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FIRST READING Acts 2:14,22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Mostraci, Signore, il sentiero della vita.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 24:13-35

They recognized him at the breaking of the bread.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$791.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$199.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$286.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 13/04/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci
 9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & A DeCata
 10.30am (SUN) - A Vinelli

CHURCH CLEANERS

12/04/08 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS

07/04/08 R & E Cornelious & R & G Silvio
 14/04/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vitina RANDONE, Franca CARBONE

ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatore, Rosanna, Angelina & Maria GRANDE, Mariangela PAOLA, Josph BONELLO,
 Antonio & Rosetta TRALLI, Giorgio, Vittoria, Maria & Vittorio BENETTI,
 Angelo, Iolanda & Tina ODATO, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI,
 Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Pasquale, Maria-Grazia & Giuseppina TIMPANO,
 Francesco SANTOPIETRO, Domenico MAMMONE, Pasquale CAMPISI, Anthony FEDERICO
 Luigino-Antonio DI PETTA, Joseph DEBONO, Charlie AGIUS, Nicola CARNOVALE
 Maria & Giuseppe CARNOVALE, Sabatino RIDOSSI, Mario & Maria GIROLAMO
 Ida & Nadir BOSCOLO, Mansueto SANTINA, Adele GUERINO, Aldo ZANINI

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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

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

April 6, 2008

Putting the picture together

When we suffer bitter disappointment over something, there is always a temptation to drown our sorrows. We might not literally turn to drink but we might seek consolation in other inappropriate ways. This could have been what was happening for the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

They had placed all their hopes in Jesus over the previous three days their hopes had been dashed. Now they had turned their backs on Jerusalem and were heading to Emmaus, a town just seven miles away. Although it has never been exactly sited, some commentators suggest that Emmaus might have been like the nightclub or casino districts in our modern cities: the sort of place people went to for fun and distraction or to drown their sorrows.

As with virtually every gospel encounter with Jesus, the two disciples' meeting with him that Easter night had dramatic consequences. Not only did they not stay the night in town as planned, they immediately turned back to Jerusalem, eager to share their news with others.

Two crucial things had happened. Firstly, Jesus had opened their eyes to the connections in the scriptures. They could now see that he was the one foretold by the prophets and that the things said about him had come true. They realized that their hearts had been burning inside them as it was all made clear. Secondly, and what clinched it for them, was when Jesus broke bread at table and they saw the connection with the Eucharist. With today's modern means of communication everyone wants to be first with the "breaking news". Well, this was breaking news all right and when these two disciples rejoined their companions the breaking news was confirmed. The Lord had risen and had also appeared to Simon. From then on, their first duty would be witness to the resurrection of Jesus, which is why all the great sermons in the Acts of the Apostle trace the story of our salvation through to the resurrection. The resurrection puts everything into perspective. Peter's sermon at Pentecost in the first reading takes us back to David to prove the point and help us make the connections. And we hear him pressing home the point in his first letter as he reminds us that Jesus was raised to glory so that we would have faith and hope in God. We are Christ's disciples today. Like the first disciples we are called upon first and foremost to witness to the resurrection. May we have our own Emmaus experiences; may our hearts burn within as we see the connections, not only in the scriptures but in our prayerful meetings with the Lord, above all at the breaking of bread. This is why we gather for Mass, for it is here above all that we are united with the Lord and one another, and share in those saving events of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, and so become men and women of faith and hope. And once we see the connections, then we can help others put the picture together too.

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Marcelle Speranza** child of Lorenzo and Santina, **Sienna Scamarcio** child of Claude and Pina, **Luke Verri** child of Robert and Belinda, and **Ava Marotta** child of Domenic and Jody 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.

WEDDING

We congratulate Helen Kearney and Wayne Coleman who were married here at St Joseph the Worker this weekend. We ask God's blessing on them and their families on this special occasion.

FEASTS

Monday 7 April – St John Baptist de la Salle.

Friday 11 April – St Stanislaus (bishop, martyr)

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral Mass for Franca Carbone will be celebrated on Tuesday 8 April at 11.30am. The Rosary will be recited on Monday 7 April at 7.30pm.

MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 9 April at 7.30pm – Carmela Cortese (d. rec.)

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team will meet on Tuesday 8 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team will meet on Thursday 10 April at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 8 April riunione del Comitato Femminile nella cappella ore 9.00am. Tutti i membri sono attesi.

CUPPA



Next Sunday 13 April after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

“The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert today at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 116 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2.00pm. Admission is free – a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist the many needs of the missions.”

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT?

As an introduction to the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) this unit will offer an overview of the textual, cultural, historical, literary and religious features of the literature of the Old Testament. The unit will begin with an overview to Israel's sacred story as narrated in the Old Testament. The student will be introduced to such topics as inspiration, sacral institutions in Israel, the Pentateuch, and the documentary hypothesis, the prophetic movement in Israel, the Deuteronomistic history, the literature of the wisdom movement, and psalms as forms of praise. An introduction is thus offered to the diversity of literary forms and styles of literature contained in the Old Testament canon. Further, an overview of critical method in Biblical Studies enables the student to appreciate the different interpretations of Old Testament texts.

Lecturer: Fr Tony Dean cm

When: Fridays - 6.00pm – 9.00pm 4 & 18 April - 2 & 16 May

Saturdays – 10.00am – 5.00pm 5 & 19 April - 3 & 17 May

Where: Catholic Theological College East Melbourne. Enrol Now! Phone: 9412 3314 or ctc@ctc.edu.au



WORLD YOUTH DAY

101 Days to Go.....



CARRYING THE CROSS: ON COMPASS ABC1 THIS SUNDAY NIGHT AT 9.25PM

The world's largest youth event, World Youth Day, is coming to Sydney in July. This story follows a small team of Australian Catholic pilgrims rallying young people from across Australia to the big event. Around half-a-million young Catholics from across the globe are coming.

It will be Pope Benedict XVI'S first visit to Australia. Since July 2007 six young Australian Catholics have been travelling around the country armed with a large wooden cross. Their mission is as old as the first apostles': to draw people to God...and WYD. COMPASS joined the pilgrims for one leg of their odyssey, from the Twelve Apostles on the Victorian coast to the outback plains of Hay in western NSW. We witness the ups and downs of the cross's journey, and ask whether it has the power to transform young hearts and minds, and bring them into the church.

HANDOVER OF THE WYD CROSS, ICON AND ABORIGINAL MESSAGE STICK TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE.

Friday 25 April 2008 (Anzac Day) at St. Patrick's Cathedral 6.00pm – Prayers and Hymns.

7.00pm – Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart and the Priests of Melbourne. After the Mass the Cathedral will remain open for a time of prayerful veneration of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

If you can volunteer your time from 5 – 14 July 2008 we want you to be a part of TEAM DID08

Register online at www.did08.com or call 9412 8484

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.

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