

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 became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glorify 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.

**Glorify to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'! Se uno  
mi vuol seguire, mi segua, dice il Signore,  
e dove sono io, la' sara anche il mio  
servitore.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$973.00

- Loose Money..... \$367.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$414.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 29/03/09

6.00pm (SAT) -

9.00am (SUN) - L Calafiore & R DeZan

10.30am (SUN) - L Conte & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba

S Lo Bartolo, G Moltisanti & R Mercuri

J & J Kearney & J Vincitorio

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 05/01/09

6.00pm (SAT) - MALTESE MASS (Selected)

9.00am (SUN) - R Pino & L Catena

10.30am (SUN) - T Fitzsimmons & G Silvio

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)

F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti

U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

CHURCH CLEANERS

04/04/09 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & C Balassone

MONEY COUNTERS

30/03/09 D Herbert, C McMahon, J Galea & R Comito

06/04/09 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio, J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Rosa LAZZARA, Gina DI DONATO, Giuseppe PINTIMALLI, Mariangela SPOSARO,  
Sergio DUSSIN, Pietro D'ALESSANDRO, Silvana BAGGIO, Fernando & Giuliana MANCINI,  
Pasquale AGOSTINELLI, Franco RETTORE, Carmela CORTESE, Paola PRECOMA,  
Vincenza MANCINOTTI, Antonio & Rosetta TRALLI, Pasquale CRITELLI, Romano TENDELLI  
Bambina DI PASQUO in CELLILLI

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

NORTH RESERVOIR

79 Wilson Boulevard, North Reservoir 3073

Parish House/Office Tel: 9460 3013 Fax: 9460 8832 Mb: 0431 643 674

E-mail: stjtw@westnet.com.au

www.stjosephtheworker.org.au

School Tel: 9460 7506 Fax: 9462 2949

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

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

Baptisms - Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B

29 March 2009

## Our Finest Hour

Matt was a talented rugby league player. He began playing junior football in the under eights. Right through his junior years, Matt showed enormous potential. He had speed. He could kick. He had a side-step that would make some of the greats of the game green with envy. He had that rare instinct that enabled him to read the play before it happened. Everyone knew there was something brilliant about this kid from the bush.

By the time Matt turned seventeen, he was playing A grade and he'd also come to the attention of talent scouts. His big break came when he was drafted by one of the national teams into their under twenty-one squad. He moved to the 'big smoke' and began the intense training and preparation needed to make the step up into the big league. His hour had arrived.

Everyone back in his old home town was thrilled at the local boy who'd made good. His parents, his family, and his club were all so proud.

Matt thrived in his new environment. He was living and breathing rugby league. He was doing well through match payments and sponsorships. He was making lots of new friends. His future looked secure. But something happened! Things began to unravel. Over time, the money, the fame, the bright lights and the drink, all combined to take control of Matt's life. His health and playing suffered. He missed training. He missed sponsorship events. His behaviour was reckless.

Matt was delisted by his club. Gone was the money, the lifestyle, the glory and his dream. Matt had reached rock bottom. His football future was over. His hour had ended in self-destruction and misery. Jesus' hour had also come; the hour of his death. It was an hour of self-sacrifice for us. Yet, from a worldly point of view it too was an hour of failure, shame and humiliation. But by raising Jesus from the dead, God turned it into an hour of triumph. It was an hour when the lavish outpouring of God's love would reach the ends of the earth. This was Jesus' finest hour. All his life had prepared him for it and led him to it. The lowest point often proves to be a turning point. It's a great paradox, but the lowest, painful, and darkest hour in the life of the seed is the hour in which it dies. Yet it is this hour in which new life is born. For Matt, his lowest point also proved to be a turning point, a time of great change and growth. With help from others, lots of hard work on his part and with God's grace, new life, new hope, new directions emerged. Matt reclaimed his life. This was indeed his finest hour.

When we look back over our lives, we will see the times that look like our worst hours. Yet these are the moments in which grace abounds, which give birth to something new and shape our lives for the future.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please take notice that next weekend 4 & 5 April, daylight saving ends. Don't forget to put your clocks **BACK** one hour next Saturday evening before you go to bed.

### WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Tuesday 31 March 2009 beginning at 8.30am – 9.00am to prepare the church grounds for Easter. Anyone is welcome to come and give a hand. Lunch will be provided!!!

### PALM SUNDAY – DOMENICA DELLE PALME

If there is any parishioner who can donate Olive branches to the church for Palm Sunday, please let the parish office know on 9460 3013. Branches need to be delivered to the church on the morning of Saturday 4 April. Thank you!

Domenica delle Palme: Se qualcuno puo' donare alla chiesa alcuni rami di Ulivo, per favore telefonate all'ufficio parrocchiale 9460 3013. I rami devano essere portati alla chiesa la mattina di Sabato 4 Aprile. Grazie!

### ITALIAN LADIES

- ADORAZIONE EUCARISTICA

Martedì 30 Marzo, ore 9.00am Adorazione Eucaristica con riflessione e preghiera, segue S. Messa ore 10.00am.

- PROVE PER LA VIA CRUCIS

Lunedì 30 Marzo, ore 7.00pm in chiesa prove per la Via Crucis del Venerdì Santo.

- CENA CON I SIMBOLI DELLA PASQUA

Martedì 7 Aprile (settimana santa) dopo la Santa Messa delle ore 10.00am, nella sala parrocchiale si terra' un fraterno incontro con i simboli della pasqua come negli anni passati. L'offerta sara' di \$7, i posti sono limitati, prenotatevi in tempo. Per i biglietti potete rivolgervi a Lucia al 9460 4597 or Rosa al 9460 1695. Riflessioni del Martedì continua alle ore 9.00am in Capella, seguita Santa Messa alle 10.00am

### EASTER DAWN

This year's Easter celebration on 12 April 2009, will be an **EASTER DAWN** starting at **5.30am**

This means that on **HOLY SATURDAY** evening 11 April 2009. **There will be NO MASS celebrated.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church. It will be in both English and Italian. All parishioners are warmly invited to come together for this important time of prayer.

### VIA CRUCIS

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

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Alessia Biagioni** child of Adrian and Patricia, **Domenic Bruno** child of Fred and Angela, **Emily Imperatrice** child of Mark and Giovanna, **Sharla Sinopoli** child of Joe and Deanna, **Sienna Perrotta** child of Simone and Diana, **Lakisha and Sasadi Jayalath children** of Ranjan and Krishanthi 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.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation meeting will be held on Monday 6 April at 7.30pm in the church.

### MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 31 March 7.00pm – Teresina Pantaleo (1 mth)

Friday 3 April 7.30pm – Franca Carbone (1 yr)

### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 April 2009, at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass, will be celebrated next Saturday 4 April at 6.00pm.

### THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The current series 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.

We ask parishioners who are not currently listed through Thanksgiving to please consider supporting the parish 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, C Di Berardino, P Leggiero, R Dezan, A Sinopoli, R Precoma, G Silvio, J Kearney, A Filippone, R D'Errico, R DiGuglielmo, Nancy Ziino, V Zele.**

## *HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE*

### **THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL**

7.30pm - Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL PALM SUNDAY**

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

### **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL HOLY THURSDAY**

7.30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

### **FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL GOOD FRIDAY**

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

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

### **SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL EASTER SUNDAY**

5.30am Easter Dawn Celebration of Mass

9.00am Mass in Italian

10.30am Mass in English

### **INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS/CONFESSIONI INDIVIDUALI**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am,

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 9.00am,

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 10.00am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 10.00am & 6.30pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 10.00am & 2.00pm

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am