

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

**FIRST READING** *Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15*

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Il Signore ha pietà del suo popolo.

**SECOND READING** *Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12*

All this that happened to the people of Mosses in the desert was written for our benefit.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

Convertitevi, dice il Signore, il regno dei cieli e' vicino, Lode e onore a te, Signore

Gesu'!

**GOSPEL** *Luke 13: 1-9*

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$811.00

- Loose Money..... \$237.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery..... \$296.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 07/03/2010**

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)

9.00am (SUN) – S Lo Bartolo & A DiRico

10.30am (SUN) – S Brima & G Silvio

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

MALTESE MASS (Selected)

F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti

J Iaria, J Broadbent & Sr Doreen

**LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 14/03/2010**

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan

9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & A De Cata

10.30am (SUN) - E Selso & J Iaria

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

S Dakin

P Sparano, S Lo Bartolo & A Keighly

L Conte, G Silvio & J Frangiosa

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

13/3/2010

S Dakin

**MONEY COUNTERS**

08/03/2010

J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahan

15/03/2010

A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Caterina ARENA, Rita MAY

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Giovanni GUERRERA, Doloris TALIANA, Giuseppe TARANTO, Ercole DI RICO,

Gina DI DONATO, Salvatore CANZONERI, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI,

Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Aldo IOZZI, Gaetano CARMUSCIANO, Giuseppe CASCHINI,

Joseph, Doris, Charlie & Fonz AGIUS, Carmelo CARDILLO, Felice & Angela BRUNO

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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 Doreen Bentley–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 C

7 March, 2010

## We never walk alone

After his escape from execution in Egypt, Moses felt that life could not get much better. The pasture was good. Water was plentiful. The sheep were flourishing. The family he had married into loved him. He was right: life was about to get a lot worse.

He had been intrigued when that burning bush was not reduced to ashes... and it was there that God was waiting for him – with a job offer rather less attractive than his present occupation. Moses did his best to argue his way out of it. But God was adamant.

So Moses left the peaceful security of his rural life, returned to Egypt, confronted the Pharaoh and finally led the Israelites out of Egypt and into the desert. For forty years he led them; a quarrelsome, obstinate group. Whenever anything went wrong, shortage of food or water, it was always Moses' fault. Several times the people were ready to kill him. At times, he must have regretted his curiosity about the burning bush. How does the burning bush affect us more than 3000 years later? Actually, it is one of God's favorite ways of calling us to change direction. Many of us plan our day ahead so as to know exactly what we have to do. By the end of the day, we can look back with satisfaction on a good day's work. However, God often calls to us from the burning bush. It might be in the shape of a telephone call: "My car won't start and I can't get my two children to school. Could you please help me?" It might be the parish secretary. "The person who draws up the list of readers and acolytes has the flu. We need the list for the coming weekend. Do you think you could do it?" These are the little burning bushes that come our way frequently. God is calling us out of our comfort zone, away from our well-planned day, to go another, more inconvenient way.

Sometimes, it is a much bigger burning bush. It might be retrenchment...a child involved in an accident..., financial ruin...the death of a spouse. In all of these, God is calling us to a different future, not one we would choose ourselves. It is a darker way, less secure, lonelier. All we know is that the desert stretches far ahead of us. If we listen, God is reminding us that Jesus has already walked through the same desert. We are following in his footsteps. Leaving his peaceful life at Nazareth, Jesus then took a way that was far more bleak and dangerous, a way that led to Calvary and death. He remained faithful to his Father, and the Father, in turn, raised him from the dead and made him Lord of heaven and earth. When God calls us to walk these painful ways, we are not walking alone. Jesus walks with us, assuring us that the desert will end and, with Him, we will enter the Promised Land.

### **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Nicholas Martucci**, child of Gianvito and Anna, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him with joy into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

### **CUPPA**

Next weekend after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Durante tutti i Martedì di Quaresima ci saranno riflessioni e preghiere in Cappella.

Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese tutti i Venerdì della Quaresima, alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa.

Martedì 31 Marzo dopo la funzione in chiesa ci sarà la cena con i simboli della Pasqua nella sala parrocchiale. L'offerta sarà di \$5.00. Per informazione rivolgersi a Lucia Catena e Rosa DiGuglielmo.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church. It will be in both English and Italian. All parishioners are warmly invited to come together for this important time of prayer.

### **CHRISM MASS**

Tuesday 30 March, Chrism Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils) at St. Patrick's Cathedral, celebrated by the Archbishop and the priests of Melbourne. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **A LENTEN REFLECTION**

A Lenten Reflection - an afternoon of music and word.

Venue: Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross  
St John the Baptist Catholic Church  
61 Queens Parade  
Clifton Hill

Date: Sunday 28 March 2010  
Time: 3.00pm  
Tickets: \$15

Enquiries and ticket sales phone (03) 9481 7333  
Proceeds go towards the restoration of the organ at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Clifton Hill.

### **ST. MONICA'S COLLEGE REUNION CLASS 1982 - 1987**

Students of Class 1982 – 1987 Reunion. Come and join us as we renew friendships, reminisce about days gone by and share in life experiences both past and present.

Date: Friday 12 March, 2010  
Time: 7.30pm  
Venue: Stolberg Beer Café, cnr Bell Street & Plenty Rd, Preston.  
RSVP: By the 5 March 2010 Marisa Rando (margetto@bigpond.net.au)

### **Third Sunday of Lent 7 March**

To bring about the kingdom of God, we must be transformed within ourselves and our community. This week's story takes us to East Timor where Domingas is being supported in a Caritas-funded Family and Community Violence Prevention Program. Domingas, like many women in her community was the victim of violence and abuse. The program has provided her with ongoing counselling and a small grant to enable her to build a business and give her economic independence. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to support women survivors of violence and to work for just relationships.



Domingas lives in Oecusse, an isolated enclave on the west coast of East Timor. In 2005 she was the target of sexual violence and suffered serious physical abuse.

Domingas required immediate medical assistance as well as long-term counselling to assist her in regaining her self esteem and helping her to rebuild her life.

Caritas Australia supported PRADET (Psychological Recuperation and Development in East Timor) to build a 'safe place' at Dili Hospital where women can come for medical and emotional support. Local staff also assisted Domingas to access the social justice system which enabled the police to begin an investigation.

Women such as Domingas often suffer from cultural taboos and can be ostracised from their community. PRADET was able to support Domingas to return to her village and helped her to overcome the resistance she encountered. PRADET also gave Domingas a small grant to expand her family kiosk to sell more products and increase her income.

Domingas is now well on the way to recovery and she is also able to support other women who have had similar experiences. This has helped them to gain confidence and have hope for the future.

*"The Church desires for her part to contribute to upholding the dignity, role and rights of women,"* John Paul II.

**Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps deliver high quality care to women in more than 30 different countries around the world.**

### **WALK WITH MARY 2010**

Sunday 21 March.

Commencing at 2.00pm, at St Patrick's Cathedral with prayers. Holy Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Les Tomlinson, followed by an Ecumenical Procession to St Paul's Cathedral.

### **HISTORY OF MEDITATION**

Saturdays 13 March – 27 March from 10.00am – 2.30pm.

Thomas Carr Centre,  
278 Victoria Parade,  
East Melbourne.

This course focuses on the history and practice of Meditation in the Christian tradition. It will study the ancient techniques of prayer, using mantras, sacred words, icons and symbols surrounding the rich heritage of the Christian meditation.

### **14<sup>TH</sup> MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY**

Urgently recruiting cast and crew members for this year's performance.

The play will take place in Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster on 28 March & 2 April 2010.

To take part in this fantastic production, contact the secretary.

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