

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

FIRST READING *Joshua 5:9-12*

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Gustate e vedete com'e' buono il Signore.

SECOND READING *Corinthians 5: 17-21*

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'! Mi

alzero', andro' da mio padre e gli diro':

Padre, ho peccato verso il cielo e davanti

a te! Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$794.00

- Loose Money..... \$352.00

2nd Collection - Presbytery..... \$308.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 21/03/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – E Krygger

9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri

10.30am (SUN) - N Sua & J Vincitorio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino

D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro

A Keighly, D Lucato & T Saleh

CHURCH CLEANERS

20/3/2010

J Aliphone, P Sparano, R Bango & R Fato

MONEY COUNTERS

15/03/2010

A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito

22/03/2010

E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe GUDER, Sebastiano GIANPICCOLO

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Ercole DI RICO, Rocco GIOFFRE', Franceschina COSTANZO, Gina DI DONATO, Giovanni & Ida MERCURI, Sabatino CARUSO, Antonio PASCUZZI Secondo & Giuseppe SCARPIN, Gaspare SONZA, Antonio PISTONE, Angela DE FAZIO Clemente TULINO, Maria-Angela MASIO, Joseph, Doris, Charlie & Fonz AGIUS, Antonina CASTELLI, Giovanni FARINACCI, Assunta SPARANO

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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

4th Sunday of Lent Year C

14 March, 2010

The Father, the rebel son, the jealous brother



Jesus' Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke's Gospel 15:11-13) touches the hearts and imaginations of most listeners. We can identify with all the major players: the young rebellious son who leaves home family and country, to establish his independence; the all-forgiving love and compassion of the father who reaches out to be reconciled to his returning son; and the jealous elder brother who stays home, keeps the rules, works the farm, and now feels overlooked and filled with anger at the special treatment afforded his recalcitrant brother. Indeed, there is something disturbing in the way Jesus tells this story. Surely the elder son is right to think the biggest feast should be given in his honour. He has been the faithful son. Surely, too, you'd think the father might be more questioning of the younger son's whereabouts before welcoming him home in such extravagant fashion. We ask ourselves why the father gave in so easily to the younger son's demands to divide the family property and race off with the cash. When we learn the rebel son "squandered his money on a life of debauchery... he and his women" (vv.13,30), we sense righteousness and justice are definitely on the side of the elder brother. However, as important as righteousness and justice are, they lack something more significant. Let us take the story of Chris, a teenager, who leaves school against her parents' wishes. Family arguments abound; words like "I hat you" fly around. Chris leaves home taking the family jewellery; she turns to prostitution and drugs as a way to survive on the streets. Then she remembers her life as a young girl – she wonders about her parent. Could they possibly still love her? Could she go back to them after all the grief she has caused?

Chris returns home with tattoos and nose-ring. If her parents truly love her, do you think they will begin by questioning her appearance, her choice to live on the streets, her use of drugs and life of prostitution? No, their first move will be to welcome her with hugs and kisses, to celebrate the return of the daughter who "was dead has come back to life; was lost and is found" (v. 32). Love, mercy and forgiveness are the hallmarks of all genuine family relationships. In this same story, the elder "faithful" daughter, Judith, has always followed her parents' wishes. She finds herself inclined to say some nasty things to Chris. But then she remembers the story Jesus told about the Prodigal Son; she recalls her religion teacher saying something like: "mercy is more profound than justice". Unlike the elder brother, she overcomes her initial feelings of resentment and joins in the celebrations – after all, her lost sister has returned. Similarly, God's all-forgiving love knows no bounds, to those who seek the Lord with an open-hearted spirit – no matter what troubles them, what relationships they have destroyed, what sins they have committed.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE 2010

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH

7.30pm – Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH

11.00am Chrism Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils)
at St Patrick's Cathedral

Celebrated by the Archbishop and priests of Melbourne.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

SUNDAY 28TH MARCH: PALM SUNDAY

Blessing of Palms or other branches during each Mass of that Weekend.

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL: HOLY THURSDAY

7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of reposition which will be set up in the chapel.

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL: GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm - Good Friday Ceremonies: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.30pm – Via Crucis (Station of the Cross) in Italian

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL: HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm Easter Vigil Celebration of Mass

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL: EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am – Mass In Italian,
10.30am – Mass in English.

MONDAY 5TH APRIL: EASTER MONDAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY COMMUNION SERVICE CELEBRATED
THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS (CONFESSIONI INDIVIDUALI)

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH – 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH – 10.00am

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL – 10.00am and 7.00pm

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL – 10.00am

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL – 10.00am and 7.30pm

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 15 March 7.30pm – Franceschina Costanzo (1 mth)

Tuesday 16 March 7.30pm – Sebastiano Gianpiccolo (d. Rec. Italy)

Fourth Sunday of Lent 14 March

Care for God's creation has always been an important part of Christian tradition. In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Clare from the Southern Highlands in Papua New Guinea. Clare works in the maternity ward, supporting local women to have access to safe maternity services. She also works as an educator on maternal health issues and provides ongoing support to mothers about child health, nutrition and prevention of disease. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps PNG communities to have access to safe maternity and child health facilities as well as primary health care.



Joshua 5:9-12; Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Joshua encourages us to turn to God in times of need, God always delivers, like he delivered the Israelites to the Promised Land. God's desire is to bring us into the land of promise to experience personal freedom. The parable of the prodigal son is about God's merciful love. For Jesus, relationships are paramount, no one is to be lost, discarded, or mistreated. When the son returns, all is forgiven. However, the father must seek to bring the older son to forgiveness before the family can be healed. As children of God we must proclaim the good news, that God's children are valued, loved and forgiven. Our baptismal renewal and the mission of our baptismal covenant is to be ambassadors for Christ and reconciliation. As stewards of the message of salvation, we not just proclaim but also live the message of reconciliation that is promised by God, as agents for peace.

In this week's Project Compassion story, our attention is drawn to Papua New Guinea where the maternal mortality rate is over 90 times higher than in Australia. To hear of such suffering amongst our human family elicits a desire within us to see a reconciling of the situation, to see God's merciful love in action, to see women and their new babies receive life in its fullness. Particularly in this season of Lent, we are called to action and to play our generous part in bringing about a better world for all.

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

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.

ITALIAN LADIES

Riunione dei membri del comitato Martedì 16 Marzo dopo la Santa Messa.

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 30 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. Durante la celebrazione Suor Anna superiora delle Pastorelle ci porterà delle riflessioni. Tutti benvenuti.

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.