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**FIRST READING** Zechariah 9:9-10  
See how humbly your king comes to you!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**SECOND READING** Romans 8:9.11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$879.00  
- Loose Money..... \$176.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$260.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 06/07/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
9.00am (SUN) – C Agostinelli & G Barbaro  
10.30am (SUN) – T Fitzsimmons & J Vincitorio

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 13/07/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo  
9.00am (SUN) – A DeCata & L Catena  
10.30am (SUN) - G Silvio & J Broadbent

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

12/07/08 A Ranalli, C Brunetti, Albina & Vlasta Zele & N Morello

**MONEY COUNTERS**

07/07/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio  
14/07/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Domenico MIRIGLIANO, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA  
Mariangela PAOLA, Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Paola PRECOMA, Antonio MURATORE,  
Felice COMITO, Pasquale RESTA, Angelo CRITELLI, Betty PELUSO, Giulia FERRARIN  
Andrew MIZZI, Benedetto IANNELLO

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Benedetto sei tu, Signore, umile re di gloria.

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Benedetto sei tu, Padre, Signore del cielo e della terra, perche' ai piccoli hai rivelato i misteri del regno dei cieli.  
Alleluia.

# ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A,

July 6, 2008

## Dealing with the baggage



Psychologists and spiritual writers tell us we all carry a lot of baggage. Of course they are talking about those negative influences in our lives which have left their mark, burdening us with fears and anxieties, many of which we find difficult to cope with. The roots of these may go back into our childhood and could sometimes even be the result of the baggage our parents were carrying. The prevalence of stress in modern society certainly suggests that we are not good at dealing with the things which burden us and depress us. The image of burdens being carried comes through strongly in our liturgy today. Camels and donkeys are often referred to as beasts of burden because human beings have long used them as pack animals. They make many appearances in the Scriptures and the image the prophet Zechariah gives us of a king riding

triumphant on a donkey leads us to think of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week. If Jesus was the donkey's burden on Palm Sunday, the message of the Gospel is loud and clear: it is Jesus who will shoulder our burdens for us, above all in the events of Holy Week, where he allows himself to be the ultimate lamb of sacrifice, carrying the burden of our sins. Jesus has offered us the most wonderful invitation: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." My experience as a confessor tells me that we take great heart from this invitation. We use prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation to unburden ourselves of the things that cripple us most, namely our sins. But my experience also tells me that we still find it extremely difficult to take Jesus at his word and let him give us the rest and peace he promises. Even after confessing our sins and receiving absolution, we are tempted to take the burden away with us and allow ourselves to remain troubled and anxious, wondering whether we are really lovable or whether we have really been forgiven. It is then that we need to hear Jesus reminding us that those who understand his message are not the learned and the clever, but the little children. Before they are burdened with all the sophistication of the modern world, today's children are like children in every age: naturally trusting and loving. So there is the challenge and there is the secret: we have to recover our lost childhood, our lost innocence, at the feet of Jesus. We do not have to carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. Many of the saints are wonderful models of how to achieve this, even when they found themselves in the most unpromising of situations, for example in the face of fierce persecution. They have taken Jesus at his word and let go of the burdens, knowing that Jesus was alongside them, helping them to bear it all. One final point. Many non-believing psychologists admit that Catholics have a wonderful treasure in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May we value it and use it well.

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### MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 7 July 7.30pm – Maria Grazia Mordica (1 yr)

### FEAST

Friday 11 July - St Benedict

### BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 7 July at 7.30pm in the Parish House.

### PIETY STALL

Please note that the Piety Stall will only be open every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. If you wish to purchase any items at the Sunday Masses please feel free to approach Miriam Mizzi, or Liz Pistoni at the Parish Office during the week.

### NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

In 1994 the Catholic Church in Australia designated the first Sunday in July as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The purpose is to encourage Catholics to focus on Indigenous people, their culture and justice issues. One way this attitude has been fostered in World Youth Day is the Aboriginal message stick, a traditional method of communication among indigenous people, which has accompanied the WYD Cross and Icon. The Message Stick invites all the indigenous people of Australia to the papal event later this month. *From the Catholic Enquiry Centre <http://www.catholicenquiry.com>*

### CATHOLIC MISSIONS PROPAGATION OF FAITH APPEAL

#### "BE MY WITNESSES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH"

Catholic Missions Melbourne invites us to join in the Spirit of World Youth Day and be Christ's witnesses to the world. Like the image of Christ embracing His cross, we are called to make a true sacrifice, not just a simple gesture. The propagation of Faith Appeal this weekend calls us to contribute towards the Catholic Missions projects of assistance to people in need especially those in Myanmar/Burma. Your gracious prayers and generous support will be of great help. Please put your special contribution in the mission envelope or at the leaving collection.

### SEEKING ACCOMODATION

A devoted catholic in her mid – 20s is seeking accommodation. If you have a place for her to Board, Rent or Share. Please contact her on 0431 102 675 or 9725 9169. Excellent references available.

### LOST

If anyone has found a red Days in the Diocese jacket which was left in the Parish Meeting Room by one of our volunteers on Thursday 19 June 2008, please contact the parish office on 9460 3013.

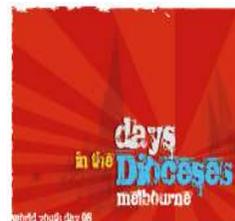
### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year? If so, and you would like to attend this year's Annual Anniversary Mass, which includes receiving a commemorative certificate, please contact the Council for Marriage and Family. You can register with the Council by phoning: 9412 3342, or emailing: [cmf@melbourne.catholic.org.au](mailto:cmf@melbourne.catholic.org.au)

Registrations close on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July. The Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 11.00am. Group photographs will be taken after the Mass in the Cathedral grounds.

### 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



## EVENT PROGRAMME DAYS IN THE DIOCESES

Wed 9th	Thurs 10th	Fri 11th	Sat 12th	Sun 13th	Mon 14th	Tues 15th
Arrival - Modena Rimini	Arrival - Rimini Ferrara Piacenza Piacenza		Arrival - Rimini	10am Our Combined Eng/Italian Mass Concelebrated		ALL PILGRIMS LEAVE
	Tarrawarra Abbey 10am-1pm		Tarrawarra Abbey 10am-1pm			
PILGRIM WALKS PILGRIM PLACES						
FAITH WORKSHOPS						
	2pm Liturgy of Welcome at St Pats	4pm gates open for Mass at Telstra Dome	2pm Life Giving Love Meditations at St Pats	3pm Interfaith Youth Pilgrimage at Federation Sq		
PILGRIM PLACES						
			DID08 FESTIVAL 12.30pm-10.30pm	DID08 FESTIVAL 12.30pm-8.00pm		
PILGRIM PLACES						
St V de P concert at Fed Sq 5pm						
FAITH WORKSHOPS						
			DID08 FESTIVAL 12.30pm-10.30pm	DID08 FESTIVAL 12.30pm-8.00pm		

Information about any of these events can be found on the DID08 website [www.did08.com](http://www.did08.com)  
 The Pilgrim Welcome Centre is at the Australian Catholic University, St Patrick's Campus  
 Faith Workshops are held at the Thomas Carr Centre  
 Caritas Forum on Becoming a Good Global Citizen - ACU St Patrick's Campus - 10am Saturday 12th July  
 Reconciling Voices from the Margin - ACU St Patrick's Campus - 2pm Saturday 12th July  
 Pilgrims House of Prayer - St Augustine's Church - All Day, every day and overnight Saturday 12th July  
 Pilgrim Walks - Blessed Mary MacKillop; Caroline Chisholm; Ecumenical Stations of the Cross;  
 Indigenous Reconciliation (various venues, every morning)  
 Pilgrim Places in the CBD - St Patrick's Cathedral; St Francis Church; St Augustine Church

Anyone can attend these events. They are not just for our overseas pilgrims. We are all pilgrims on our journey to grow closer to God

### PEACE BY PIECE

PEACE BY PIECE, An Inter-faith Peace Ceremony For young People.

**When:** Thursday 10 July, 10.00am - 11.00am

**Where:** Federation Square, Cnr Swanston & Flinders Streets

**What:** People of all faiths are invited to come together in a spirit of peace for this special celebration of inter-faith unity and respect. Peace by Piece is an opportunity for young people of all faiths to gather together and witness to our unified desire for a peaceful world.

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE BY NATALIE GAUCI, 2007 Australian Idol Winner.