

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

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Camminero' alla presenza del Signore nella terra dei viventi.

SECOND READING Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

Dalla nube luminosa si udi la voce del Padre: Questi e' il Figlio mio, l'amato: ascoltatelo.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$640.00
- Loose Money.....\$190.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$262.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 04/3/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) - R Fato & C Brunetti
10.30am (SUN) - L De Marco & G Canavan

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
T Forte, P Leggiero & R Mercuri
G Santinon, L De Marco & A Keighley

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 11/4/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - E Krygger & B Nadenbousch
9.00am (SUN) - L Calafiore & A DiRico
10.30am (SUN) - J Akinido & E Thompson

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba & S Dakin
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
J Tanti, J Iaria & M Mizzi

CHURCH CLEANERS

10/3/2012 R De Zan & S Brima

MONEY COUNTERS

05/3/2012 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert
12/3/2012 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Gerry IVERSON, Rosa VELLA, Rita MIFSUD, Fr Leo HERIOT (SDB), Terrance WOJCIK, Vincenzo STAGNITTI,

ANNIVERSARIES

Gennaro & Teresa FALVO, Giovanni, Pasquale & Angelina VILLELLA, Mario DI VINCENZO, Dolores TALIANA, Rocco FERRARO, Famiglia PUGLIESE, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA,

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

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms - Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

4 March 2012

Peak Moments

Rosa sat on the sand under a beach umbrella. The day was warm and sunny. The two boys were playing by the rocks and emitting squeals of delight. She watched admiringly as her handsome husband, Rico, carried her toddler lovingly into the sparkling blue ocean. Suddenly, Rosa felt overcome by a feeling of gratitude and joy that was overwhelming. She said to herself, "My life could not be any more perfect. I am surrounded by gifts of love and goodness."

Several years later, Rosa contracted cancer. She suffered greatly. As she reflected on her life, she acknowledged that she and her family had experienced all the 'ups and downs' of life; but she always recalled that one moment of bliss on the beach. It was a 'peak moment'. It seemed to make sense of her whole life and give it meaning and direction; but, in a way that could not be properly put into words.

Today's Gospel describes a 'peak moment' in the lives of three apostles: Peter, James and John. They were invited by Jesus to accompany him up the mountain. There, on the mountain, they were swept up into a mystical experience that was beyond rational explanation; but one that profoundly affected their lives and their faith. The three friends of Jesus experience him transfigured. The striking form of this experience resonated with many elements in their Jewish religious heritage and upbringing. On the mountain they were covered by a cloud. They recognised it as the 'shekinah' - the cloud that indicates the presence of God. Then, two of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah, appear. They converse familiarly with Jesus, now clothed in dazzling white robes signifying that he is robed in the very glory of God. Until this moment, the three disciples considered Jesus to be a prophet equal in dignity to Moses and Elijah. They are in error. The Voice of God himself speaks, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Jesus is more than a prophet. He is the son of God. Then, just as suddenly, things return to normal. They see only Jesus. But, their perspective is forever altered. Their lives will continue with all the joys and reverses that life deals out. Yet, deep down, in their heart of hearts, they know that their friend, Jesus, is Son of God. This one 'peak moment' of bliss sets the direction of their lives. We often imagine that manifestations of God's presence occur rarely, and only to a privileged few holy people. Broadly speaking, that is true. However, through the grace of Christ, these mystical moments are available to all Christ's disciples. For each disciple of Christ, there are privileged moments when, without any effort on our part, we are brought into God's presence and his purpose is revealed in us. Without being able to put the experience into words, we become aware that we are in union with God. Such moments may be rare-but they are moments of pure grace. They are 'peak moments' that articulate our deepest meaning and set our life direction. They are best sought in prayer and reflection. They do, in fact, transform us.



Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion support long term partnerships for justice and transformation around the world. This week we meet Khin, 10, one of an estimated two million people who have fled poverty, violence and instability in Burma. Caritas Australia supports a range of programs on the Thai-Burma border for these communities made vulnerable by displacement, including learning centres offering primary education for students who cannot attend Thai schools. Khin attends one of six centres Caritas Australia provides with infrastructure, books, tables and uniforms, textbooks, stationery and lunch for students. With your ongoing support, together we will continue to advocate for all children's right to education.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Stefan Carbonari** child of Mark and Naomi, **Myah Scaringi** child of Joseph and Vicki, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 March at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee meets every last Tuesday of the month to discuss what needs attention in the building and grounds of the Parish and organises working bees. We very much are in need of more members young and old, male and female. If you wish to become a member of the Maintenance Committee please speak to Fr. Manny or ring the parish office on 9460 3013.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 6 March 7.00pm – Filippo Pascuzzi (1 yr)
Wednesday 7 March 7.00pm – Antonio Luzza (1mth)
Thursday 8 March 7.00pm – Concetta Stella (d. Rec. Italy)

FUNERALS

The Funeral Mass for **Terence Wojcik** will be celebrated on Wednesday 7 March at 10.30am.

The Funeral Mass for **Vincenzo Stagnitti** will be celebrated on Friday 9 March at 10.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church, both in English and Italian.

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is invited to join the Lent sharing group every Wednesday at 3.30pm, in the Chapel. Please inform Sr Estelita or the Parish Office on 9460 3013, if you are interested in participating.

ENROLMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

A reminder for state school children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, you will need to register now. Please contact Sr. Estelita at the office on 9460 3013 or at home on 9465 1077.

WE ARE GRACED BY THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist (Mass) is the celebration that brings us together as a community when focusing on the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ given to us in the forms of bread and wine, we are caught up in God's selfless love for each of us and for all humanity: "We are Graced by the Eucharist".

Parishioners are invited to attend an evening gathering to be held on

Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 7.30pm

in our Parish School Hall.

The Guest Speaker will be: Rev. Dr. Elio Capra SDB.

Fr. Elio will give us a talk and lead us in reflection on the topic:

We are Graced by the Eucharist.

This will lead us to welcome in our hearts the Year of Grace (Pentecost 2012 – Pentecost 2013) and like the disciples of the first Pentecost we commit ourselves to start afresh from Christ.

Please keep the 28th of March free and join us in our special gathering.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Trivia Night

As part of fundraising for Term1, St Joseph the Worker Primary School will be holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 24th March at 6.00pm sharp, in the School Hall.

Come along for a fun evening amongst family and friends.

An evening filled with games, raffles, lots of prizes and quiz questions...of course!!

Entertaining and loads of fun!!

\$10 per person entry fee and a maximum of 10 people per table.

We will help you with seating arrangements if you do not have a group of 10 people. Adults Only!

We ask that everyone BYO a plate of nibbles to share at your table.

Coffee will be sold in the hall throughout the evening.

Please call the school office to book a table on 9469 7800

or contact Romina 0418 525 088 or Teresa 0419 139 326

Hope to see you all there!!!

FARWELL MASS BISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE S.D.B., D.D.

TUESDAY 13 MARCH, 7.30PM

Pope Benedict XVI has announced the appointment of Bishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, as Archbishop of Perth. Bishop Costelloe is presently Auxiliary Bishop of the Northern Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Episcopal Vicar for Tertiary Education in the Archdiocese. He will take up his position as Archbishop of Perth on 21 March 2012. A Farewell Mass celebrated by Bishop Costelloe will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Cnr Gisborne Street & Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. All are Welcome!

FR IAN RANSON'S HOLY LAND & EARLY CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

Departing Monday 23 April. Itinerary: **Day 1:** Depart for the Holy Land, **Day 2:** Arrive at Amman-Dead Sea. **Day 3:** Via Jerash to the Holy Land. **Day 4:** Mt Tabor/Nazareth/Cana. **Day 5 & 6:** Sea of Galilee. **Day 7:** Mt Carmel & Caesarea. **Day 8:** Tiberias to Jerusalem. **Day 9:** Bethlehem & surrounds. **Day 10 & 11:** Jerusalem. **Day 12:** Jericho, Mt Temptation & Masada. **Day 13:** Jerusalem. **Day 14:** Depart the Holy Land. **Day 15:** Arrive Australia. Cost Approx: \$6,500 – Includes Flights, Accommodation, Meals & Entry to all Museums etc. Contact Fr Ian for more details on 9360 9955.

Fr Ian Ranson was an assistant Priest in North Reservoir in the 1980's.