

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

FIRST READING *Genesis 12:1-4*

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Donaci, Signore, il tuo amore: in te speriamo.

SECOND READING *Timothy 1:8-10*

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

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.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

CANTO AL VANGELO

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

GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1-9*

His face shone like the sun.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$712.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$258.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$284.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 20/03/2011

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
T Forte, L Calafiore, S LoBartolo
A Keighley, T Saleh & L De Marco

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 27/03/2011

6.00pm (SAT) E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico
10.30am (SUN) - G Canavan & Sr Estelita

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino
F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
M Mizzi, J Tanti & T Nguyen

CHURCH CLEANERS

26/03/2011 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & A Leggiero

MONEY COUNTERS

21/03/2011 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito
28/03/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe SCHIPANO, Raffaella GRANDINETTI

ANNIVERSARIES

Rocco FERRARO, Famiglia PUGLIESE, Salvatore MONFORTE, Giuseppe TARANTO
Gaetano, Concetta & Ignazio ABBATE, Sebastino & Beatrice CARUSO, Giovanni MERCURI,
Ida MERCURI, Pasquale CIMINI, Carmela CIMINO, Orsola BONELLI, Reno GRECH,
Manuela FABRI, Nina TONNA, Rosaria & Felice PALAMARA, Antonio PISTONE,
Gina DI DONATO, Giuseppe & Antonina CATALANO, Domenico & Domenica VARRENTI

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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



2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

20 March 2011

Transfiguration of Life



We live in a well-organised society. Everything is carefully planned ahead and, ideally, implemented in accordance with the plan. Errors or changes happening in the middle of the plan are not acceptable. Those whose lives are well organised are highly regarded. Those who do not plan well are not. Their lives may result in a state of lacking self-confidence. That's why today we often hear the expression "the age of uncertainty" among young people. This business model of acting and planning now influences the way we live. We work hard so that we can establish a secure, stable and well-planned life. However, life is like a flowing stream. It is always moving and flexibly shaping itself along its way. Wherever it goes, it brings more life and bears more fruit. The continuous flow of life always brings about something new. The way the river flows is not always subject to planning. The Scripture readings today give us beautiful images of transforming life. Abraham was called in a vision to leave his country and his father's house for a land that he hadn't known. He went as the Lord told him. He was not sure what would happen to him. St. Paul relied on God's grace and power. He stepped out with insecurity to bear witness to the Good News that Christ is risen as our Saviour. In the Gospel reading, the group of close friends – Peter, James and John, were taken away from the other disciples to witness the transfiguration of Jesus on a mountain. They saw their master Jesus gloriously transfigured. They were ecstatic. They had foretasted the glory of eternal life. The common point of those stories is that Abraham, Paul and the three disciples humbly listen to God's call and accept uncertainty in their lives. People often say that life is a miracle. We believe even more: life is an unstoppable miracle. Jesus' resurrection abolished death, and established immortality – the eternal life. Our life now is a transformed life. It's unstoppable. It is always changing into new life. Death now is a necessary step of transition of old life to new life. Every moment of our life is a transforming time in which we can be transformed anew as persons. Lent is a time to step out of our old self in order to be transformed into a new person. Accepting uncertainty and change is the first step to a new life. We can't afford to stand still. Life always keeps moving. If we move with it, we are carried on, refreshed, and changed. Now we carry within us eternal life of Christ. We are invited to open our minds and hearts to His teachings. If we put our trust and hope in His words, our lives will surely be transformed each day.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Maximilian Pachioli** child of Angelo and Carolina, **Jessica & Caitlin Schiavone** children of Mario and Rachel, **Thomas Vouros** child of Nicholas and Loredana and **Massimo Calcagno** child of Frank and Daniela 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 Rosary for Giuseppe Schipano will be recited on Monday 21 March at 7.30pm. Funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 22 March at 11.00am.

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

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

EUCARIST COMMITMENT MASS

Next weekend 26/27 March at the 6.00pm and 10.30am Mass, the grade 4 children of our parish preparing for First Eucharist will be presented to the parish community.

FEAST

Friday 25 March – Annunciation of the Lord

The Feast of the Annunciation, one of the most important in the Church calendar, celebrates the actual Incarnation of Our Saviour, the Word made flesh in the womb of his mother, Mary.

In Luke 1:26-38 the Gospel writer describes the angel Gabriel announcing Mary that she is to become the mother of the Incarnation of God: 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.' and Mary's response to God's will, 'Let it be done to me according to thy word.'

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**

Second Sunday of Lent



Your compassion and generosity alleviates trauma and brings hope to people who are suffering. This week we met Elisabeth, 24, from the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of the world's most poverty-stricken nations. Here violence and homelessness are widespread. Since 2000, Caritas Australia has supported medical, psychological and economic care to thousands of men, women and children affected by sexual violence here. This unconditional acceptance and compassion gave Elisabeth hope. Please donate to Project Compassion and help survivors of violence, like Elisabeth, to heal after conflict and learn skills for a more stable future.



Jesus is transfigured.

There's a brilliant vision of him, a breakthrough into the unknown.
'This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him.'

Everything changes after this experience; for the 'elect', for all of us.
The way to Jerusalem is clear.
'Stand up....do not be afraid.'

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

15TH ANNUAL PASSION PLAY

Held at, Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster this Easter. Two performances only: Palm Sunday, 17 April 2011, 1.30pm and Good Friday, 22 April 2011, 10.00am. Details: www.passionplay.info

LECTIO DIVINA – FRIDAY MORNINGS

Prayer 9.30am – 10.15am join us Fridays after morning mass in a quiet oasis of prayer away from the hustle and hype of your normal activities. 'Lectio Divina' is a way of reading the scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. A quiet time of attentive listening, to renew our hearts and minds.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE – NIDDRIE

The friends for Life has started up a fortnightly "Friends for Life" group to accommodate anybody that has lost a partner either through passing away or separated. Travel, dinners, coffees, walks, swims, markets, day trips, movies and more. Please feel free to call Brenda for more details. Mobile 0419 514 082. Next meeting: Thursday 24 March 6.00pm, \$3.