation process has now been completed and is ready for use. If you are rostered to assist with the overhead projector or you simply would like to assist with the new data projector you are invited to attend a training session which will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm in the Church. This training session is open to any interested parishioners.

### **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **Milana Nicolazzo** child of Mario and Connie, 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**

Monday 6 February 7.30pm – Nicolina Giovinazzo (1mth)

Wednesday 8 February 7.00pm – Maria Curcio (1 mth)

### **PARISH LITURGY TEAM**

The Parish Liturgy Team Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Martedì 7 Febbraio ore 9.00am riunione del comitato femminile in cappella, segue la Santa Messa ore 10.00am. Benvenuto a tutti i membri.

### **SCHOOL OPENING MASS**

Friday 10 February at 9.10am.

We welcome to St Joseph the Worker our new teachers and preps for 2012. And welcome back to all students, teachers and staff. We pray that 2012 will be a successful and productive year for all, filled with God's blessing. All are welcome to this mass.

### **GRUPPO DI PREGHIERE**

Il gruppo di preghiere inizierà i suoi incontri venerdì 10 Febbraio dalle 10.00am alle 12.00pm. Siete tutti benvenuti, vi aspettiamo.

### **FEASTS**

#### **Monday 6 February – St Paul Miki (1562-1597) and Companions, Martyrs**

Paul Miki, the son of a Japanese military leader, joined the Jesuit Order in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. Crucified in 1597 with 25 other Catholics, Paul's words from the cross were: "The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

#### **Friday 10 February – St Scholastica (480-543)**

Twin sister of St Benedict, Scholastica consecrated her life to God. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns.

## The Year of Grace

The Australian Bishops announce the Year of Grace which will take place from Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013. This is a gift to the church to celebrate and renew our faith and life as Catholics.

"Like the disciples at the first Pentecost, we commit ourselves to start afresh from Christ. We have asked how we can better serve the needs of God's faithful people, in bringing the peace and good news of Jesus Christ to our nation..."

"We recognise, firstly, God's abundant blessings to us, such as large public celebrations of World Youth day in Sydney and the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

We also acknowledge with sadness that we are a Church in need of healing. There are many wounds - most especially the wounds of abuse which have left not only those abused but the whole Church in need of healing. There is also the struggle to defend the dignity of the first Australians and those who come as migrants and refugees to our shores. We need to extend the hand of friendship to those of other nations and faiths and to be good stewards of the created world. Most deeply, we desire for the light of Christ to burn more brightly in the heart of each Australian."

*Excerpts from the Pastoral Letter to officially promulgate the Year of Grace (YoG) c/o: [www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au](http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au).  
Written by Archbishop Philip Wilson. Archbishop of Adelaide and President of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference.*

## The Year of Grace

In his apostolic Letter Porta Fidei, meaning The Door of Faith, Pope Benedict the sixteenth announced a Year of Faith which will begin 11 October 2012, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and will conclude on 24 November 2013, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

In this letter The Pope said: "The door of faith is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church... To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with Baptism, through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory."