

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

Camminerò 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.

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CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù! Dalla nube luminosa si udi la voce del Padre: Questi è il Figlio mio, l'amato: ascoltatelo.

GOSPEL *Mark 9:2-10*

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

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$898.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$325.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$371.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 08/03/09

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – L Cavedon & R Fato
 10.30am (SUN) – A DeCata & S Miano

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Piscioneri
 J Tanti, A Filippone & L DeMarco

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 15/03/09

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan
 9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico
 10.30am (SUN) - M Sernia

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Joyce Broadbent
 T Forte, A DeCata L Calafiore
 S Rottura, G Santinon & S Dakin

CHURCH CLEANERS

14/03/09 R DiGuglielmo, M Ricci & G Romano

MONEY COUNTERS

09/03/09 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
 16/03/09 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Felice TARANTO, Caterina RIGOLI (d. in America), Henry COLEIRO (d. in Malta)

ANNIVERSARIES

Gina DI DONATO, Angela BRUNO, Agata DE RANGO, Teresa MONARCA, Aldo IOZZI,
 Pasquale, Giovanni & Angelina VILLELLA, Salvatore GIARRUSSO, Giusepp & Giuseppa FERRARO
 Mario DI VINCENZO, Rufina TORZILLO, Maria-Angela MAZIO, Clemente TULLINO,
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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

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B

8 March 2009

Come to the mountain

On first reading, today's Gospel text appears quite perplexing, as we meet Jesus asking Peter, James and John to accompany him to the top of a high mountain. This is a significant moment within Mark's gospel. Until this moment, Jesus has remained somewhat reserved about his identity and has shown similar reservations about his disciples' understanding of what was involved in following him. But in this reading, we are provided with key insights into how Jesus saw himself and into how his disciples must relate to him.

The Gospel reading opens with Jesus choosing Peter, James and John. Only three of the Twelve were to witness an extraordinary event. Why these three? What had Jesus sensed about them that he had not sensed about the others? And while they were with him, they alone experienced something of mystery and wonder overflowing from the revelation of Jesus' identity and mission which up until then had remained hidden. Though Jesus had chosen them to witness this extraordinary event, he then requested that they remain silent about it. He not only trusts them to accompany him, but also that they will come to a new understanding and to treat the unique way of God's revelation with true discretion and reverence. Here high on this mountain they experience a transformed Jesus. He is no ordinary man. He is standing out from everyone else in a way that surpasses all that has gone before. Moreover, he is revealed as conversing with two of Israel's most important Prophets, Moses and Elijah, both of whom had been taken to heaven. Jesus is now part of Israel's line of prophets. There is a sense of the past and the present centred in him. Finally, he is acknowledged as the Son of God. His divinely affirmed status has been revealed to these three men alone.

Overwhelmed by this experience, they are afraid and unsure of themselves, as they struggle to make some sense of what has been revealed. However, they are asked by Jesus not to make this event known to the others. They are to remain silent, perhaps to reflect and contemplate what this "rising from the dead" could mean. So not only has the present been linked to the past, but also there is to be a future. Whatever the unique nature of this event on top of the mountain, its meaning is as critical for us today as it was for Peter, James and John.

Today, some two thousand years later, all Christians can ask where do we stand in relation to this event? Have we fully realised Jesus' invitation to all of us? Do we fully comprehend the significance of the true nature of Jesus as revealed in this gospel in our own lives? Are we able to experience the extraordinary in the coming Easter season? And in what ways could our faith be linked to the past, the present and the future?

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

Parishioners are invited to a Lenten reflection discussion group in the Parish House with Fr Manny every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, and every Wednesday mornings with Sr Doreen at 10.00am. 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. It is done in a friendly and informal way which promotes common faith sharing. Resources used are from the booklet "You've got mail", produced by the Archdiocese of Melbourne, with reflections on the Letters of St Paul.

ITALIAN LADIES

Riflessioni del Martedì continua alle ore 9.00am in Capella, seguita Santa Messa alle 10.00am.

EASTER DAWN

This year's Easter celebration on 12 April 2009, will be an **EASTER DAWN** starting at **5.30am**. This means that on **HOLY SATURDAY** evening 11 April 2009 **There will be NO MASS celebrated.**

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.

VIA CRUCIS

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

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Daniel Wilson** son of Paul and Lucy, **Ricky & Thomas Wilson** sons of Kevin and Tania 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.

CUPPA



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

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral for Felice Taranto will be celebrated at St Joseph the Worker Church on Wednesday 11 March at 10.30am.

The rosary will be recited on Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm at **TRIPODI CHAPEL 1050 Sydney Rd Coburg.**

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 13 March 7.30pm – Rosaria Cincotta (1 mth)
- Frank Scaramuzzino (1mth)
- Francesco Loporto (1 yr)

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team meeting will be held on Thursday 12 March at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

FESTA IN ONORE DI SAN GIUSEPPE

Domenica 15 marzo 2009 nella chiesa di San Paolo 562 Sydney Rd, Coburg.
Programma: 2.00pm: Inizio con il Santo Rosario. 2.30pm: Celebrazione della Santa Messa.
Per ulteriore informazione telefonate al signore Vito Romeo 9350 4601.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA



2nd Sunday Of Lent

Prabha lives in Silma, one of India's poorest tribal areas. She participates in a Caritas Australia-supported program run by AASHA, empowering families to increase their livelihoods and regenerate their environment. Water shortages from drought, deforestation and poor conservation awareness have depleted the water levels, increasing the community's need to migrate from Silma each dry season.

Poor health, illiteracy and trafficking have compounded their vulnerability.

The program supports participants to plan and perform environmental and social actions in 'Self Help Groups', including planting local grass and trees in barren areas, preparing compost pits, organic gardening and communal harvesting. Prabha is now learning to construct ponds and prevent soil and water erosion. She is also participating in the community's new cooperatively owned traditional seed bank which allows her to access cheap seeds and avoid money lenders who lend money at high rates.

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion brings hope to families like Prabha's, empowering them to work together for a sustainable future.

Caritas Australia, as part of the Lenten Program, Project Compassion, invite you to hear Ms Lulu Mitshabu speak on "**An Environment to Grow In**"

Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm, at St Theresa's Church, 48A Lincoln Rd Essendon
Wednesday 11 March 7.30pm, at St Bede's Church, 1 Severn St, N Balwyn.
Thursday 12 March 7.30pm, at Kilbreda College, 118 Mentone Pde, Mentone.

Ms Lulu will speak on her personal experiences of the war in a Democratic Republic of Congo and Caritas's development projects in Uganda.

All welcome. Further information contact Margaret Fyfe csb on 992 65 786 or visit www.caritas.org.au

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2009

Since 1911 International Women's Day has been celebrated as the global day connecting all women around the world and inspiring them to achieve their full potential. This day is an opportunity to reflect on the dignity and role of all women; in the family, society and the Church.

The Letter of Pope John Paul II to Women reminds us that Jesus Christ provided a wonderful example of treating women:

When it comes to setting women free from every kind of exploitation and domination, the Gospel contains an ever relevant message which goes back to the attitude of Jesus Christ himself. Transcending the established norms of his own culture, Jesus treated women with openness, respect, acceptance and tenderness. In this way he honoured the dignity which women have always possessed according to God's plan and in his love. (n.3)

We pray that we, the Church, ensure that women are encouraged to flourish within the Catholic Church in Australia and that all women are appreciated for the contribution they make to the fullness of the Church.