

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

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 11:18-26-28.32

I set before you today a blessing and a curse.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, be my rock of safety.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sei tu, Signore, per me una roccia di rifugio.

SECOND READING Romans 3:21-25.28

You are justified by faith, not by law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono la vite, voi i tralci, dice il Signore; chi rimane in me, e io in lui, porta molto frutto. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 7:21-27

A wise person builds his house on rock, not on sand.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$681.00
- Loose Money.....\$233.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$280.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 06/3/2011

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 Estlita

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 13/03/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – E Krygger
9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & R DeZan
10.30am (SUN) - J Iaria & R Sawi

SPECIAL MINISTERS

R Nyour
A Sonza, M Piscioneri & R DeZan
L Conte, J Frangiosa & C McMahon

CHURCH CLEANERS

12/03/2011 S Dakin & P D’Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS

07/03/2011 R & E Cornelious & M Williams
14/03/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ida LOMBARDO, Giovannina LIUZZI (d.rec. Italy) Helen (Lieni) CARUANA
Rocco & Rosa LOBARDELLO (d. rec Italy), Angela ITRIA (d.rec. Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES

Lazzaro & Carmela DE CATA, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI,
Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Pasquale, Giovanni & Angelina VILLELLA,
Mariangela POLITO, Michele, Marianna & Rosario MAGALDI,
Luigi & Assunta SPARANO, Reno GRECH, Manuela FABRI, Ninqa TONNA,
Dolores TALIANA, Giuseppe TARANTO, Teresa & Giuseppe CARUSO, Gaetano CARUSO

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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

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

6 March 2011

The Lord is our Refuge

Nathan is a backpacker from a rural town in Ireland. He comes from a large Catholic family for whom faith and worship has always been very important. The family values the strength they receive from their faith. It has enabled them to remain positive and hopeful in the face of life’s challenges. Nathan has been in Australia for seven months. For much of that time he’s been working in a quaint little Irish bar in Sydney. It’s been a wonderful opportunity for him to meet people, make friends, get a taste of the “Aussie” way of life, earn some money and explore all that Sydney and its surrounds has to offer. Ironically, his new adventure in Sydney came at a price. It brought with it, as the gospel describes, “rain, floods and gales” that brought Nathan to his knees. Seduced by the lifestyle and false promises of how to be happy and have a good time, his life came crashing down. This young Irish lad had sacrificed all that he knew to be right and true. Nathan was out of his depth. Where could he go to seek refuge and find help? The first thing Nathan did was to leave Sydney and “go bush”. Having grown up in the country, instinct told him that he would be more “at home” there and better able to make good decisions. The second thing Nathan did was to find his way back to Mass. Until his arrival in Sydney, Eucharist had been an important part of his life. But over time it just got shoved aside. It was after Mass one morning that I met Nathan. He came and introduced himself and asked if he could have a chat. Showing great courage and trust, Nathan opened his life to me. He spoke particularly of his experience in Sydney. He told me how in his search for belonging, he’d become trapped by the allure of instant gratification and so-called happiness. He shared his feelings of emptiness, guilt and isolation. He described being out of control on a slippery slope, which ultimately led to a might fall. Nathan’s desire was to reclaim his life by rediscovering the solid rock upon which his life had been built. He knew that he could no longer go it alone and that he needed Jesus as his rock of refuge. He also knew the value and importance of having a supportive community around him in which to grow and be nurtured. Nathan’s longing and yearning for life echoes the cry of the psalmist:

*“It is the Lord in whom we take refuge .
It is the lord who hears us and rescues us.
It is the lord who is our rock, our stronghold.
It is the Lord who leads us and guides us.
Take courage all who hope in the Lord.”*

It is also the longing, yearning and prayer of each of us gathered here today.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 6 MARCH 2011

Every year during the Lenten season, Caritas invites Australians around the country to hear stories of enduring poverty and unconditional compassion, of entrenched inequality and unrelenting hope. We call on all Australians to contribute whatever they can to support those who carry the burden of global poverty.

Project Compassion, our Lenten journey, is the cornerstone of Caritas Australia's mission; through Project Compassion we answer Jesus' invitation to help build the Kingdom of God.

For many Australians, Project Compassion is the tangible expression of God's Kingdom. Through Project Compassion we feed the hungry, we house the homeless, we welcome the stranger," says Caritas Australia's CEO, Jack de Groot.

It is due to the extraordinary generosity of the Australian public that Caritas is able to support humanitarian work throughout the world, and share news of the people that you have helped in the world's most vulnerable communities. Last year, we put out a call and you answered to the tune of \$9million. Your contributions were distributed amongst the international Caritas network, which spans over 200 countries and territories; you ensured that Caritas' work continues to reach those people who need it most. This year, we are aiming even higher, and we know that with your help we can make 2011 our best Project Compassion yet. Your support empowers disadvantaged communities to tackle the structures of poverty and take control of their future. Your support is the reason we have successes to celebrate and stories to tell. This year, we are sharing stories of those who have benefited from Project Compassion in Nepal, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bolivia, Vietnam, Samoa, and here in Australia's Indigenous community.

The stories humble and inspire us. They show how your contribution to Project Compassion help people all over the world tackle entrenched injustice, and build better lives for themselves, their families and their broader communities.

Project Compassion boxes are available from the doors of the church. If you wish to take advantage of tax deductability, please complete your details on the inside flap of the box.

Please take home a brochure which explains many of Caritas Projects.

WHAT YOUR DOLLARS CAN DO!

\$2000	Could enable 100 poor farmers in Nepal to attend a Farmer Field School in rice or vegetable growing.
\$1500	Could assist five survivors of violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo to start their own sewing business.
\$750	Could provide 50 youth in Samoa with community training on how to prepare for natural disasters.
\$500	Could support a farmers' group in Nepal to provide microcredit and saving services for 150 people.
\$400	Could provide a loan for 10 women in the Democratic Republic of Congo to start a community garden.
\$200	Could support an Indigenous Australian woman to gain skills in administration, advocacy and basic accounting.
\$100	Could assist a person living with a disability in Vietnam to start a small business.
\$50	Could provide a 5-day community tourism training course for an Indigenous person in Bolivia
\$10	Could supply jerry cans for two families affected by a natural disaster in Samoa
\$2	Could provide plants to regenerate 10 Square metres of deforested community land in Bolivia.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday 9 March

9.10am & 7.00pm

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

VIA CRUCIS

Venerdi' alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa, la Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese.

RIFLESSIONI DELLA QUARESIMA IN CAPPELLA CON PADRE ANTONIO

Martedì 8 Marzo riflessione in cappella ore 9.00am condotta da Padre Antonio in preparazione della Quaresima. Seguita dalla Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

Tutti i Martedì della Quaresima in cappella ci saranno riflessioni e preghiere in preparazione della Santa Pasqua.

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

All parishioners are invited to a Lenten reflection program which will be given by Sr Estelita every Wednesday afternoon at 4.00pm – 5.00pm in the weekday chapel, starting on Wednesday 16 March. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to reflect on the Sunday readings during Lent and seek to come to a deeper understanding of how the Word of God can touch our lives. This is done in a friendly and informal way which promotes common faith - sharing.

All parishioners are invited. If you have not come before, be assured that you will be made to feel very welcome. If you are interested in attending please write your name down on the list provided in the narthex. For more information, please phone Sr Estelita 9460 3013.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

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

MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 8 March 7.00pm – Helen (Lieni) Caruana (d. rec.)

Thursday 10 March 7.00pm – Giovannina Liuzzi (d. rec. Italy)

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: ayoy@cam.org.au or call us on 9412 3300.

March 9 Session 2: SCRIPTURE BASICS 7.30pm – 9.00pm Fr Stuart Moran

The Scriptures are the best way we have of learning about Jesus, his message and our faith. This session will focus on the New Testament and explain how the scriptures were "written", what books make up the New Testament and why, and what to look for when reading them to learn the most about Jesus and your faith