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FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1156.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$261.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$347.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 20/4/08

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo
9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
10.30am (SUN) – R Giarrusso & R Gravina

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 26/04/08

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli
10.30am (SUN) - T Fitzsimmons & J Vincitorio

CHURCH CLEANERS

26/04/08 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & C Balassone

MONEY COUNTERS

21/04/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon
28/04/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, G Canavan & M Turnbull

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Timothy TOLAN, Dorothy TURNER (Sister of Margaret Turnbull)

ANNIVERSARIES

Mariangela PAOLA, Rocco PATAMI, Antonio CAPUTO, Giuseppe SACRMOZZINO
Maria-Caterina & Vincenzina COLACE, Sebastiano & John GIACCA, Franco NICOLAZZO
Angelo MANNO, Giuseppe & Domenica ENSABELLA, Sebastiano IACONA
Filippo & Antonina MANNO, Filippo & Giovanna BASILE, Tony PULLICINO
Giuseppa & Fred PULLICINO, Giuseppa DELL'ALBANI

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Volgiti a noi, Signore: in te speriamo.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono la via, la verita', la vita, dice il Signore: nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me. Alleluia.

SPECIAL MINISTERS

D Herbert
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
M Sernia, Joanne Vincitorio & Sr Doreen

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N Ziino
P Leggiero, A Sonza & R Terzino
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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

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

April 20, 2008



Living Stones

We who listen to today's second reading live in a variety of dwellings. Maybe a neat brick or timber frame bungalow on a suburban section, maybe in an apartment, some stories up in a high-rise block. Maybe even, if we have decided to spend our youth exploring the world, or our years of retirement visiting

the remote corners of our country, a campervan.

When Peter's epistle was written back in the first century life was simpler. Sure, even then there was more than one way your home could be built. But if you wanted something durable, practical and virtually burglar-proof, and not too expensive, you could not do better than build your house of blocks of stone. Stacked one on top of another, fitting snugly into place, such blocks made up buildings with which every one of the epistle's readers was familiar.

So when Peter wanted to remind his readers of what the church community really is, what better image to use than that of a building and of the stones that make it up.

The spiritual lesson starts by talking of one stone that is of fundamental importance, the cornerstone. This is seen to be indispensable. Unless Christ was there as a fundamental part of the structure, unless he was at the core of the community of believers, there simply could not be the kind of building of which the writer of the epistle was talking.

The great point about this cornerstone was that it would not be like an ordinary stone, inert and impersonal. Rather this cornerstone would be a living stone. It would glow with life in an exceptional fashion. It would in fact be pulsing with the life of the Holy Spirit, which had led the Lord to give his life for the salvation of humankind. Normally when we think of what makes up the Church we think of it as a coming together of human beings, a kind of super club. Perfectly true. But it adds a further dimension to our understanding of the Church if we see it as made up of living stones. These stones are of different shapes and have diverse positions in the building. But stones that have life and without which the Church would lack its completed shape and its full beauty.

The sacred writer could not contain himself at the end of his brief reflection on what the church community is like. He broke into the rhapsody of words with which today's second reading ends. "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light". You who hear these words this Sunday are indeed the living stones through which the Church has come into being.

Feast of St Joseph the Worker
 &
Official Opening of New School Hall
 4 May 2008



On Sunday 4 May 2008 we will celebrate our Parish Feast Day and the official opening and blessing of the new School Hall. On that Sunday (4.5.08) we will have ONE MASS only at 10.00am celebrated by Bishop Joe O'Connell with concelebrants: Fr. Joe Yu, Fr Max Vodola and Fr Manny Bonello. After the mass at approximately 11.00am, we will gather around the School Hall for the ceremony of the blessing and official opening. Followed by refreshments (drinks and food are all provided). There will also be special activities for the children. All are Welcome!



Festa di Nostra Signora di Fatima

Domenica 18 Maggio nella chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore

- 3.00pm – Santo Rosario
- 3.30pm – Santa Messa
- 4.30pm – Processione con la Fiaccolata
- 5.30pm – Benedizione Eucaristica

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Alannah Attard** child of Michael and Stacey, **Sienna Ciarma** child of Gianni and Pauline, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure their families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 21 April at 7.30pm – Tony, Giuseppa & Fred Pullicino
 Thursday 24 April at 7.30pm – Antonio Taliana (1 yr)

EUCARIST COMMITMENT MASS

This weekend at the Masses of 6.00pm and 10.30am we welcome the grade 4 children of our parish and their families to a Eucharist Commitment Mass and special blessing for the preparation for First Eucharist.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee will meet on **TUESDAY 22 APRIL** at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

ANZAC DAY

The 9.10am Mass on Friday 25 April will be especially dedicated as an Anzac Day commemoration.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

87 Days to Go.....



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 CROSS - ST DAMIEN'S PARISH BUNDOORA

WYD Cross - The Cross is the symbol of God's unfailing love and protection for us, and all our world, as we travel through the darkness and uncertainties on our pilgrim journey to the Father.

WYD Icon – From the Cross Jesus gives us his Mother, Mary, to be our guide and protector.

Message Stick – In our land, Australia, we are called to bring others to the light; we are called to witness God's love and protection to those around us.

On Tuesday 29 April you will have the opportunity to come and be close to these symbols. Touch them, pray before them and be blessed in the communion of others. This will take place at St. Damien's Church, 5 Settlement Rd, Bundoora. The procession of the Cross from the School Oval to the Church will start at 7.00pm (BYO torch). Mass celebrated by Bishop Tim Costelloe will start 7.30pm followed by prayers and reflections until the closing mass at Midnight. Individual reconciliation are available during the evening. The Preston/Reservoir parishes, as you saw on last week's flier have the "hour of prayer" from 10.30pm – 11.30pm (approx times), before the Midnight Mass. A beautiful time has been prepared and at one part we will have parishioners who have come from different countries to carry a small flag of their country to be placed before the Symbols. No particular person is chosen. YOU come with YOUR flag. Please ring Diane (9471 1060) if you have any questions.

REASON FOR HOPE

Reasons for Hope is a major retreat for students and young adults (16-35) in the lead up to World Youth Day 2008 with speakers, prayer and free time. Includes tickets to WYD Cross and Icon events at St. Patrick's Cathedral and the MCG and a concert with Guy Sebastian and Paulini.

Venue: Edmund Rice Centre Amberley, Lower Plenty. Date: Friday 25 April – Sunday 27 April. Full details and Registration: www.towards2008.org.au Contact: Matt Restall – 0407 883 494
vcsa@melbourne.catholic.org.au

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