

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

FIRST READING Genesis 2:7-9:3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Perdonaci, Signore: abbiamo peccato.

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$686.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$395.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$446.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 13/03/2011

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

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 20/03/2011

6.00pm (SAT) D Pullicino
9.00am (SUN) – M Crupi & L Cavedon
10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

19/03/2011 P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

14/03/2011 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
21/03/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comitò

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Filippo PASCUZZI, Philip BAJADA, Fortun THEUMA, Antonia BAJADA

ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanni Battista CARUSO, Giuseppe ZELANTE, Francesco COLOSIMO, Reno GRECH, Manuela FABRI, Nina TONNA, Giuseppe TARANTO, Sabatino, Flavia & Emanuele FATTORE, Gina DI DONATO, Concetta BARBA

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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

1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

13 March 2011



Spiritual Maturity

An amusing take on the biblical story of the fall reminds us that Adam blamed Eve, that Eve blamed the serpent and that the serpent didn't have a leg to stand on! Amusing as it is, the message is one which we might do well to ponder.

Many of those marvellous biblical stories take us into the heart of ourselves and our relationships with God and one another. As almost all young children can testify, when they get into trouble at home or at school, the temptation to find excuses and lay the blame elsewhere is almost instinctive.

And indeed, as we all know, that instinct can last throughout life. It is one of the hallmarks of mature people that they are willing to take responsibility for their behaviour, admit their failures and ask forgiveness. At the beginning of Lent we are being invited to take stock of our lives. After his conversion Saint Paul realised that the power to mature and grow in the spiritual life did not belong to him, but to God. He saw that it was the coming of Jesus which had made the difference. Although the Law of the Old Testament, under which he had lived, could point him in the right direction, it did not have the power to change the equation. The friendship between God and his people had been damaged – and only God could restore it. Paul experienced the transformation that comes of knowing Christ Jesus as his Lord. He longed for everyone to realise that this was where the power really came from.

Jesus, sent by the Father, was utterly obedient to the Father's will and thus modelled for us the way to maturity and salvation. If the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness seem mysterious to you, remember they are precisely the temptations that beset us in our everyday lives. The temptation to be self-sufficient can quickly lead to pride and selfishness. The temptation to be presumptuous makes us take God and everyone else for granted. The temptation to be in control inclines us to make ourselves, and not God, the centre of the world. Jesus shows us how to respond to such temptations by putting everything into its proper perspective. In response to each temptation he quotes from the Old Testament, from the book of Deuteronomy. We are to respond to every word that comes from the mouth of God. We are not to put God to the test, and we must only worship the Lord our God. In other words we are not to have idols of our own making. How easy it is to create them in a world that is besotted by fame and success. By contrast, the Gospel invites us to follow Jesus in a process of self-emptying that enables us to discover our true selves, along with what really matters in life. There lie true happiness and fulfilment. And there lies the challenge of Lent.

PARISH PIETY STALL SALE

On Sunday 20 & 27 of March following the 10.30am Mass there will be 50% DISCOUNT on all items. As from the 1st April items will only be available to be purchased at the Parish Office between 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

On Wednesday 9 March, Fr Joseph Yu celebrated his 85th birthday. We ask God's blessing upon him on this special occasion and pray for many years of health, happiness and peace.

CUPPA



There will be a cuppa in the Narthex after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish and meet some fellow parishioners.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Michael La Mendola** child of Fabio and Elizabeth, **Jacob Bongiorno** child of Alberto and Sara 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.

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

Tutti i Martedì della Quaresima in cappella ci saranno riflessioni e preghiere in preparazione della Santa Pasqua. Seguita Santa Messa ore 10.00am

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 phone Sr Estelita 9460 3013.

TAKE TO HEART PUT INTO PRACTICE

'Take to heart put into practice' Lenten Calendar 2011 leaflet with daily reflections available at the entrance of the church. Please take one home!

SUNDAY 13 MARCH - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness, into a no man's land in the grip of demonic power.

Do we trust in God or seek other alternatives?

It's a testing time.

Take heart in the company of Jesus.

See, he has come through.

'And angels appeared and looked after him.'

DID YOU KNOW?

- Lent is a forty-day period of special preparation for Easter. During this time the whole Church puts extra effort into three aspects: prayer, fasting and alms giving.
- The beginning of Lent marks a special time in the preparation of catechumens for baptism. The long period of formation and growth is ended and catechumens have their names entered in Church records in a special celebration known as the Rite of Enrolment of Names or the Rite of the Elect. The next few weeks of intense preparation are known as the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. Catechumens are now known as 'the elect'.

MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday 17 March 7.30pm – Giuseppe Bianchi (1 mth)

FEAST

Thursday 17 March – St Patrick

MARY MACKILLOP WALKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Meet in courtyard at St. Francis Church, cnr Elizabeth & Lonsdale Sts Melbourne.

2.00pm on the following Saturdays:

March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22 and November 26.

Visit St Francis Church
Latrobe Terrace – Site of First Providence
The birth site of Mary Mackillop
Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre

For bookings please phone 9926 9300 or email macyac@sosj.org.au

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 3 April at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2.00pm. Admission is free – a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist Fr Ganaa in the Diocese of Wa, in Ghana in his work among the poor.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAMILY FAIR

Come along to the St Francis of Assisi Mill Park family fair. It's a fun day for the whole family! Lots of rides, free entertainment, international food court, showbags, ice cream, fairy floss, popcorn trash n' treasure, pre-loved clothes, books, toys and many other stalls. To be held Sunday 3 April, 10.00am – 4.00pm. Details: 9407 3190