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FIRST READING *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Nel tuo grande amore rispondimi, o Dio.

SECOND READING *Romans 5: 12-15*

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses! **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Matthew 10: 26-33*

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1360.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$231.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$343.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 22/06/08

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – M Crupi & F Biasibetti
 10.30am (SUN) – A DeCata & A Vinelli

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 29/06/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci
 9.00am (SUN) – R Fato & G Moltisanti
 10.30am (SUN) - R Giarusso & R Gravina

CHURCH CLEANERS

28/06/08 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & C Balassone

MONEY COUNTERS

23/06/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, G Canavan & M Turnbull
 30/06/08 D Herbert, C McMahon & P Cherubin

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary ELLUL, Itria BARRESI (mother of Maria Crupi), Fr Daniel PIETRZAK OFM. CONV. Fr Patrick FITZPATRICK

ANNIVERSARIES

Sante GUGLIELMI, Caterina IOZZI, Betty PELUSO, Louise MIFSUD, Santo ROCCA, Luigi ROCCA, Antonia ROCCA, Santa CHIODO, Beniamino PASCUZZI

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lo Spirito di verita' mi dara' testimonianza, dice il Signore, e anche voi sarete miei testimoni. **Alleluia.**

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 T Forte, A DeCata, L Calafiore
 A Mancuso, M Mizzi & A Filippone

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S Dakin
 L Catena, L Cavedon & A DiRico
 J Frangiosa, J Tanti & D Lucato

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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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A,

June 22, 2008

Be not afraid

Do you know the hymn “We Stand for God”? It’s an old hymn by today’s standards but one that challenges us to stand up for our faith.

There are many beautiful hymns that have been composed in the last forty years. That’s one of the blessings that have flowed the Second Vatican Council. But there aren’t many that challenge us in the same way as “We Stand for God”.

In today’s gospel Jesus makes it clear that God’s love is personal and abundant. But he also indicates that we can’t presume on God – we can’t take God for granted. He wants us to respond to his love by being ready to declare ourselves for him in the presence of the men and women of our time.

It’s a reminder that, by our baptism, we are meant to be bearers of the good news of God’s love. Jesus didn’t say that it would be easy. He said that his disciples would have to carry the cross as he did. There are forces at work in the world today, as there were in Jesus’ day, who are opposed to belief in God and make life difficult for believers. Each year there are missionaries killed for spreading the good news. Our message isn’t always popular. So, like Jeremiah in the first reading, we have to be ready to face criticism and denunciation. The important thing is that we maintain our trust in God. “Do not be afraid”, Jesus tells us. God is the one with ultimate authority and He loves us. So we can look to God with confidence that He will grant us the help we need. We can pray with assurance, as in today’s psalm, “Lord, in your great love, answer me”.

In standing for God we best not be intimidated by those opposed to religion. There is no shortage of efforts to intimidate but we have good news for our world and we can’t afford to remain silent. That doesn’t mean that we go looking for arguments. It doesn’t mean that we try to ram religion down people’s throats. We need to respect their freedom as human persons to choose for themselves. Sometimes people will try to provoke a reaction by making inflammatory remarks about our beliefs. We don’t have to respond to such remarks. We don’t have to play their games. But, at the right time, we can perhaps challenge them on their own beliefs and question the basis of those beliefs. We might say: “You criticise my faith. What do you believe in?” We can engage in dialogue. Jesus makes it clear that if we are prepared to stand up for him in our lives, he will stand up for us on the day of judgement. We ask the Lord to help us be more and more aware of his love, to strengthen our trust in him, and to give us the courage we need, to be bearers of the good news of God’s love in our society.

EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2008

- Tuesday 24th** 8.00pm Maintenance Committee Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room
- Wednesday 25th** 7.30pm Concelebrated Mass to celebrate Fr. Manny's 25th anniversary of Priesthood.
- Friday 27th** End of the School's second Term
- Sunday 29th** Feast of the Apostles St. Peter and St Paul.

<p align="center">FR. MANNY BONELLO 25th ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD 25th June 1983 – 25th June 2008</p>
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Fr. Manny Bonello will be celebrating his 25th anniversary of Priesthood on Wednesday 25th 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.

If you wish to make a donation towards a gift that will be presented to Fr Manny on his 25th Anniversary please do so via the envelopes that are around the church and simply place it in the collection plate. Thank you in anticipation for your kindness. Liturgy Committee.

RINGRAZIAMENTO - FESTA DI SANT' ANTONIO

Numerosa e devota la partecipazione alla Festa in onore a Sant' Antonio domenica scorsa. Una grande folla ha sfidato il freddo per partecipare alla processione con canti e preghiere, accompagnata dalla musica della Banda Bellini, e il coro di San Clemente Bulleen. Un sincero grazie a Padre Massimo Vodola e concelebranti Padre Emanuele Bonello e Padre Giuseppe Yu, al comitato organizzatore, a tutti che hanno contribuito con offerte e donazioni e a tutti i devoti presenti sotto lo sguardo benigno dell'amato Santo.

Risultati della lotteria: 1st – Viola X 32, 2nd – Viola N 39, 3rd - Verde N 73, 4th – Blue I 32

ITALIAN LADIES

Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella Martedì 24 Giugno, alle ore 9.00am. Seguita con la Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 24 June 7.00pm – Sipontina Nardella (1 mth)

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral Mass for Itria Barresi will be celebrated on Friday 27 June at 10.30am. The Rosary will be recited on Thursday 26 June at 7.00pm at St Joseph the Worker Church.

FEASTS

Tuesday 24 June - The Birth of St John the Baptist
 Saturday 28 June – St Irenaeus

ARCHBISHOP OF MALTA COMING TO MELBOURNE

On the occasion of the World Youth Day, the Archbishop of Malta, Monsignor Paul Cremona OP, is coming to Melbourne, to meet the Maltese Community. He will concelebrate a Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, on Sunday 13 July at 3.00pm. This is a very special occasion and everyone is welcome, as he would like to meet as many Maltese as possible.



WORLD YOUTH DAY



DID08 COMMISSIONING MASS

Days in the Dioceses Melbourne is proud to announce the release of Tickets for the DID08 Commissioning Mass to be held at Telstra Dome on Friday 11 July.

To reserve your tickets for the Commissioning Mass please email ticketing@did08.com with your parish, school or group information or alternatively call the DID08 Ticketing Hotline on 9926 5619.

Make sure to get your order in immediately as Tickets are limited.

Please note that your order will not guarantee your requested amount of Tickets. You will be advised of your ticket allocation

The Mass commences at 6.30pm and Gates open at 4.00pm. All ticket holders are encouraged to arrive at 4.00pm to ensure they are seated for pre-Mass activities.

The Commissioning Mass will be the highlight of the Days in the Dioceses Program and a special celebration of our community, our city and the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

HELP WANTED!!!

Next month our parish will be hosting around 100 pilgrims in the School Hall. This includes 8 priests. The pilgrims are coming from the dioceses of Piacenza, Ferrara and Modena (Italy). The pilgrims are arriving from the 9 July and will be leaving Melbourne on the 15 July to go to Sydney for World Youth Day.

You can assist by volunteering to be on a roster system in any of the following areas:

- **BREAKFAST ASSISTANTS:**

Every morning between 7.00am to 9.30am. If you would like to assist in this way please contact the Breakfast Co-ordinator Glenyce Silvio on 9460 6607. (we are not supplying lunch or evening meals)

- **HALL SUPERVISORS:**

This person will be located in the Parish Meeting Room, which will be renamed during this period as the Information Room for Pilgrims. We are having 3 shifts each day as follows; 7.00am - 1.00pm, 1.00pm – 7.00pm and 7.00pm – 7.00am (overnight).

If you are able to assist please contact the Hall Supervisors' Co-ordinator Jeff Tanti on 9670 9661 or 0416 006 720.

- **BAKING:**

We will be having a tea & coffee station setup for the pilgrim's use. If you can bake or supply biscuits/cakes please contact Glenyce Silvio on 9460 6607

**We invite you to a special Farewell English/Italian
 Combined Mass on Sunday 13 July at 10.00am**

DANCERS WANTED!



We are planning on having a Liturgical Dance at the Combined Farewell Mass on Sunday 13 July and are looking for interested dancers (of any age) to join others for this special occasion. If you would like to be part of this memorable occasion please contact Jeff Tanti on 9670 9661 or 0416 006 720.

If you require any further details about this event hosting please contact the Parish Event Co-ordinator Diane Chybowski on 9471 1060.

We REALLY need your help and support