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FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Grandi sono le opere del Signore.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia.**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Se uno mi ama, osservera' la mia parola, dice il Signore, e il Padre mio lo amera' e noi verremo a lui. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$1020.00
- Loose Money..... \$255.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$333.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 27/04/08

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

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
P Leggiero, A Sonza & R Terzino
M Mizzi, J Broadbent & J Frangiosa

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 04/05/08

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – R Terzino & L Cavedon
10.30am (SUN) - Glenyce Silvio & J Broadbent

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
S Lobartolo, A DeCata & L Calafiore
M Bernardi, J Tanti & D Lucato

CHURCH CLEANERS

03/05/08 L Catena, A Sirianni & F Agugiars

MONEY COUNTERS

28/04/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, G Canavan & M Turnbull
05/05/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Elvira SCRIBA & Joe DEPARES

ANNIVERSARIES

Paola PRECOMA, Mariangela PAOLA, Antonio PISCIONERI, Concetta & Francesco PAPALIA,
Claudio VALMORBIDA, Emmanuel, Polly, John & Tony FARRUGIA GAY
Stephen, Carmel & Lucy BORG

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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



6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

April 27, 2008

I will not leave you orphans



The fear of being lost, abandoned or separated from parents, must be one of the basic anxieties of children. I still have a vivid memory of being left as a small child on a railway station after the family had run for the train. The doors closed on me and we all stood helplessly looking at one another as the train moved off. Happily I had the presence of mind, young as I was, to catch the next train and the family was waiting for me at the next station. This was as close as I ever came to being orphaned. In the scriptures, orphans are always included among those who are most vulnerable in society and therefore deserving of special care and attention. For this reason Jesus' promise – "I will not leave you orphans" – would have been particularly evocative for his hearers. It should touch a special chord for us too because our hearts naturally go out to children who lose their parents, whatever the circumstances. For some of you, reading this will stir your emotions precisely because you have experienced the pain of losing your parents. Indeed the pain of losing parents can be very intense, even when we are adults, so it should not be difficult to understand what Jesus is saying to us. The deeper the love we have for one another the more painful the parting is, and often people grieve for their loved ones over a long period. Our grieving is necessary and healthy when we move on to relies that the love we have for one another does not die. Though the bodies of our loved ones are no longer physically present to us, their spirit is still with us. Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Spirit of truth to them and it is in this way that they will remain united, both to him and to his Father. They will not be left as orphans. Today's readings are chosen to prepare for the coming feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. There was certainly a period of grieving for the disciples when Jesus was no longer physically present, which probably accounts for the intensity of this passage in John's Gospel: it was etched on their memories. But also etched on their memories was their transformation when the Spirit came and gave them the courage and power to continue the mission of Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles provides us with an account of how the story unfolded in the early Church and today's first reading is a perfect illustration of how important the Spirit was at all times. Of course it is the same for us. In all the sacraments we pray that the Spirit may come upon us so that Jesus may be present to us. As the priest stretches his hands over the gifts of bread and wine at Mass today and prays that the Holy Spirit will come upon them, it is so that in our own time and place we may be in communion with the Lord.

EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2008

THURSDAY 1st MAY: St Joseph The Worker Feast day.
9.10am - Mass of St Joseph the Worker
7.30pm - Parish Leadership Team meeting in the Parish Meeting Room

SATURDAY 3rd MAY: 6.00pm – Mass in Maltese

SUNDAY 4th MAY: Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Year A.

In our parish we will celebrate our Parish Feast and the official opening and blessing of the new parish 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 & Fr. Manny. After Mass at approximately 11.00am we will gather around the new Parish School Hall for the ceremony of the blessing and official opening. Followed by refreshments (drink and food are all provided). There will also be special activities for children. As we bless and open the new Hall we also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the beginning of the School which was also blessed by Bishop Joe O’Connell.

MONDAY 5th MAY: 7.30pm – Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church.

TUESDAY 6th MAY: 7.30pm - Liturgy Team Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room

SATURDAY 10th MAY: The WYD Cross, Icon & Aboriginal Message Stick will leave Melbourne and go to Tasmania traveling on the ship “Spirit of Tasmania”. There will be a hand over ceremony at Port Melbourne.

SUNDAY 11th MAY: Pentecost Sunday Year A. Mother’s Day.

SUNDAY 18th MAY: Trinity Sunday Year A.
3.00pm Mass in Italian followed by a procession to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

WEDNESDAY 21st MAY: Archbishop Denis Hart will make a pastoral visit to our parish. He will celebrate Mass at 9.30am and meet parishioners. At 11.00am he will visit the school. In the afternoon at 3.30pm he will visit the sick in the nursing home. In the evening at 6.30pm the Archbishop will meet members of our Parish Groups and at 7.30pm he will lead a holy hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will conclude with Benediction by the Archbishop.

SATURDAY 24th MAY: Archbishop Denis Hart will celebrate the 6.00pm Mass.

SUNDAY 25th MAY: Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).
First Eucharist celebrations during the 10.30am Mass.

TUESDAY 27th MAY: 8.00pm Maintenance Committee meeting in the Parish Meeting Room.

SUNDAY 1st JUNE: Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Eucharist celebrations during the 10.30am Mass.

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

FEASTS

Monday 28 April – St Peter Chanel
Tuesday 29 April – St Catherine of Siena
Thursday 1 May – St Joseph the Worker
Friday 2 May – St Athanasius
Saturday 3 May – Sts Philip & James



WORLD YOUTH DAY

80 Days to Go.....



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.



JOURNEY OF THE CROSS, ICON AND MESSAGE STICK

SATURDAY 3RD MAY

(9.00AM – 12.00PM MULTICULTURAL CITY PROCESSION)

This event will involve as many of the Catholic Multicultural groups as possible. Each group will be asked to walk a leg of the procession while carrying the Cross and Icon. During the walk, the groups will be encouraged to sing and pray in their

own cultural language.

Address: St Brigid’s Church, 378 Nicholson Stree, Fitzroy North – Birrarung Marr.

Procession Closing Event: Birrarung Marr, Yarra River Forseshore (12.15 – 1.00pm).

SATURDAY 10TH MAY (9.00am) TRAM RIDE TO MIDDLE PARK

Melbourne boasts one of the most developed public transport systems in the world. A cultural icon, the Tram, will carry the Cross and Icon from a central city venue to the closing event of the JCI in Port Melbourne. The Cross and Icon will be accompanied by the Youth Ambassadors on the trip. City Circle, Melbourne CBD, Closing Family Fiesta: A Family Festival and feast to farewell the Cross and Icon as it journeys to its next destination. **Address:** Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Richardson Street, Middle Park.

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

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Bianca Costanzo** child of Richard and Mary who will be baptised this weekend.

We welcome her to our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Wednesday 30 April at 7.30pm – Vitina Randone (1 mth)

Friday 2 May at 7.30pm – Franca Carbone (1 mth)