

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

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:16-21*

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Grandi cose ha fatto il Signore per noi.

SECOND READING *Philippians 3:8-14*

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu' Ritornate a me con tutto il cuore, dice il Signore, perche' io sono misericordioso e pietoso. Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

GOSPEL *John 8: 1-11*

Let the man without sin be the first to throw a stone.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$768.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$222.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$280.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 21/03/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – E Krygger
9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
10.30am (SUN) – N Sua & J Vincitorio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino
D Biasibetti, R De Zan & G Barbaro
A Keighly, D Lucato & T Saleh

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 28/03/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – D Pullicino
9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli
10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Piscioneri
P Nguyen, M Mizzi & J Tanti

CHURCH CLEANERS

27/3/2010 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & A Leggiero

MONEY COUNTERS

22/03/2010 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
29/03/2010 D Herbert, C McMahon, J Galea & R Comito

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Concetta PORTOGALLO (d.Rec. Italy), Michele PORTOGALLO (d. Rec. Argentina)
Suor Mercedes TORCASO (d. Rec. Italy -Sorella di Giovanna Conte)

ANNIVERSARIES

Angelo DE PACE, Anna SCARINCI, Nazzarena MORFUNI, Giuseppe AMATO, Vincenzo & Rosa RUGGERO, Agata DE RANGO, Lena & Luigi MONARCA, Giuseppe & Rosagirolamo SUTERA, Concetta GAROFALO, Giuseppe TARANTO, Ercole DI RICO, Giuseppe PINNISI, Angela MONTALTO, Michele, Marianna & Rosario MACALDI, Salvatore MONFORTE, Gaetano & Concetta ABATE, Gina DI DONATO, Rachele & Sofia SALVATOR, Antonio & Filomena PISANI, Angela, Michele & Luke CIAVARELLA, Giuseppe FATO, Carmela, Lazzaro & Giovanni DE CATA, Domenico & Concetta CUTRUPI, Giuseppe GAGLIARDI

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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

5th Sunday of Lent Year C

21 March, 2010

The courage to be

Today's gospel presents us with a most profound and inspirational image of Jesus. We are familiar with the many roles of Jesus as preacher, teacher and healer, but in this reading from the Gospel of John, we are offered a deeper insight into the qualities and attributes Jesus brings to these roles. We know that actions speak louder than words. In this critical situation, it was both Jesus' words and actions that saved this accused woman from stoning. It is interesting that this particular passage was a late insertion into the gospel, and that the event it described is not included in the synoptic gospels. It is as if a particular and specific aspect of Jesus' compassion and actions needed to be made known and emphasized.

The laws during these times required that this woman's adulterous actions be punishable by stoning. The Jewish authorities, knowing this law, were interested to see how Jesus would react when they brought the adulterous woman to him. We can imagine the scene. Jesus is there sitting on the steps of the temple teaching. It is dry, probably hot, and the ground beneath them is arid and dusty. He is surrounded by a group of listeners sitting in the shade as they take in what Jesus is saying and explaining. The calm atmosphere of communication is suddenly shattered. A shamed woman is roughly thrust into the company by a group of accusers whose obvious intention is to trap Jesus in a nasty situation. How will he react? Either way, he is bound to incriminate himself. Jesus' response was in direct contrast to that of his accusers. Where they were challenging and accusing, he was calm and nonjudgmental. He was silent, bending down, and writing on the ground. What he wrote we do not know, but he did not immediately speak or answer their accusations, despite their ongoing insistent questions. Then, Jesus straightened up and turned their accusations and demand for punishment back on them. He does not refer to the woman's sinfulness, but rather, focuses on her accusers: "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And again he becomes silent, bends down and writes on the ground. No fuss, no defensiveness, no accusations. One by one, they turn and go away. Jesus is left alone with the woman standing before him. "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again." If only we could all learn from this image of Jesus. Throughout our lives we are challenged and provoked on so many issues: within our families and homes at our workplaces, on sports fields, in traffic, in the supermarket queues, and so on. We do not need to take the high ground. We are often, perhaps too often, quick to jump to conclusions. We react by provoking and wanting to punish. Instead of staying calm and open-minded-to say nothing of keeping a sense of humour and forgiveness, we make the situation worse. How can we be more generous, forgiving and life-affirming?

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE 2010

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH

7.30pm – Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH

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.

SUNDAY 28TH MARCH: PALM SUNDAY

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

THURSDAY 1ST 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 2ND APRIL: GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm - Good Friday Ceremonies: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.30pm – Via Crucis (Station of the Cross) in Italian

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL: HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm Easter Vigil Celebration of Mass

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL: EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am – Mass In Italian,

10.30am – Mass in English.

MONDAY 5TH APRIL: EASTER MONDAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY COMMUNION SERVICE CELEBRATED
THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS (CONFESSIONI INDIVIDUALI)

TUESDAY 30TH MARCH – 9.00am

WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH – 10.00am

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL – 10.00am and 7.00pm

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL – 10.00am

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL – 10.00am and 7.30pm

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Jack Toso** child of Oscar and Sylvia, **Kevin & Adam Kevorkian** children of Samuel and Mishlin, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them with joy into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 27 March commencing at 8.00am in order to prepare the church grounds for Easter. Volunteers needed and welcome! Lunch will be provided.

Fifth Sunday of Lent 21 March

God calls us not only to life, but life to the full. This week's Project Compassion story introduces us to Teresa from El Salvador, who lives in one of El Salvador's most impoverished communities. Teresa and her youngest of four sons, are living with HIV. They are supported by Caritas Australia who fund a preventive education and accompaniment program that aims to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS and support those living with and affected by it. Your Project Compassion donation enables Caritas Australia to continue to address the physical and emotional wellbeing of people like Teresa who are suffering from HIV/AIDS and give them access to improved health as well as promote their confidence and self esteem.



Isaiah 43:16-21; Phillipians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11;

Through the lenses of the exodus experience Isaiah shows us God who has a plan and knows the need to make things new, forgetting failures of the past.

"Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage."

There are so many people in our world seeking release from the bondage of political oppression, material poverty and discrimination. Hearing the cry of the people we respond.

Our hearts must be captured so we serve not only our church and local community but where need and deprivation is experienced. "I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and from God and based on faith." If we are to be like Christ, we need to open our eyes to the needy and be ready to meet the need. The compassionate Jesus in the Gospel accepts the woman caught in the act of adultery. This account calls us to be faithful in our following of Jesus not to condemn others, but to show understanding and forgiveness.

ITALIAN LADIES

Durante tutti i Martedì di Quaresima ci saranno riflessioni e preghiere in Cappella.

Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese tutti i Venerdì' della Quaresima, alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa.

Martedì 30 Marzo dopo la funzione in chiesa ci sarà la cena con i simboli della Pasqua nella sala parrocchiale. L'offerta sarà di \$5.00. Per informazione rivolgersi a Lucia Catena e Rosa DiGuglielmo. Durante la celebrazione Suor Anna superiora delle Pastorelle ci porterà delle riflessioni. Tutti benvenuti!

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The current cycle 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 your homes within the next couple of 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.

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, C Di Bernardino, P Leggiero, R & P Precoma, A Filippone, G & R Silvio, S Miano & V Zele.**

ROSTER

The Liturgy Team is currently preparing a new roster for the various ministries ie. readers, church cleaners, welcomers, overhead projector etc. If you wish to be added to a ministry or your name removed, kindly contact the parish office within the next week on 9460 3013.