

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:10-11*

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING *Romans 8:18-23*

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9*

A sower went out to sow.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

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| 1 st Collection | - Thanksgiving Offering..... | \$920.00 |
| | - Loose Money..... | \$260.00 |
| 2 nd Collection | - Presbytery/Priests..... | \$310.00 |

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 20/07/08

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – R Mercuri, R DiGuglielmo
 10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

19/07/08 A Di rico, M Pascuzzi & L Pennacchia

MONEY COUNTERS

14/07/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
 21/07/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giovanni BUTTERA (d. Rec. Italy), Fr Jim +BRIGLIA PE, Charlie ROCCA,

ANNIVERSARIES

Giovanni IOZZI, James ZELE, (Reverenda Suora - Sr Valentina ADRIGHETTO aunty of Andrea)
 Giuseppe SALIMBENI, Antonio & Maria DA SILVA, Anthony RAJSAR

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Visita la terra, Signore, e benedici i suoi germogli.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Il seme e' la parola di Dio e il seminatore e' Cristo: chiunque trova lui, ha la vita eterna. **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

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A,

July 13, 2008



Sowing the seed

“Who was Albert Einstein’s arithmetic teacher in the second grade?” This, according to Fr William Bausch in one of his books of homilies, was how a certain Fred Hermann used to begin his speeches. I don’t know who Fred Hermann was but he was raising the question of who it was that sowed the seeds of greatness in Albert Einstein.

All great achievements have their beginnings in some inspiration or encouragement to achieve. We can look back on our own lives and ask who has inspired and encouraged us along the way. More importantly, perhaps, we can respond to the challenge to reflect on what sort of seeds we sow in those whose lives we touch. Are we sowing seeds of greatness, seeds of honesty, integrity and love? This week will include the celebration of World Youth Day in Sydney. What a field is available there for sowing the seed of the gospel! We can all play our part by praying to the Lord of the harvest to touch the hearts of participants so that they will provide fertile soil for his word.

The hope of course is that World Youth Day will bring new life to the Church in Australia and indeed throughout the world. It is a unique opportunity for the Church in Australia to be missionary and spread the good news of God’s love. In today’s gospel we have Jesus’ parable of the sower and the seed. Scholars suggest that an important part of the message of the parable is encouragement – the harvest will be plentiful and so the disciples should have courage and not be afraid to spread the good news. Again today we need to hear Jesus’ words “Do not be afraid”. Just as he told the disciples in his own time he tells us, “Happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy people longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it” (Matthew 13:16-17). We have a message for our world – the good news of God’s love. We can’t afford to be afraid, intimidated by the hostility of our secular society. We have to be ready to stand up for what we believe. Jesus never said that following him would be easy. St Paul knew what it was to suffer for proclaiming the gospel. In his letter to the Romans he says, “What we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us” (second reading) In the longer form of this week’s gospel, mention is made of the differing results that can come from the sowing of the seed. We pray that God’s word will find in us and in the young people who attend World Youth Day rich soil, that its effects will not wither quickly away or be choked by the worries of life or the lure of riches. May it provide an abundant harvest in us and in the youth of the world.



WELCOME PILGRIMS/ BENVENUTI PELLEGRINI

On behalf of all parishioners and friends of St Joseph the Worker North Reservoir, we welcome among us the pilgrims who come from the region of Emilia Romagna Italy, and are staying with us during these Days in the Dioceses for the preparation of World Youth Day next week 15-20 July. We thank them for accepting to be with us and wish them a reflective and enjoyable stay. We also ask God's many blessings for them on their way to WYD.

A nome di tutti i parrochiani ed amici di San Giuseppe Lavoratore North Reservoir vogliamo dare un benvenuto ai pellegrini che vengono dalla regione Emilia Romagna Italia, per essere qui con noi durante questi Giorni nella Diocesi, per la preparazione alla Giornata Mondiale della Gioventu' 15 -20 Luglio. Grazie a questi pellegrini che hanno scelto di stare con noi. Noi li auguriamo giorni gioiosi e riflettivi. Chiediamo per loro la benedizione di Dio per il loro pellegrinaggio verso la Giornata Mondiale della Gioventu'.

THANK YOU/ GRAZIE

We take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have assisted and continue to assist during this week of hosting the World Youth Day Pilgrims. Parishioners have been extremely co-operative and generous in assisting with Serving Breakfast, Hall Supervisors, Baking of Cakes and Biscuits, Cooking and Carpooling. We also acknowledge the generosity of all the host families who have opened their homes and welcomed the pilgrims on our behalf.

The pilgrims have expressed their gratitude to the parish and its parishioners for the warm welcome and hospitality that they have received – they have felt very much at home. As the pilgrims head off to Sydney on Tuesday we wish them a safe journey and pray that their enriching experience will continue.

Il nostro sentito grazie a tutte le persone che hanno assistito e continuano ad assistere i nostri ospiti pellegrini da oltremare durante la settimana che precede la giornata mondiale dei giovani a Sydney. Grazie per la vostra generosa cooperazione nel servire la colazione, nell'abbondanza dei dolci, la sorveglianza e il trasporto dei bagagli. Siamo riconoscenti alle famiglie che si sono offerte ad accogliere ed ospitare i nostri pellegrini. Da parte loro, hanno espresso profonda riconoscenza alla parrocchia e ai parrochiani di San Giuseppe Lavoratore per la calorosa accoglienza e ospitalita' si sono sentiti a casa loro.

Mentre si preparano per la partenza verso Sydney auguriamo un buon viaggio accompagnandoli con la preghiera per una continua esperienza ricca di incontri e di benedizioni.

ARCHBISHOP OF MALTA IN 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.

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 18 July 7.00pm – Itria Barresi (1 mth)

FEAST

Tuesday 15 July - St Bonaventure



BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Bianca Mafri** child of Joseph and Daniella who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

PIETY STALL

Please note that the Piety Stall will only be open every 1st Sunday of the month. If you wish to purchase any items at the Sunday Masses please feel free to approach Miriam Mizzi.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th 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

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

FESTA DI SAN DONATO

Il comitato invita la Comunita' a partecipare alla solenne festa in onore di San Donato il 3 Agosto presso la Chiesa di San Luca 1° David Street, Lalor.

Programma: 1.30pm Banda Bellini
2.00pm Santa Messa celebrata dai Padri Scalabriniani

Coro: Coro Friulano e dal coro "Studenti di S. Luca"

Concerto: Banda Bellini e Cantanti – Presenta: Cav. Frank DiBlasi
Per informazione tel: Donato - 9466 1177 o Mauro – 9402 6485 "La Porchetta" (Mill Park) 9437 7070

AN INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY

An introduction to Theology course is being offered by the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation. It considers what theology is and explores key theological understandings of major beliefs within the Catholic Faith Tradition. Presenter: Sr Margaret Chappell RSM. Commencing on Thursday 7 August 2008, 6.00pm – 8.00pm (6 sessions) at the Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. For more information please contact: office@evangelisation.org or Annemarie 9412 3325 (enrolments must be received by 29 July 2008)

RIFLESSIONE SULLA PAROLA DI DIO

L'inizio del Vangelo odierno ci ha presentato Gesu' che dalla barca parla alle folle accalate sulla riva. Tutto questo si e' come ripetuto per noi: Gesu' ci ha ammaestrati stando tra noi e dinanzi a noi. Noi siamo le folle che, dalla sponda, lo abbiamo ascoltato. A chi lo ascolto' Gesu', di li a poco, moltiplico' il pane nel deserto. Anche a noi egli sta per moltiplicare e distribuire il pane che e' il suo corpo dato per noi. La sua presenza sara' piena quando egli sara' in noi mediante la sua parola e il suo sacramento che e' la sua carne per la vita del mondo. Che egli trovi in noi un terreno aperto e buono che accolga con gioia Lui che e' il seme di vita eterna, la Parola fatta carne che viene ad abitare in mezzo a noi.