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FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Benedetto il Signore, gloria al suo popolo.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia.**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono il pane vivo disceso dal cielo, dice il Signore; chi mangia di questo pane vivra' in eterno. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 6: 51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1203.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$269.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$356.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 25/05/08

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & L Calafiore
 10.30am (SUN) – M Bernardi & D Lucato

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
 J Frangiosa, C McMahon & J Kearney

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 01/06/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci
 9.00am (SUN) – R Terzino & R Pino
 10.30am (SUN) - G Canavan & S Miano

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
 P Sparano, S LoBartolo & L Cavedon
 J Kearney, U Strangis & J Broadbent

CHURCH CLEANERS

31/05/08 T Caruso, R Guerino, A Costanzo & A Baschiera

MONEY COUNTERS

26/05/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, G Canavan & M Turnbull
 02/06/08 R & E Cornelious R & G Silvio

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bishop John Aloisius MORGAN, Francesca SPOSARO, Gaetan (Gejtu) CAMILLERI, Clara PAFUMI

ANNIVERSARIES

Mariangela PAOLA, Angela ISKRA, Giuseppina DELL'ALBANI

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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



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

The Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

May 25, 2008

They too are the body of Christ



The English journalist Malcolm Muggeridge wrote a book called *Something beautiful for God*. It was an account of the work of Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity, particularly their ministry of caring for the poor in Calcutta. Muggeridge observed that Mother Teresa and the Sisters began their day with prayer, attending an early morning Mass in their chapel. Then they

would go out into the city streets, where they would find the sick and the dying. Some of these people had no homes. They would be suffering and even dying on the side of the road. The Sisters would do what they could to give them some comfort in their sufferings. One morning, as they were preparing for their work, Mother Teresa spoke to the Sisters. She referred to the Mass they had been to earlier and the tasks that lay ahead of them. “This morning, Sisters, we were at Mass and we saw how reverently the priest held the body of Christ at the altar. Today in the streets we will meet the sick and dying. We must likewise hold them reverently, for they too are the body of Christ.” The feast we observe today is called “The solemnity of the body and blood of Christ”. It was first celebrated in the Belgian city of Liege in 1274 as a way of showing reverence and love for Christ in the Eucharist, in the sacrament of the altar.

The focus on Christ in the Eucharist continues in the prayers of this feast to our own time – for example, in the opening prayer of today’s Mass: Lord Jesus Christ, *You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

As we celebrate this feast, it is indeed appropriate to pray for a deeper reverence and love for Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. However, it is also appropriate to pray for a deeper reverence and love for Christ wherever we meet him, especially in the poor and in all those who are in need.

In the gospel according to St Matthew, Jesus identifies himself with people in need and tells us that he regards any kindness done to them as a kindness done to him. “I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” (Matthew 25:35-36) May we grow in reverence and love for the body of Christ on the altar. May we also grow in reverence and love for the people we meet day by day – for they too are the body of Christ.

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THANK YOU TO OUR ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART

Thanks to Archbishop Denis Hart for his pastoral visit to our parish and school on Wednesday 21 May, and for his encouragement and prayers for us as a community to continue working together. The Archbishop will conclude his pastoral visit this weekend at the Saturday night 6.00pm Mass.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 May at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

FIRST EUCHARIST



This weekend 26 children of our Parish will be celebrating First Eucharist at the Sunday 10.30am Mass. It is an important occasion for the children and their families as we welcome them to the Lord's table, and extend our sincere congratulations to them. The Eucharist is our sacrament of unity and belonging in which Jesus nourishes us to bring his Good News to all the world.

Next Sunday 1st June the second group of children who will receive First Eucharist.

ADORAZIONE EUCARISTICA

Martedì 27 Maggio alle ore 9.00am in capella, seguita della santa Messa.

RINGRAZIAMENTO FESTA DELLA MADONNA DI FATIMA - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Solenne e devota la celebrazione di Nostra Signora di Fatima svoltasi Domenica scorsa in Parrocchia. I numerosi presenti hanno partecipato con grande amore alla funzione e alla processione con la fiaccolata che ci ricorda le celebrazioni di Fatima e di Lourdes. Il nostro ringraziamento ai sacerdoti, al coro, al comitato Italiano, e a tutte le persone che hanno donato per i fiori, dolci, e altre spese, a John Greco per le 12 belle lanterne che ha donato. Ai meravigliosi pasotrelli e angioletti. Arriverderci prossimamente per la Festa di Sant'Antonio. La Vergine Madre benedica a tutti.

Thank you to all who participated at the feast of Our Lady of Fatima last Sunday 18 May, it was a very moving and beautiful ceremony.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary for Gaetan Camilleri will be recited on Monday 26 May 2008 at 11.00am. Followed by Funeral Mass at 11.30am.

MEMORIAL MASS

Monday 26 May at 7.30pm – Michael Inzitari (1 mth)

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 2nd June 2008 at 7.30 in the church.

FEASTS

Monday 28 May – St Philip Neri

Friday 30 May – Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 31 May – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



FESTA DI SANT'ANTONIO

Domenica 15 Giugno 2008 nella nostra chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore.

Programma: 9.00am - Santa Messa in Italiano cantata

2.00pm - Inni e preghiere in onore a S. Antonio

2.30pm – Santa Messa celebrata da Padre Massimo Vodola.

Concelebranti Padre Emanuele Bonello PP, Padre Giuseppe Yu PE.

Messa cantata dal coro San Clemente (Bulleen) sotto la guida di Raffaele Rossi.

La processione sarà accompagnata dalla Banda Musicale Bellini.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

52 Days to Go.....



The Parish would like to thank the following parishioners for offering to host the pilgrims who are coming to Melbourne for World Youth Day - Regina Bango, Joyce Broadbent, Diane Chybowski, Gemma Ferrara, Antonietta & Remo Filippone, Rita & Natali Mercuri, Peter & Teresa Nguyen, Ray & Glenyce Silvio, Paula Sparano.

Thank you very much.

Our Parish has been linked with St Raphael, Holy name and St Stephens parishes and we, as a group have been allocated 224 pilgrims from the Dioceses of Emilia Romagna, Italy (122 males and 102 females). So far the combined numbers to host pilgrims is 94. So you can see we need more people to host pilgrims. Floor space is all they need and breakfast in the morning. They are coming as Pilgrims.

They will be arriving either 8th/9th July and will be going to Sydney on the 15th July. So you need to host them for only 1 week. Can YOU host some pilgrims? Our parish has over 1200 families. Check the "Host Thermometer" on the back wall of the church. Only 8 homes have offered to host pilgrims so far.

Remember Jesus' words: **"COME YOU HAVE MY FATHER'S BLESSING. FOR I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME."** (Matthew 25 vs 34)

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

WE NEED MORE HOST FAMILIES

Pilgrims are coming to Australia in July. Where are they coming from? Look at these numbers.

North America 27,000, Central America 8,000, South America 4,000, Europe 54,000, Asia 10,000, Africa 4,000, Oceania 10,000 & New Zealand 10,000. Approximately 20,000 pilgrims are coming to our Melbourne Diocese. So far we have beds for 9,240 pilgrims. **WE NEED MORE HOST FAMILIES TO HOST PILGRIMS.**

THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL

On 28 June 2007, Pope Benedict XVI decreed June 2008 to June 2009 to be 'The Year of Saint Paul'

You are invited to join Archbishop Denis Hart for the launch of the 'Year of Paul'. The launch will feature a free public lecture by the internationally acclaimed Scripture scholar Fr Brendan Byrne SJ.

Fr Byrne has taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, for over thirty years, and regularly gives workshops to clergy, teachers and parish groups around Australia.

An internationally recognised Pauline scholar, he was a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission (Rome) from 1990 – 1996. He is the author of eight books, several of which focus on Paul and his writings. His publications include the very popular study of Luke: *The Hospitality of God* (2000). A similar study of Mark (*Costly Freedom*) will appear in September this year.

PAUL THE ASPOTLE: his personal story, mission, & meaning for the Church today.

DATE: Wednesday 2 July 2008

VENUE: Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

TIME: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Bookings are essential as seats are limited. Please register by 27th June 2008.

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