

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

**FIRST READING** Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Ascoltate oggi la voce del Signore; non indurite il vostro cuore.

**SECOND READING** Romans 5:1-2.5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!  
Signore, tu sei veramente il salvatore del mondo; dammi dell'acqua viva, perché io non abbia piu' sete. Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!

**GOSPEL** John 4:5-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$885.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$249.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$313.00

**LECTORS - THIS 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

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 03/04/2011**

6.00pm (SAT) MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti G Barbaro  
10.30am (SUN) - A DeCata & N Sua

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon  
P Nguyen, S Miano & J Kearney

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

02/04/2011 L Catena, F Agugiars & R Nyour

**MONEY COUNTERS**

28/03/2011 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan  
04/04/2011 R & E Cornelious & M Williams

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Angelo BIANCO

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Gustone MARAZZATO, Leopoldo MANABO, Giuseppe CONTI, Grazia GULIZIA,  
Francesca CASALE, Antonio & Rosetta TROLLI, Franco RETTORE, Pasquale COCO  
Vincenza MARCINATTI, Felice TARANTO, Antonina CASTELLI, Reno GRECH, Manuela FABRI,  
Nina TONNA,

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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  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm  
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A

27 March 2011

## At The Well



How often Jesus turns to sinners to proclaim the Word of God. Here in the Gospel of John we have Jesus proclaiming the good news to the woman at the well near the Samaritan town of Sychar. This woman acknowledges she has not been living the most exemplary life. Nevertheless, off she goes and spreads the good news about Jesus to the people of her town. Of all those village people, Jesus has chosen her to carry his message. Certainly we know that God forgives sinners, but the fact that he is prepared to use them as chosen disciples in the service of the Gospel may astound us when we stop to think about it. Can you imagine the commercial world using a convicted forger, or the legal world giving a high position to one who had been convicted of dishonest practices? There is no doubt about it, our loving God is prepared to forgive the truly repentant. But to go further and transform the one who is repentant into an active disciple requires the gift of a truly understanding, wise and forgiving God. The disciples on their return could not see into the heart of this woman at the well. All they saw was Jesus talking in a lonely place to an unaccompanied woman, and a Samaritan to boot! I suppose they thought, “What on earth is the man (Jesus) doing now!” Had they known her history, what would they have thought then? Like them we so often rush to judgement without full knowledge of the facts or the will to understand. But just as the father welcomed back the Prodigal Son into his household, so God not only welcomes the sinner, but puts that reformed person back into service, when the sinner concerned has learned his lesson. So down through the centuries we have the example of Mary Magdalen, Peter the Apostle (“Away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man”), the great Augustine who made public, in gratitude, his “Confession” of guilt and sinfulness. Then, there was John Newton, the slave trader, who wrote “Amazing Grace”, and Bernard Nathenson who now is an apostle for life, but admitted to performing thousands of abortions in his previous life. Because he had dabbl'd in the popular heresies of his youth, Augustine was able to use to good effect his knowledge of these heresies of his time in his polemics against them. So too Newton who, as a sea Captain, had participated in the slave trade, was able to alert public opinion to the horror of his evil trade. And Bernard Nathenson, who was one of the prime movers in the liberalization of the abortion laws in the United States, with his qualifications and experience as a specialist doctor, is now in the front line of the fight for life. All these people spent some time with Jesus at the well. They came to understand the truth of his message and turned their life around as did the Samaritan woman. God can turn even our mistakes and failures into good if we but repent and believe.

### **EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS – YEAR 4**

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

### **MALTESE MASS**

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 2 April, at 6.00pm.

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Martedì 29 Marzo Adorazione Eucaristica ore 9.00am in Cappella. Seguita dalla Santa Messa ore 10.00am. Vi aspettiamo numerosi.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday evening at 7.00pm in the Church both in English and Italian.

### **VIA CRUCIS**

Venerdì alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa, la Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese.

### **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **Rory O'Dwyer** child of Thomas and Loretta 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.

### **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, E Agius, P Caligiuri, P Leggiero, A Filippone, N Ziino, S Miano & V Zele.**

### **NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL**

Please note that St. Joseph the Worker School now has a new phone number. The old number will relay the call until the end of this year. We will announce when the old number will no longer exist. Please get used to using the school's new number 9469 7800.

### **LENTEN SERMONS IN MALTESE**

Lenten Sermons in Maltese will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Church North Reservoir, on Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5 at 7.00pm. Mass, Sermon and Benediction. For further information please contact Fr Edwin Agius mssp, on 9387 7433.

### **EZERCIZZI BIL-MALTI**

Se jinzammu Ezercizzi bil-Malti fil-Knisja ta' San Guzepp Haddiem, North Reservoir nhar it-Tnejn u t-Tlieta, 4 u 5 t'April, fis-7.00pm. Quddiesa, Preidka u Barka Sagramentali.

## Third Sunday of Lent



Jesus teaches us to open up the possibilities of experiencing and sharing our gifts and knowledge. In this week's Project Compassion story, we met Rosa, who lives in Bolivia's isolated Yuqui-Yuracaré Indigenous Community Lands. With Caritas Australia's support, these river communities have come together. An innovative community tourism project was developed and is starting to generate profit, while asserting their culture and preserving their land. Transformation in the lives of these marginalised communities is assisted by your Project Compassion donation. Please donate today.



## *PARISH PIETY STALL SALE*

**This Sunday 27 of March following the 10.30am Mass there will be 50% DISCOUNT on all items. As from the 1<sup>st</sup> April items will only be available to be purchased at the Parish Office between 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday**

### **FR MANNY**

As Fr Manny will be away from the parish next week due to a medical procedure he will be undergoing. Our thoughts and prayers are with him during this time.

### **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

### **15<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.passionplay.info)