

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

**FIRST READING** Exodus 20:1-17

The law was given through Moses.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Signore, tu hai parole di vita eterna.

**SECOND READING** Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il

Figlio unigenito; chiunque crede in lui ha la vita eterna.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

**GOSPEL** John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$685.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$314.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$366.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 11/3/2012**

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

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 18/4/2012**

6.00pm (SAT) - G Canavan & E Saliba  
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & C Agostinelli  
10.30am (SUN) – C Antonio & A DeCata

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

J Pullicino & E Krygger  
P Sparano, S LoBartolo & A Sonza  
S Dakin, C McMahon & J Frangiosa

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

17/3/2012 S Dakin

**MONEY COUNTERS**

12/3/2012 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon  
19/3/2012 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Nick MILES, Angela SPITERI, Gemma ABELA, Guzeppa AGIUS,  
Caterina D'ANELLO(d. Rec. Italy) Terence Micheal WOJCIK, George BEZZINA,  
Concetta STELLA, Vincozo STAGNITTI, Tina TANCREDI (Portelli)

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Emmanuel AGIUS, Romano CESTONARO (anniversary), Francesco MONTALTO, Rocco GIOFFRE,  
Aldo IOZZI, Tulino CLEMENTE, Marsio & Maria ANGELLA, Mickele, Marianna & Rosario MAGALDI,  
Nazarena, Vincenzo & Renato MORFUNI, Giuseppe, Eleonora & Lucia ANNETTA,  
Giuseppe & Stella GALATI, Domenico BRUNI, Maria PEZZANO

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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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B

11 March 2012

## Don't Be Distracted

The Gospel's focus on the magnificent temple in Jerusalem, built by Herod the Great, causes me to reflect on the temples we build today.

Songs and chants are heard from the multitude gathered there. As in Roman times, they provide a suitable distraction from the concerns of our everyday world. Special feast days are celebrated each year, Grand Finals, International Test Matches, and so on.

Julius Caesar, in his day, knew how to distract the populace with great spectacles in the arenas while he worked on his own ambitious agenda. Huge fortunes were spent on entertainment. Votes were obtained, not on matters of policy, but on the ability of unscrupulous politicians to entertain.

Unfortunately, we human beings have not changed that much. Diversions are designed, as Malcolm Muggeridge has said, "to distract our attention from the true purpose of existing in this world, which is, quite simply, to look for God and find him and having found him, to love him." But we seem to prefer to be distracted instead of attending to more important matters at hand. There are forces at work today intent on taking our attention away from what is happening in our society—just as Caesar and others like him did many centuries ago.

Relaxation is a good thing and I do not ignore the old adage, "all work and no play, etc". Still, a little of anything is quite sufficient as I recall the 'Brylcreem' ad of my younger days: "a little dab'll do ya." And after that "little dab", we need to get on with the purpose of life. And that purpose, as the catechism, and Malcolm Muggeridge have said, is to know God and to love God.

All else pales in comparison. Can we find eternal happiness, satisfaction and contentment in things that are here today and gone tomorrow? Nevertheless, our often noisy world does its best to drown out the voice of God. So it was, I imagine, when the buyers and sellers in the temple, with their animals and raucous activity, disturbed the peace and tranquility of that holy place, making it hard for God to get entry. The voice of God is not heard in the shouts of the buyers and sellers, nor in the cries that come from the stadium. We need to make room for God in our lives, and that means shutting out distractions from time to time. If we block our ears and open our hearts, God becomes known to us. The more time we give to God, the more our love will grow—and the more our lives will find a peace and contentment that no end of worldly entertainments can possibly give to us. Yes, there are times for simple pleasures, but, remember, "a little dab'll do ya."



Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps create the just and compassionate world that God desires. Zimbabwe was once known as the 'breadbasket of Africa', yet enduring conflict and prolonged drought reversed this prosperity. This week we meet Colletta, once bed ridden with life-threatening illnesses. Throughout Zimbabwe's crises, thanks to the strength of Caritas Australia's local church partnerships, your support continues building the resilience of vulnerable families by supplying seedlings, gardening equipment, rehabilitating boreholes and training volunteers to provide home-based care for seriously ill people. Colletta is now able to work to support her elderly mother and children.

**Please donate to Project Compassion today to allow such partnerships to continue and expand to others in need.**

### **COMMISSIONING**

Next Sunday during the 10.30am mass after the homily we will have a ceremony of commissioning for the Parish Pastoral Team and the Parish Liturgy Team members. This little ceremony will help us to know the members and pray for them as they commit to serve the community in the Liturgy that is, helping people pray well and in the pastoral needs of our parishioners. Please note that the usual Parish Leadership Team name has now been changed to be called: The Parish Pastoral Team.

### **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **Maria Greco** child of Carlo and Slavica, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

### **PARISH LITURGY TEAM**

The Parish Liturgy Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 March at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### **MEMORIAL MASSES**

Thursday 15 March 7.30pm – Maria Giulia Crupi (1 mth)

Friday 16 March 7.30pm – Giuseppe Schipano (1 yr)

### **THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

The Maintenance committee meets every last Tuesday of the month to discuss what needs attention in the buildings and grounds of our 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.

### **WEDDING**

Congratulations to Christopher Davoli and Roberta Bonello (Fr Manny's niece) who will be married this weekend at St Brendan's Church, Flemington. We wish them every goodness and blessing in their married life.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm  
in our Parish School Hall. (There will be a cuppa starting at 7.00pm)**

**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 28<sup>th</sup> of March free and join us in our special gathering.

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

### **WELCOME TO GRACE BONELLO**

We welcome in our parish, Fr Manny's sister, Grace Bonello, who traveled from Malta for a visit to Australia, catching up with family and friends.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR JOSEPH YU**

Fr Joseph Yu celebrated his 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Friday 9 March. We wish him all the very best, and many blessings always.

### **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!

### **ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH FAMILY FAIR**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, "Family Fair" 290 Childs Road, Mill Park. (next to stables Shopping Centre) Sunday 25 March- 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Lots of Rides, International Food stalls, Fairy-floss, Popcorn, Donuts, Games, Showbags, Wine Stall, free entertainment in a seated court. Indoor bargain stalls and lots more! Enquiries: 9047 3190.

### **FR BARRON'S CATHOLICISM @ THE PUB**

Fr Barron's CATHOLICISM @ the pub 19 – 26 March, 16, 23 & 30 April.

**6.30pm** – Dinner

**7.30pm** – Screening & Talk

theology@thepub is proud to present five episodes of Fr Robert Barron's groundbreaking series CATHOLICISM! theology@thepub is an event for 18-35 year olds (priests & religious of any age are welcome to attend)

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