

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

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 49:14-15*

Even these may forget, says the Lord God, yet I will not forget you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Rest in God alone, my soul.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Solo in Dio riposa l'anima mia.

**SECOND READING** *1 Corinthians 4:1-5*

The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

La parola di Dio e' viva ed efficace, discerne i sentimenti e i pensieri del cuore. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 6:24-34*

Do not worry about tomorrow.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | - Thanksgiving Offering..... | \$975.00 |
|                            | - Loose Money.....           | \$284.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection | - Presbytery.....            | \$315.00 |

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 27/2/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan  
 9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & C Agostinelli  
 10.30am (SUN) – J Akinido & E Thompson

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Krygger  
 P Sparano, S LoBartolo & A Keighley  
 L Greco, U Strangis & M Sernia

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 06/03/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & C Monforte  
 10.30am (SUN) - S Brima & S Miano

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & P Leggiero  
 J Iaria, M Mizzi & Sr Estelita

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

05/03/2011 R DeZan, A Natoli, S Brima & A M Zappia

**MONEY COUNTERS**

28/02/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan  
 07/03/2011 R & E Cornelious & M Williams

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Vincenzo ARENA, Fr Emanuel (Manny) SPITERI, Fr William (Bill) SHANAHAN  
Gemma SAID, Lydia D'ALESSANDRO

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Teresina PANTALEO, Paola PRECOMA, Giovanni & Angelina QUADARA,  
Salvatore & Sofia RACHIELE, Antonio & Filomena PISANI, Antonio RISOLI,  
Gerardo ALBERTI, Antonio ALBERTI, Rosina BRUNO, Giuseppe TARANTO

# 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 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

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27 February 2011

## God or Goods

Today's Gospel presents us with a stark choice: to serve the one true God, our heavenly Father-or the false God of worldly possessions. Jesus leaves no room for doubt: 'You cannot serve both God and mammon.' (Mt 6:24). Mammon is an Aramaic word meaning "property" or "material goods". This is not a comfortable message. We don't like to hear it. We don't like having to make such a choice – especially as it sometimes seems 'over-the-top' and clearly impracticable. We have to meet our mortgages; to educate our children; to save for our retirement. Surely Jesus knows that we all have to make some sort of accommodation with mammon? We can't live on fresh air. We do have to live in the real world. Before we consign this passage of scripture to the 'too hard basket', we might need to reflect on it more deeply.

Jesus is not condemning human effort, resourcefulness or prudent management of financial resources. He knows that we must work and plan for the future. He knows that we must use our wealth and or material possessions to live. Nonetheless, he does demand that we get our priorities right. We must resist absolutely any attempt to place the pursuit of temporal goods on a par with God. To do so would be to commit the sin of idolatry. The Gospel asks us to examine our consciences and to purify our hearts. Where one's heart is, there one's treasure is. We are in constant danger of becoming immersed in worldly affairs; and, to that extent, prone to neglect the things of God. To counter this tendency, we need to attune our intellects and wills to God in the pursuit of higher and lasting values.

The pursuit of material things is always accompanied by bouts of anxiety. Will I have enough money to live well? Will I be able to always meet my commitments? How do I ensure my security? And so on and on. These matters can absorb our attention and enslave us. 'By contrast, Jesus tells us that there is no reason to be anxious. We are cared for by God himself. Consider for a moment the wonderful world of nature. Birds feed; lilies blossom; grass grows. Nature is sustained and renewed without effort by the providence of God. God's profligate care also extends to God's sons and daughters; to you and me. There is no cause for worry. Too much anxiety about material possessions indicates a lack of faith in God's providence. No matter how determined, our efforts at independence and self-sufficiency ultimately fail. Human life, like all life, is not totally self-sufficient. From beginning to end, it depends on God. We find our meaning and our destiny only in God. So, a smart move is to 'seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be yours as well.' (Mt 6:33)

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING**

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 7 March at 7.30pm in the Church.

### **INVITATION FOR RELIGION CLASSES – 2011**

Catholic children from year 3-6 who are wishing to do the Sacrament of:

**First Confession,  
First Holy Communion,  
Confirmation**

Need to enrol for religion classes at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 79 Wilson Blvd. Parents can obtain and submit the enrolment form at the parish office (between 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday - Friday)

Or contact Sr. Estelita on: 9460 3013 Mondays 9.00am – 12.00pm  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Other days: 9465 1077

For children not Baptised at St Joseph the Worker you need to submit a Xerox copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

### **PARISH LITURGY TEAM**

The Parish Liturgy Team will meet on Wednesday 2 March at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### **MEMORIAL MASS**

Wednesday 2 March 7.00pm – Lydia D'Alessandro (d.rec. Italy)

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Martedì 1 Marzo raduno in cappella ore 9.00am dei comitati uomini e donne per preparare la Via Crucis in Italiano. Segue Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

### **MALTESE MASS**

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 5 March at 6.00pm.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**



Wednesday 9 March

9.10am & 7.00pm

We will have blessing and distribution of Ashes at each Mass.

### **FOUNDATIONS IN FAITH**

2 – 30 March

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth is hosting a free lecture series for young adults interested in learning more about their faith. Explore the foundations of Catholicism from what we believe, to why we believe, and how we are called to live out our mission in the world.

Mercy Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy (enter via young st). Registrations and details: [ay@cam.org.au](mailto:ay@cam.org.au) or call us on 9412 3300 before 28 February.

**March 2 Session 1: WHO IS JESUS? 7.30pm – 9.00pm Bishop Timothy Costelloe SDB**

The Catholic faith is centered on Jesus Christ. Everything we believe has been revealed in him or through him. But how much do we really know about Jesus? This first session will cover the basic things that the Catholic church teaches us about Jesus including some of the titles used to describe Jesus (and what they can teach us about him), his message and mission, and explore how Jesus is both fully God and fully human.



### **FESTA IN ONORE DI SAN GIUSEPPE**

Domenica 20 Marzo 2011 nella Chiesa di San Paolo 562 Sydney Road Coburg.

#### **PROGRAMMA:**

**2.00pm:** Inizio con il Santo Rosario  
**2.30pm:** Celebrazione della Santa Messa  
**3.30pm:** Processione intorno alla Chiesa  
Celebrante Principale Rev. S. O'Connell PP

Organista: Rocco Surace

Le confraternite e le associazioni sono invitate a partecipare a questa festa con le loro stendardi.

Le funzione religiose si chiuderanno con la Benedizione Eucaristica.

Le Benedizione e distribuzione dei panini.  
Dopo le funzione sara servito il rinfresco presso la sala parrocchiale e suonerà La Banda Gozzo.

Per ulteriore informazione telefonate alla signora Fiorentina Romeo – 9350 4290

Tutti Benvenuti !

### **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY 20 MARCH, 2011.**

To be celebrated at St. Paul's Church, 562 Sydney Road, Coburg.  
Program commences at 2.00pm with the Holy Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

All Welcome!

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The global ecumenical World Day of Prayer service in the Box Hill region will be held at 10.00am on Friday 4 March at St Francis Xavier Church, Box Hill. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Chile, with the theme "How Many Loaves Have You?". Some three million people will be taking part in over 170 countries in a globe-circling Day of Prayer. Everyone is encouraged to come and pray in solidarity with Chile on this special day.

### **THEOLOGY@THEBOAT IS COMING SOON**

An evening cruise organised by Theology @the Pub will be held Saturday 5 March, from 7.30pm for young adults aged 18-35. Join us for an exciting evening with live music, canapés, dancing and short talk by a special guest, all during a four-hour evening cruise around Docklands on the luxury Victoria Star cruise ship! Mark Wilson (judge on 'Dancing with the Stars') will join us to talk about his faith and show us a few dance moves as well as our soon-to-be-announced guest speaker! Tickets \$60, available on [theologyatthepub.com.au](http://theologyatthepub.com.au).

### **RELICS OF ST JOHN BOSCO**

Relics of Don Bosco's right hand and arm, encased in a beautiful statue of the saint, will tour Melbourne from 8 to 20 March. Major celebrations will be held at St Margaret Mary's, 51 Mitchell Street North Brunswick, on 19 March (day for youth) and 20 March (day for parishes). Details: [www.salesians.org.au](http://www.salesians.org.au)