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**FIRST READING** Deuteronomy 11:18.26-28.32

I set before you today a blessing and a curse.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, be my rock of safety.

**SECOND READING** Romans 3:21-25.28

You are justified by faith, not by law.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 7:21-27

A wise person builds his house on rock, not on sand.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$846.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$592.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$471.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 01/06/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci  
9.00am (SUN) – R Terzino & R Pino  
10.30am (SUN) – First Eucharist (Selected)

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 08/06/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & C Monforte  
10.30am (SUN) - L Conte & T Vavala

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

07/06/08 R DiGuglielmo, M Ricci & G Romano

**MONEY COUNTERS**

02/06/08 R & E Cornelious R & G Silvio  
09/06/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Sipontina NARDELLA, Vincent BONELLO, Ivan SANTIGLIA

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Mario D'AGOSTINO, Grazia CAMERA, Mariangela PAOLA, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Gaetano DI SALLE, Paolo CORRONE, Antonio PISTONE Angela BARRESI, Elisabetta CRUPI, Giuseppe PAPALEA, Albino SCINA, Antonio, Petronilla, Giovanni-Battista, Annamaria-Antonia SCIBILIA, Carmela ZAMPOGNA Giovanni & Nunzia COSTANTINO, Giuseppe & Marianna RAMETTA

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Sei tu, Signore, la roccia che mi salva.

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

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

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MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro  
M Sernia, R Sinapi & G Silvio

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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

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A,

June 1, 2008



## LAW AND LIFE

Did you see the play “Cats?” You may remember the big old cat called Deuteronomy. Pets get called all sort of names and this wise old cat might help us to remember the book from which our first reading comes today – the Book of Deuteronomy. It’s a

book of law, the law of the ancient people who captured and eventually settled in Israel. It took many generations and different authors before we had the book we read today.

In the Book of Deuteronomy we have a code of law which has as its basic principle “The Lord our God is the one Lord.” This is the starting point of the text quoted by Jesus when he was asked what was the greatest commandment. In his reply he quoted these lines from the Book of Deuteronomy: “Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord.”

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) Of this text he said “This is the greatest and the first commandment.” Then, quoting from another book of the Jewish law (Leviticus 19:18) he said “The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself.” (Matthew 22:34-40)

The Book of Deuteronomy presents the commandments as a gift from God to provide direction for our lives. I like the story of the ship’s commander who saw a light ahead and sent a message to an oncoming ship to alter its course. The reply was that the commander had better alter his course. Angry that he was challenged, the commander sent the same message again. But once more the response was that he should change *his* course. Finally he said, “I am a destroyer. If you don’t alter course, I shall destroy you.” He was humiliated when the reply came back, “I am a lighthouse. If you don’t alter your course, you will destroy yourself.” That is like us when we put ourselves above the law written on our hearts. Saint Matthew puts it very simply and clearly for us in the gospel with his example of building a house on solid ground. The passage we read today is the end of the Sermon on the Mount, the blueprint that Jesus gave to those who follow him. It is a rule of life that speaks to us of a reward for the poor in spirit, the gentle those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for justice, those persecuted for Christ’s sake. Whether we are politician, poet, prophet, priest or housewife, unless our lives are centred on God and the Word of God, then we have built on a weak foundation. By contrast, when we take our lead from the teaching of Christ, we are building on rock.

## EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2008

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June** **Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
First Eucharist celebrations during the 10.30am Mass.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 7.30pm – Liturgy Team Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm – Parish Leadership Team Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** 6.00pm – Mass in Maltese
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.**
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** From 8.00am Working Bee in preparation for the feast of St Anthony. Anyone is welcome to help us out.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.**  
2.00pm Mass in Italian and English to celebrate the Feast of St Anthony  
Main Celebrant: Fr Max, Concelebrants: Frs. J. Yu & Fr Manny.  
After Mass there will be the procession accompanied by the Bellini Philharmonic Band.
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.**
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** 8.00pm Maintenance Committee Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Concelebrated Mass to celebrate Fr. Manny's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Priesthood.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** End of the School's second Term
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** Feast of the Apostles St. Peter and St Paul.

**FR. MANNY BONELLO 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD**  
**25<sup>th</sup> June 1983 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

Fr. Manny Bonello will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Priesthood on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 in our Parish Church of St Joseph the Worker North Reservoir. Concelebrated Mass will start at 7.30pm and afterwards we will gather in the School hall for refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

### FIRST EUCHARIST



This weekend our second group of children from the 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.

### ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 3 Giugno riunione in Cappella di tutti i membri del comitato per la festa di S. Antonio alle ore 9.00am puntuali!

### BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

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

### FEASTS

Tuesday 3 June – Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions

Thursday 5 June - St Boniface



### 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.

**PORCHETTA TIPO ABRUZZESE E PANINI INBOTTITI IN VENDITA DALLE 11.00AM IN POI NELLA SALA PARROCCHIALE.**



## WORLD YOUTH DAY

45 Days to Go.....



World Youth Day 2008 is an opportunity of a lifetime for all youth around the world. Thousands of pilgrims across Oceania including youth from East Timor, Fiji and Papua New Guinea are extremely excited about WYD08 and are working hard to raise the money to attend. Just some of the fundraising efforts include digging for gold, collecting rubbish and selling bananas! A few boys have even been selling coconuts on the streets for the last 2 years to raise money for their airfare to Sydney, Australia.

In the Solomon Islands, enthusiastic youth walk for up to 2 days across mountains just to attend a Mass held for WYD08! The vitality and vibrancy of these young people gathering together connects them with the Catholic Church through the World Youth Day spirit. This spirit is most definitely alive all over Oceania but sadly, without the assistance of Australians, many of our brothers and sisters from neighboring countries will not be able to make it to WYD08.

Time is quickly running out for us to support these underprivileged pilgrims to join us in Sydney this July.

The average cost for a pilgrim to attend WYD08 from Oceania is \$2,000. Every dollar that you can contribute towards this cost will make a difference! If you would like to make a donation, please email [pilgrimpartners@wyd2008.org](mailto:pilgrimpartners@wyd2008.org) or call 9390 5448.

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 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July and will be going to Sydney on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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