

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

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 43:18-19.21-22.24-25*

On account of me your iniquities are blotted out.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Rinnovaci, Signore, con il tuo perdono.

**SECOND READING** *Corinthians 1:18-22*

The son of God, Jesus Christ, was not yes and no; in him it is always yes.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring the Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *Mark 2:1-12*

The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$619.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$207.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$294.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 19/2/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & G Canavan  
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Cavedon  
10.30am (SUN) – J Iaria & J Kearney

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 26/2/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) - E Saliba & D Pullicino  
9.00am (SUN) – R DeZan & S LoBartolo  
10.30am (SUN) – J Kearney & S Miano

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

25/02/2012 L Catena, F Agugiars & R Nyour

**MONEY COUNTERS**

20/2/2012 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito  
27/2/2012 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Maureen ANDRIGHETTO, Maria Giulia CRUPI,

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Primo PRECOMA, Paola PRECOMA, Antonio RISOLI, Antonio & Gerardo ALBERTI, Wayne, Ron & Kayle, Rosina BRUNO, Giovanni & Angelina GUADARA, Antonio GRAHOR, Antonietta, Raffaele & Elisa BONELLI, Costanza, Antonio, Domenico, Giuseppe, Pasquale, Maria & Nicola CARNOVALE Franco & Giovanna VITELLONE

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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

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

19 February 2012

## Free to Begin

A frail black woman stood slowly to her feet. Facing her across the room was the white security officer who had just been tried-and found implicated in the murders of her son and husband. A member of South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission turned to the woman and asked, “So, what do you want? How should justice be done to this man who so brutally destroyed your family?” The woman asked for three things. Firstly, she wanted to be taken to the place where her husband’s body was burned so she could gather up the dust and give his remains a decent burial. Secondly, she asked, “My husband and son were my only family, I want the security officer to become my son. I want him to come twice a month to the ghetto where I live and spend the day with me, so I can pour out on him whatever love I still have remaining in me.” Her third request followed: “Having experienced Jesus’ forgiveness in my own life, I want the security officer to know that I forgive him. I want to be escorted across the courtroom so I can take the security officer in my arms, embrace him and tell him that he is forgiven.” The security officer, overwhelmed by what he heard, collapsed in the woman’s arms and wept. The woman said, “I want this day to be a new start for both of us.”

Today’s first reading and gospel also speak of a new start through forgiveness. Israel had wandered far from God. But God promises a wonderful future. God forgives Israel for all their sinfulness and frees them from their past. “No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before... it is I who must blot out everything and not remember your sins.” There is a new start in God’s relationship with Israel. “See, I am doing a new deed.” A man is carried to Jesus on a mat. He suffers from two types of paralysis: physical and spiritual. Jesus looks beyond the physical paralysis and offers him the deeper healing he really needs – forgiveness. “My child, your sins are forgiven.” Jesus frees the man from his past and paves the way for a new start in life. Jesus tells the man to pick up his mat and go home. He walks through the astounded crowd, praising God. The crowd are convinced that what they had witnessed was truly the work of God. Those present in the South African courtroom were also astounded by what they saw and heard. They too broke into song, praising and thanking God, knowing that grace and forgiveness was at work in their midst. God also forgives us, frees us from our past and liberates us to grow in love. Today is an opportunity for a new start: Do I need to seek forgiveness? Is there someone that I need to forgive?

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 is Ash Wednesday

Mass Times (with the blessing and distribution of ashes) are:

**9.10am** (whole school children will attend) & **7.00pm**

## PROJECT COMPASSION 2012

This year's project compassion reflective theme comes from the words of Pope Paul VI  
"If you want peace, work for Justice"

Support Project Compassion 2012 by taking a project compassion box available in the church narthex and at the side door. Put your collection box where you see it daily.

Also available in the narthex and side door is the Lenten Calendar 2012

### **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **Salvatore Miano** child of Marco and Terri, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 20 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### **FUNERALS**

The Funeral Mass for **Maureen Andrighetto** will be celebrated on Monday 20 February at 10.30am.

The Rosary for **Maria Giulia Crupi** will be recited on Monday 20 February at 7.30pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 21 February at 11.00am.

### **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. Prayer group will start on February 29. Please inform Sr Estelita or the Parish Office on 9460 3013, if you are interested in participating.

### **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.

## Trivia Night

As part of fundraising for Term1, St Joseph the Worker Primary School will be holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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!!!

## **ASSOCIAZIONE SAN GABRIELE DELL'ADDOLORATA**



Domenica 19 Febbraio 2012 nel monastero dei Padri Passionisti, Serpells Road Templestowe.

### **Programma:**

**10.00am Recita del S. Rosario, 10.30am Santa Messa concelebrata da Padre Dario Di Giosia proveniente dal Santuario di San Gabriele , e i concelebranti saranno padre John Curtis superiore del monastero di "Holy Cross", e padre Kevin e Padre Tiernan.** La Santa Messa sara' cantata dalla Corale di S. Antonio.

Durante la Santa Messa ci sara' Benedizione degli ammalati. Seguirà la processione con le statue di S. Gabriele e S. Paolo della Croce fondatore dei Padri Passionisti, accompagnata dalle confraternite, dai bambini in costume di Gabrielini e dalla Banda Bellini. Bambini e Signore in costume abruzzese.

A termine dalle celebrazione religiosa seguira' il Picnic (BYO). In vendita Porchetta, Pasta, panini, Soft drink, Gelati tutto il giorno.

Durante la giornata vari oggetti Religiosi provenienti dal Santuario di S. Gabriele saranno in vendita.

Durante il pomeriggio ci saranno giochi vari per adulti e' bambini.

**2.00pm Suonera' il complesso musicale "Simplicity"**

**4.00pm Rientro in chiesa per la benedizione.**

**4.30pm - 6.00pm Musica.**

### **ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE "L'AURORA"**

Italian Language Classes will commence at St Matthew's Primary School, 97 William Street, Fawkner North, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and will run for 2.5hours from 1.30pm - 4.00pm. Students from Grade Prep to Year 12 are welcome. The Tuition Fee for the year is \$150.00per student.

Our teaching includes the Strands of Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking and an appreciation of the Italian Culture.

All Associazione Culturale L'Aurora teachers have a diploma issued by the Ministry of Education in Australia.

If you wish your son/daughter to attend these classes please fill in the following form and return it to the Italian teacher on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. If you require further information, please ph: 9898 4707.