

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

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Create a clean heart in me, O God!

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Crea in me, o Dio, un cuore puro.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5:7-9*

He learnt to obey and become for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Se uno mi vuol servire, mi segua, dice il Signore, e dove sono io, là sarà anche il mio servitore. Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

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GOSPEL *John 12: 20-33*

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$840.00
- Loose Money.....\$218.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery.....\$350.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 25/3/2012

6.00pm (SAT) – D Pullicino & E Krygger
9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & C Monforte
10.30am (SUN) – N Sua & L Conte

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin & N Ziino
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & P Leggiero
J & J Kearney & P Nguyen

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 01/04/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - B Nadenbousch & G Canavan
9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & R DeZan
10.30am (SUN) – Sr Fitzsimmons & Sr Estelita

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba & J Pullicino
A Sonza, M Piscioneri & L Cavedon
S Rottura, P Nguyen & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

31/3/2012 M Martuccio, L Calafiore, A Leggiero & P. D’Aniello

MONEY COUNTERS

26/3/2012 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
02/4/2012 R & E Cornelious

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Elena MARKESICH, Primo & Paola PRECOMA, Salvatore MONFORTE, Gaetano, Concetta & Ignazio ABBATE, Famiglia MONFORTE, Domenico & Concetta CUTRUPI, Osvaldo & Franco RETTORE, Luigi SCARPINO, Pasquale CIMINO, Ursola BONACCI, Carmela CIMINO, Annetta PANE, Felice CARUSO, Severia & Rosa NICOLAZZO, Giovanni & Sabastiano SCUDERI, Maria FRASCHILIA, Giuseppe CONTI, Grazia GULIZIA Susan MIFSUD, Emmanuel, Polly & John FARRUGIA GAY, Stephen BORG, Theresa Khoá NGUYEN Rustu, Alvine, Saitta & Milichi PREZE, Francesco, Anna & Gina VOZZO, Elisabetta & Anelio URSINO

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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

5th Sunday of Lent Year B

25 March 2012

Not without The Cross

A good friend of ours was applying for a position in a Catholic organization. Someone on the panel asked, “What do you see as being distinctive about Catholic Spirituality?” Our friend, unfazed by the question, replied, “Oh, it would have to be the cross”, and then went on to explain her response.

Would you have given her the job?

Well, I’m here to tell you that she was the successful applicant! Because the Cross is at the very heart of our faith. We all know from experience that pain is part of the deal. No sane person wants pain, but we can’t live without it. It’s part of being human. We try to tame it and make it manageable, but in our honest moments the Passion story strikes chords deep within us.

It challenges us to think about how we deal with life’s brickbats. Are they running us into vinegar or into a beautiful wine? Today’s gospel shows us that there is power in surrender and in weakness. “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself”. When he embraced the Cross, Jesus changed it from a sign of shame to a source of healing. The seed must die if the harvest is to happen! Could it be that the place of our pain is the holy place? Truly, most of us have to hit rock bottom in order to even begin the real spiritual journey. In Jesus, God took on our suffering and hit rock bottom on our behalf. This is why Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote about how “only a suffering God can help us”. We experience a vulnerable God. Who has been through it all, a God very different from the immutable One we perhaps have hiding in those old tapes in our subconscious.

We see that Jesus was broken on the Cross, and we, too, are no strangers to brokenness. With St Mary of the Cross we can truthfully say “As for myself, I am a mass of weakness”. The crunch comes when we learn to surrender, in solidarity with Jesus. He embraced his darkness, and became the Light of the World. Can we too embrace the Cross and allow it to be a source of growth? Can we forgive our enemies, both within and without? Can we celebrate the scars that have brought us to growth?

Our own St. Mary gave us a spirituality of the Cross, which drew her to respond, through suffering, to her “good God”, her “best and loving Friend”. Though her life was one of immense hardship, she did not become lost in her struggles, or blame God when times were tough. Those who knew her spoke of the deep peace she always carried in her heart. It came from her relationship of intimacy and surrender with a God of unconditional love. When Crosses came her way, she gently reflected “We must often feel weary and tired, yet God brings us through all these things”.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



In this week's story we meet Judy, whose shanty town in Peru bears little resemblance to God's vision of a just world, with high tuberculosis and malnutrition rates, no running water, no sewage and next to no employment. Since 2004, your donations have supported a Maternal and Infant Health Program here, including a childcare centre providing activities, meals and preventative health services for families. Today, Judy imagines a brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion today to allow such partnerships to continue and expand to others in need.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 27 Marzo ore 9.00am in cappella, Adorazione Eucaristica seguita dalla S. Messa ore 10.00am.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Sunday 25 March 6.30pm – Elena Markesich (1mth)

Thursday 29 March 7.00pm – Gaetano Pavano (1 yr)

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Jonathan Cafari** child of Paul and Linda, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

WE ARE GRACED BY THE EUCHARIST



There will be a parish gathering which will be held on Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 7.00pm in the Parish School Hall.

The theme of the gathering is **“We are Graced By The Eucharist”**

The Eucharist (Mass) is the celebration that brings us together as a community when focusing on the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ given to us in the forms of bread and wine, we are caught up in God's selfless love for each of us and for all humanity. The Guest Speaker will be: Rev. Dr. Elio Capra SDB.

We will gather at 7.00pm for a cup of coffee or tea. Then the talk will start at 7.30pm. Meeting is expected to finish approximately 9.00pm.

I invite you to encourage other parishioners and friends to attend. Please let me know before 26.3.12 whether you are able or unable to attend. This will help the Parish Pastoral Team members in their preparation for the cuppa and seating. I look forward to seeing you at this our special community gathering.

May Saint Joseph the Worker help us to make Jesus Real by following our parish motto:

“LET US WORK TOGETHER”.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The current cycle of Thanksgiving envelopes ends this weekend. We greatly thank those who have contributed.

A new series of Thanksgiving envelopes has been issued for the following six months and will be delivered to your homes within the next week.

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.

We invite those parishioners who distribute the Thanksgiving envelopes to please collect your allocated streets from the sacristy.

The distributors are as follows: **B Nadenbousch, P Sparano, J Barbaro, J Ciantar, L Cavedon, J Kearney, R Di Guglielmo, R DeZan, T Sinopoli, Nancy Ziino, D Cipollone, R Catena, P Caligiuri, P Leggiere, A Filippone, N Ziino, S Miano & V Zele.**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE 2012

SATURDAY 31st MARCH

8.00am – 3.00pm Working Bee in the church in preparation for Easter.
Please come along and help. Lunch is provided!

SUNDAY 1st APRIL: PALM SUNDAY

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

Parishioners who can assist in bringing palms please bring them to the Church by 10.00am on Saturday morning 31 March. Thank you.

TUESDAY 3rd APRIL

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.

TUESDAY 3rd APRIL

7.30pm – Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

THURSDAY 5th 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 6th APRIL: GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm - Good Friday Ceremonies: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.00pm – Via Crucis (Station of the Cross) in Italian

SATURDAY 7th APRIL: HOLY SATURDAY

7.30pm Easter Vigil Celebration of Mass

SUNDAY 8th APRIL: EASTER SUNDAY

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

MONDAY 9th APRIL: EASTER MONDAY (Public Holiday)

**There will not be any communion service celebrated.
The Church will remain closed.**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS (CONFESSIONI INDIVIDUALI)

TUESDAY 3rd APRIL – 9.30am

WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL – 10.00am

THURSDAY 5th APRIL – 10.00am and 7.00pm

FRIDAY 6th APRIL – 10.00am & 2.00pm

SATURDAY 7th APRIL – 10.00am and 7.00pm

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please take notice that next weekend April 1 daylight savings ends. Don't forget to put your clocks **BACK** one hour Saturday evening before you go to bed.