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**FIRST READING** Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$971.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$180.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$293.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 04/05/08**

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

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 11/05/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci  
 9.00am (SUN) – R DeZan & S LoBartolo  
 10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

10/05/08 A Ranalli, C Brunetti, A & V Zele & N Morello

**MONEY COUNTERS**

05/05/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio  
 12/05/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Barlett & C McMahan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Michele INZITARI, Maria DARMANIN, Pietro D'ERRICO

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Irene TALIANA, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Mariangela PAOLA, Carmelo COTRONEO, Pasqualina NICOLAZZO, Domenica MOSCA, Francesco BUTERA, Maria PERRI, Mario GUIDOLIN, Padre Giuseppe GUIDOLIN

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Andate e ammaestrate tutte le nazioni, dice il Signore. Ecco: io sono con voi tutti i giorni, sino alla fine del mondo. Alleluia.

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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**

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

**Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm**

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

May 4, 2008

## I am with you always



I had a student in China who was interested in becoming a Christian. He had no trouble with most of the story of Jesus, but he found it hard to understand what we meant when we said that the Son of God came down to us and then went up to heaven again. The more I thought about these teachings, the more sympathy I had with the Chinese student. I realised that these elements of our faith are not easy to fathom.

It is indeed a great mystery how God came down to us in Jesus – the Son of God coming to share our human nature. It is also a mystery how Jesus was lifted up to heaven again. And there is a further mystery, because while the Scriptures tell us that Jesus did ascend into heaven to take his place at the right hand of God the Father, they also tell us that he continues to be with us on earth. Today's first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, highlights the lifting up of Jesus and his disappearing from sight. "He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight."

By contrast, the gospel text from Matthew emphasis Jesus' continuing presence with his disciples. "Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

Jesus is no longer present in the same way as he was when he was walking along the dusty roads of Galilee or teaching the people in the temple in Jerusalem. And yet he is still present.

Jesus is there when two or three gather in his name. He lives in the hearts and minds and lives of all who hold onto the word of God. He is with us under the appearances of bread and wine in the Eucharist. He is alive in all the peacemakers, the searchers for justice, the merciful, the meek, all those who get a mention in the Sermon on the Mount and those who try to keep the golden rule of loving their neighbour.

When we meet someone, we usually greet them with some form of "hello". When we part, we say "goodbye". In the story of the ascension, there is an element of "goodbye" but there is also a surprising element of "Hello, I'm still here!"

Jesus reassured his first disciples that he would still be with them even after he had disappeared from sight. He has continued this presence down through the ages. He reassures us today: "Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

## EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2008

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY:** 7.30pm – Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Church.

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY:** 7.30pm - Liturgy Team Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room

**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Pentecost Sunday Year A. Mother’s Day.

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Trinity Sunday Year A. 3.00pm Mass in Italian and English followed by a procession to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Archbishop Denis Hart will celebrate the 6.00pm Mass.

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

**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY:** 8.00pm Maintenance Committee meeting in the Parish Meeting Room.

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

### **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **Charlie Galgano** child of Nino and Rina 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**

Tuesday 6 May at 7.00pm – Corrado Latino (1 mth)

Wednesday 7 May at 7.00pm – Rocca Cancilleri (d. rec. Italy)

### **SCHOOL BOARD**

The School Board will meet on Thursday 8 May at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### **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



## WORLD YOUTH DAY

73 Days to Go.....



### **SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### **FUNERAL NOTICE**

The Rosary for Pietro D’Errico will be recited on Tuesday 6 May 2008 at 1.30pm, followed by Funeral Mass at 2.00pm.

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Maggio mese dedicato all devozione della Madonna. Continua il Pellegrinaggio della statua per le famiglie della nostra parrocchia. Per prenotazioni rivolgersi al gruppo delle donne; Paola: 9460 7990, Gina: 9462 1641, Rosa: 9357 1089 & Maria: 9469 2141 o a qualsiasi membro.

Martedì 6 Maggio riunione di tutto il comitato donne in Cappella, ore 9.00am. Seguito dalla S. Messa ore 10.00am.

### **ROSARY IN THE HOME MONTH OF MAY**

The month of May is a time of great devotion to the Mother of God. We are encouraging families to pray the Rosary in the home. If you would like a visit of the pilgrim statue of Our Lady with the Rosary recited in English, please phone: Paula Sparano on 9460 7990, Gina: 9462 1641, Rosa: 9357 1089 & Maria: 9469 2141.

### **ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?**

Are you a new parishioner? Do we have you on our census? Would you like a visit from the parish priest? Do you wish to support the parish by contributing through Thanksgiving envelopes or through eftpos/direct-debit. Please phone the parish office on 9460 3013.

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

A reminder to our parishioners. If you are unable to attend Mass, and would like an update on parish events, you can access our weekly Bulletin via the internet. [www.stjosephtheworker.org.au](http://www.stjosephtheworker.org.au)

### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S E-MAGAZINE, OZSPIRIT**

Caritas Australia’s free e-magazine, OzSpirit, this month focuses on Food Security and the current food crisis occurring around the world. To find out more about this and other social Justice issues subscribe to OzSpirit at [www.ozspirit.com](http://www.ozspirit.com) or through the Caritas Australia web site, [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)