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FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Abbiamo contemplato, o Dio, le meraviglie del tuo amore.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Perche' mi hai veduto, Tommaso, tu hai creduto: beati quelli che pur non avendo visto, crederanno. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1059.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$1101.50
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$1160.00
	- Easter Offering.....	\$996.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 30/03/08

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba & J Broadbent

9.00am (SUN) – F Biasibetti & R Fato

10.30am (SUN) – L Conte & T Vavala

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin

T Forte, G Moltisanti & R Mercuri

C McMahan, S Miano & M Alvaro

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 06/04/08

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (selected)

9.00am (SUN) – S Lo Bartolo & R DiGuglielmo

10.30am (SUN) - F Turnbull & M Alvaro

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (selected)

F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti

U Strangis, J & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

05/04/08 R DiGuglielmo, M Ricci & G Romano

MONEY COUNTERS

31/03/08 D Herbert, C McMahan & P Cherubin

07/04/08 R & E Cornelious & R & G Silvio

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Pasquale CRITELLI, Giuseppe LENTINI, Salvatore SICCITA, Mariangela PAOLA, Giuseppe CONTI, Grazia PULIZIA, Vincenza MARZIALE

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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. Communion Service

Tue. 10.00am Italian

Wed. 9.10am - English

Thur. 9.10am - English

Fri. 9.10am - English

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A

March 30, 2008

Happiness

How do we find happiness? Is there a school that offers happiness courses? Well, I was surprised to find that there *is* such a school...and not only one! There are more than a hundred universities in the United States that offer courses on happiness.

Time magazine published some research on happiness conducted by one of these universities and the results might be surprising. If we were to ask people what would make them happy, their first response might be “Money!” or “I’d like to be famous!” But when people think more deeply they realise that true happiness is not to be found in money or fame but rather in a positive approach to life and in good relationships with other people.

Sonja Lyubomirsky, a psychologist in California, summarised the results of her research in eight tips for finding happiness.

1. Count your blessings,
2. Practise acts of kindness,
3. Savour life’s joys.
4. Thank people who help you,
5. Learn to forgive,
6. Invest time and energy in friends and family,
7. Take care of your body,
8. Develop strategies for coping with stress and hardships.

These tips come from a secular rather than a religious source, but it is remarkable how similar they are to Christian values. Our faith teaches us that real happiness is not to be found in money, fame or self-indulgence. Searching for happiness along these paths will only bring disappointment. Our faith points to other paths – a focus on people over money, walking humbly in the presence of God, giving thanks for the gifts we have received, being ready to carry the cross of suffering, giving ourselves in service to others. At first sight these paths might not look so attractive, but they are the paths of true happiness. The Scriptures today present a picture of the early Christian community and one of the main features of this community is *joy*. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that “they shared their food gladly and generously”. In the Letter of St Peter we find that the first Christians had their problems but that through all their trials they remained joyful because of their faith in God’s promises. “This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts trials.” Even those who had not met Jesus during his earthly life had come to love him and this gave them deep happiness. “You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe.” Today’s gospel tells of Jesus appearing to his followers after his resurrection. Seeing him again brought them great joy. “The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.” The text goes on say that even those who have not seen Jesus can share in this joy through their faith. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” May the risen Jesus be with us today and bless us with peace and joy.

THANK YOU FROM FR YU

Dear Fr Manny & Parishioners,

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you and to the parishioners for your greetings, prayers, kindness and care on my 82nd birthday. It is really great to be invited to participate at the Holy Week's religious functions. I always feel that I am coming home when I'm invited to St Joseph the Worker Parish. Many Thanks!

I sincerely extend to you all the best blessings of God on the Feast of Easter. Peace be with you all as the risen Lord greeted. Best wishes to you all.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Mariana Carabott** child of Henric and Cory, **Tyler Molinaro** child of Vince and Anna who will be baptised today. We welcome them into our parish community and assure their families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 31 March at 7.30pm in the church.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 5 April at 6.00pm.

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 4 April 7.30pm – Angela Bruno (1 mth)

FEAST DAY

Monday 31 March – Annunciation of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The current cycle of Thanksgiving envelopes end this weekend. 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 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 DiGuglielmo, R DeZan, T Sinopoli, N Ziino, D Cipollone, R Catena, E Agius, C Di Berardino, B Sinopoli, P Leggiero, R & P Precoma, A Filippone, G Silvio, P Cherubin, V Zele.**



WORLD YOUTH DAY

108 Days to Go.....



Our parish representatives of Days in the Dioceses will be talking at each Mass this weekend. Let us give them our generous support.

Archbishop Denis Hart wrote a prayer for the successful work of the Days in the Dioceses. From this weekend till July we will pray this prayer together at each Mass.

A Prayer for Days in the Dioceses 2008

Lord Our God

Through your son, Jesus
You have shown that you loved us first and
continue to send us the Holy Spirit of love.

As we welcome in Melbourne young people
from many countries and accompany them
to World Youth Day in Sydney

Guide us by your truth

Fill us with hope to search for Jesus

Supported by Mary's prayers

And always live in your love.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Archbishop Denis Hart

MELBOURNE STAY – 'FRIENDS FOREVER'

Melbourne families are amongst the most hospitable and welcoming communities in the World. It's now your chance to come forward and host international pilgrims and show them what a great city we live in. The Melbourne Stay Program involves Melbourne families volunteering to provide bed and breakfast for at least 2 pilgrims in their homes for the period leading up to and including 10-14 July, 2008. With an estimated 25,000 overseas pilgrims coming to Days in the Dioceses (DID08), of this, it is estimated that 20,000 will request basic accommodation.

Logon to our website WWW.DID08.COM and register as a Melbourne Stay host today! Or pick-up a Melbourne Stay Host Application Form from the Parish Office.

WYD JOURNEY OF THE CROSS, ICON AND ABORIGINAL MESSAGE STICK – WILL ARRIVE AT ST DAMIAN'S CHURCH BUNDOORA ON APRIL 29 2008 AT 6.30PM.

There will be special reflections, music and youth who will speak about their own experiences of faith. This will continue on till 11.45pm. Everyone is invited to attend all night or drop in any time to join in prayers for our church as we journey along towards the World Youth Day. Individual Reconciliation will be provided starting at 7.30pm.

For further information please ring any three of our great parishioners who are volunteers for Days in the Dioceses Melbourne. Ray & Glenyce Silvio: 9460 6607, Diane Chybowski : 9471 1060