

FIRST READING *Exodus 20:1-17*

The law was given through Moses.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Signore, tu hai parole di vita eterna.

SECOND READING *Corinthians 1:22-25*

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'! Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito; chiunque crede in lui ha la vita eterna. Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'.

GOSPEL *John 2:13-25*

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$808.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$301.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$322.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 15/03/09

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS

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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 22/03/09

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
 10.30am (SUN) - A Vinelli & D Lucato

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
 L Catena, L Cavedon & A Sonza
 C McMahan, S Miano & D Herbert

CHURCH CLEANERS

21/03/09 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS

16/03/09 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon
 23/03/09 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Venus LEAMON, Adua MAZZOCCA in LAVELLA d. Italy, Giovanni GUERRERA d. Italy

ANNIVERSARIES

Liberato Emanuele FATTORE (1 mth), Pasquale INFANDINO, Giuseppe DELZOTTI,
 Michele & Angela CIAVARELLA, Lazzaro, Carmela & Giovanni DECATA, Filomena BEVILACQUA
 Migkele, Rosario & Marianna MAGALDI, Assunta SPARANO, Nazzarena MORFUNI,
 Concetta & Domenico CUTRUPI, Giovanni FARINACCI, Harold KENNAN

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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

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

15 March 2009

The New Temple

Was Jesus ever angry? There are a number of incidents in the Gospels that picture Jesus becoming frustrated and annoyed. The most often quoted instance is the subject of today's Gospel, the so-called "Temple Act" or "Cleansing of the Temple." Jesus' angry attack upon the Temple market seems out of character with his usual non-violent and pacifist behaviour – especially towards the institutions of Israel. In his day, the Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of the Jewish cult. It was also one of the architectural wonders of the Roman world. As Jesus' opponents point out, it "took forty-six years to build." The precincts of the Temple were always a hive of bustling activity. Pilgrims and local devotees jostled with each other to purchase animals for sacrifice and exchange their currency for making donations. In many respects, the entire economy of the Holy City, both religious and state, was dependent upon the Temple. One might wonder why Jesus sought to target the "money changers" or "pigeon sellers." After all the money changers performed a necessary function, as they exchanged Roman and Greek coins for Tyrian coins which did not bear unacceptable "images" of pagan gods and the Emperor. Similarly, it was necessary for anyone who wished to offer sacrifices at the Temple to have access to a ready source of acceptable animals – larger beasts, such as cattle and sheep, for the wealthy, and pigeons for the poor. Jesus' Temple act is often portrayed as an example of "righteous anger." But there is no suggestion that Jesus' apparent anger was directed at any specific instance of corruption on the part of the pigeon-sellers, the money changers or even the Temple priesthood. The target of Jesus' action was against the kind of economy that he perceived to be replacing the economy of salvation. The Holy City of Jerusalem stood at the heart of Jewish religious sentiment and observance. The whole system of sacrifice, atonement and forgiveness, and of the ritual purity that was so fundamental to the Jewish way of life, was focused entirely on the Temple cult in Jerusalem. In this context, Jesus' action in the Temple is not to be interpreted as an angry outburst against a corrupt institution. It was, rather, a prophetic gesture foretelling the demise of Temple as the locus of salvation. Jesus presents himself as the new Temple, where all will find atonement and forgiveness without recourse to the sacrificial system of the Temple cult. The story signals that, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, a new economy of salvation would be established. We must conclude, therefore, that, by intervening in the Temple in this way, Jesus was acting in a prophetic manner. He was anticipating a new time of salvation, brought about by his saving death. Our access to God, and God's merciful generosity toward us, are the result of the Father's incalculable love. Such salvation could not be bought. God's love was not conditional on the violent sacrifice of animals; nor could it be bought by making a donation of the correct coins!

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

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. 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: CENA CON I SIMBOLI DELLA PASQUA

Martedì 8 Aprile (settimana santa) dopo la Santa Messa delle ore 10.00am, nella sala parrocchiale si terrà un fraterno incontro con i simboli della pasqua come negli anni passati. L'offerta sarà di \$7, i posti sono limitati, prenotatevi in tempo. Per i biglietti potete rivolgervi a Lucia al 9460 4597 or Rosa al 9460 1695. 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 **Dean Cannizzaro** son of Ralph and Daniela, **Amelia Di Benedetto** daughter of Gino and Melinda 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.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral for Venus Leamon will be celebrated at St Joseph the Worker Church on Monday 16 March at 1.30pm.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 17 March 7.30pm – Bernardo Folino (d. rec. Italy)
Friday 20 March 7.30pm - Bartolo Cincotta (d. rec. Italy)

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The current series of Thanksgiving envelopes ends in March. We greatly thank those who have contributed. A new series of Thanksgiving envelopes will be issued for the following six months, and will be delivered to the homes within the next two weeks.

We ask parishioners who are not currently listed through Thanksgiving to please consider supporting the parish in this way. Please contact the Parish Office for further details on 9460 3013.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR JOSEPH YU

Fr Joseph Yu celebrated his 83rd Birthday last Monday 9 March. We wish him all the very best, and many blessings always.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We have a group of Ministers of the Eucharist who distribute communion to the sick and elderly in our parish. If any families in the parish have a sick family member or know of someone who is very sick or elderly that are unable to attend Mass, and wish to receive communion during the Easter season, please let the parish office know on 9460 3013 or Mrs Lena Cavedon on 9462 2647.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

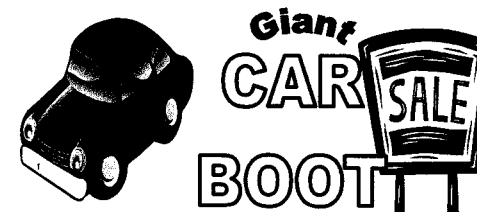


3rd Sunday Of Lent

In today's reading from Exodus, God speaks to the people through Moses his servant. Moses recalls the great things God has done in redeeming the people from slavery in the land of Egypt. Moses challenges the people to restore their trust in God through the rejection of false gods in the form of material attractions and earthly riches. They are reminded that God's kindness is shown to those who obey God's commandments. Trust and confidence is restored to a young man, once known as a 'street boy' in our story from Papua New Guinea.

Junior Robinson Sorosu was familiar with a life of gangs, drinking, drugs and petty crime. Through the support of Caritas Australia, Junior is now involved in the organic farming project. He teaches locals in other villages and speaks their language. He plans to join the army and study agriculture in contributing to the development of his country.

This project has created 'an environment to grow in' for young people to choose a new direction in their lives. It has also enhanced public safety among communities. Project Compassion invites us to act, challenge and change unjust structures that lead to violence and crime. As Jesus drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple we too must risk standing in solidarity with the marginalised, the powerless and the oppressed in building a better world.



Come and join us on Sunday 22 March

11.30am - 3.00pm

It will be held within the school grounds of
St Joseph the Worker Primary school
79 Wilson Blvd Reservoir



Sausage Sizzle! Jumping Castel! Showbags! Live Music! Silent Auction!

If you are interested in selling your goods, car spots are available at \$20 each.
For any enquiries call 0433 525 724

**Se siete interesati di vendere qualche cosa, posti per la macchina e' di \$20.
Per informazione telefonate al 0433 525 724**