

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me!

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Dio mio, Dio mio, perche' mi hai abbandonato?

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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GOSPEL Matthew 26:14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$710.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$231.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$266.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 08/04/2012

6.00pm (SAT) - Easter Vigil (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – M Crupi & L Cavedon
10.30am (SUN) – Easter Sunday (Selected)

CHURCH CLEANERS

07/04/2012 L Catena, F Agugiari & R Nyour

MONEY COUNTERS

02/04/2012 R & E Cornelious & D Herbert
09/04/2012 J & J Kearney, E & K Barlett & C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Noah MUSCAT (grandson of Charlie Xerri President of Stella Maris)

ANNIVERSARIES

Angelo BIANCO, Gastone MARAZZATO, Theresa Khoa NGUYEN, Antonio Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Nicola GIANPIETRO, Tina TANCREDI, Matteo, Giuseppe & Antonio NAPOLETANO, Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Salvatore & Sofia RACHIELE, Antonio & Filomena PISANI, Domenico, Salvatore & Giovanna FERRARO, Salvatore ROSANO, Cecilia NATALE, Paola NASELLI, Salvatore SANTO, Rosaria LIMINATO, Grazia FRAPANE, Vincenzo MANGINOTTI, Michelangelo, Giovanni & Micheal BUTERA, Loreto & Domenica TARQUINIO, Angelo & Rosa RAULLI. **Cont....**

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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

Passion Sunday Year B

1 April 2012

Strength in Frailty

Mark's Gospel tells it as it is. No attempt to gloss over the mistakes, failures, and weaknesses. He shows us the traitor, the false friend, the cowardly band who fled when Jesus was arrested. Judas, the traitor, did not fall from grace suddenly. He had originally followed Jesus because he saw the possibility of future glory. He thought that Jesus with his miraculous powers could mount a successful revolution against the Romans-and that he, Judas, would become one of his chief ministers. However, Jesus showed no desire for any violent overthrow of the occupying power. Instead, he preached peace and forgiveness. So Judas decided it was time to move on. He did a deal with the priests to betray Jesus in return for 30 pieces of silver. Even after almost three years of living with Jesus, seeing his mercy, his goodness, his special love for the poor, Judas was not influenced. Peter, chosen as leader of the group, was impetuous, good-hearted, self-confident. He was convinced that he was a much stronger-willed person than he really was. At the Last Supper, he brushed aside the warning of Jesus and declared himself ready to die with him. But, later on that same evening, Peter three times denied on oath that he knew Jesus. When Jesus was arrested, the other disciples fled. John was the only one who stood with Mary, next to the cross on Calvary. When we read Mark's gospel, we wonder why Our Lord chose such a frail group of followers to carry on his work. The remarkable thing is that they did carry on his work as we discover in the Acts of the Apostles. Christ's Church is still active more than 2000 years later. What can we learn from this amazing story of betrayal, weakness and failure? We must never underestimate our own weakness. When problems come, whether from outside the family or within, our faith will be tested. Trials could appear as trouble at work, disputes with a neighbor, marriage problems or children on drugs. We learn from Judas that we are all capable of turning away from God. We have that terrible power of being able to say "No" to God. Still, we learn from Peter that, no matter how weak or how bad we are, God never stops loving us and calling on us to repent. The poet, Francis Thompson, called Jesus "The Hound of Heaven" who never ceases to track us down. After Peter's denial, Jesus looked at him. That look was enough to bring Peter back. Jesus loves each one of us just as he loved Peter. Jesus is never disappointed with us, never surprised by our weakness. When St Paul three times prayed to God to be delivered from some trial, God said: "My grace is sufficient for you. My power is made perfect in weakness". May the loving power of Jesus never cease to shine through our weakness.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 2 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Maria & Giuseppe Gervasi who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. We wish them every blessing and many more years. Auguri.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 2 April 7.30pm – Tina (Benedetta) Tancredi (1mth)
Wednesday 4 April 7.00pm – Antonina Salanitri (1 yr)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2012

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated almost \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times and natural disasters which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thank you to all volunteers who distributed the Thanksgiving Envelopes.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please return Project Compassion boxes to the parish as soon as possible. Remember to fill-in your details on the flap in order to receive a tax deductible receipt.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

You are all invited to the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday 15 April at St Francis of Assisi Church, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park.

Programme:

- 1.00pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Confessions, (English, Indian, Italian, Maltese & Vietnamese will be available).
Holy Rosary
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Benediction
- 3.00pm** Holy Mass including Blessing of the Divine Mercy image concluding with Prayer Ministry & Blessing of Religious articles.
- Main Celebrant:** Fr Brendan Lane **Concelebrating:** Fr Anthony Girolami PP

Enquiries: Please contact parish office on 9407 3190.

MISSIONARY SISTER OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 22 April at the St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing at 2.00pm. Admission is free – a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist Orphans and poor children in the nalgonda Diocese, India and Long Hoi Parish, Vietnam.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE 2012

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 and English

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

Anniversaries Cont...

Rocco FERRARO, Famiglia PUGLIESE, Domenico SPOSARO, Angela SPOSARO,
Concetta M. MACCARONE, John MOORE, Eileen BROWNE