

FIRST READING *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING *Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

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 13:24-43 or 13:24-30*

Let them grow together until the harvest.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$871.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$348.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$385.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 20/07/08

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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 27/07/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci
9.00am (SUN) – C Agostinelli & T Forte
10.30am (SUN) - G Donnini & M Sernia

CHURCH CLEANERS

27/07/08 A Pascuzzi, R DeZan & A Natoli

MONEY COUNTERS

21/07/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon
28/07/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, G Canavan & M Turnbull

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Raffaele ZAFFINO

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppa DELL'ALBANI, Itria BARRESE, Giuseppe & Lucia ANNETTA, Vincenzo & Nazzarena MORFUNI, Renato MORFUNI, Giovanni IOZZI, James ZELE, Giorgio GIMELLI, Mariangela PAOLA, Vincenzo & Francesco GIGLIOTTI, Eugenio NICASTRI, Rosetta, Giuseppe & Antonio AMERENA, Raffaele & Lucia MELFI, Francesco, Carmela & Lorenzo PAOLI, Emilio PAOLI, Nicola & Antonietta D'ERCOLE, Girolomo, Caterina & Rosaria ROTTURA, Montagna M & Costantino RASO, Elena VILLELLA, Tommasina RASO

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Tu sei buono, Signore, e ci perdoni.

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
1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A,

July 20, 2008

Judgment

As a missionary priest I have the opportunity to visit many Catholic schools across Australia. A real highlight for me is to be invited into a classroom to spend time with the teachers and students. It's a wonderful occasion to help them get to know Jesus more deeply and to share with them the richness of the Good News.

I always encourage the students to ask questions, because faith is not something static. Faith is alive and, through their questions, the students set out on an exciting and revealing journey of discovery in their relationship with God.

Questions are a great way of keeping me on my toes and you have to be prepared for anything! Some are easier to answer: "What footy team do you go for?" "Would Jesus have used tartare sauce when he ate fish?" "Will there be McDonald's in heaven?" "How much do you get paid?"

But there is also a deeper questioning: "What's your idea of God?" "Who made God?" "Why do bad things happen when we die?"

In one class there were questions about heaven and hell and who goes where. The students asked about Saddam Hussein and Adolf Hitler and what happens to them. Students do ask the deep questions.

Today's gospel parable about the wheat and the weeds gives some insight into how we might approach questions like this. We live in a world that is very quick to classify people, and once they have been classified as evil, some might say that for them there is no hope, no second chance, no redemption. Yet, the parable warns us against making final judgments about who is good and who is evil.

Throughout our lives we make judgments, both about ourselves and about others. That's only natural. In many cases we have a need to judge and we have a right to do so.

But our judgments are not the final word. For the last word we look to God. We do so remembering God's mercy, justice and goodness. God will settle what the final boundaries are at the end of time. God will do so in ways known only to God. God's love is never reactive. God's love is not a reward, a tick of approval given on account of our good behaviour. The weeds will grow, but God is patient and merciful.

The parable ultimately takes us back to the beginning of creation. God created the world out of love and saw that it was good, very good.

When we look into the heart of the mystery of all that surrounds us, what we see is pure gift. God looks at the whole of a person's life. That is why the final judgment can't come till the end and only God has the right and the full knowledge needed to make that judgment.



COMMENTS IN ITALIAN WRITTEN BY THE PIACENZA PILGRIMS ON THEIR YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE NEWS:

www.pagiop.net

DOMENICA 13 LUGLIO 2008

Questa mattina ci siamo svegliati con una sorpresa: colazione australiana! I nostri ospiti di St. Joseph the Worker hanno lavorato dalle primissime ore del mattino per farci trovare una sala elegantemente apparecchiata con diverse specialita' austriane: eggs, bacon, sausages and tomatoes. Poi, come in ogni parrocchia che si rispetti, la messa grande della domenica!

Ovviamente per loro era il momento culminante dell'accoglienza, in quanto anche i parrocchiani che non hanno potuto fare niente per accoglierci oggi, almeno, ci hanno incontrati e salutati molto calorosamente. Un po' in inglese, un po' in italiano, le parole della messa e dei canti che scorrevano su uno schermo, tastiera, batteria e voce solista per i canti, processione offertoriale con tutte le bandiere del mondo e, alla fine, una speciale benedizione con un piccolo segno in regalo.



(in English) SUNDAY 13 JULY 2008

After waking up this morning, we were given a great surprise: Australian Breakfast. Our hosts of St. Joseph the Worker have worked from very early in the morning so that we could be welcomed into the hall, which was elegantly set up with a variety of Australian specialties: eggs, bacon, sausages and tomatoes. Then as in every parish we attended the great mass of the Sunday. For the parishioners this was a special climatic moment of welcome, those who could not meet us before were able to meet us today, and express their best wishes. Mass was in English and

Italian with the singing accompanied by a piano keyboard, drums, and soloist voice. Flags of all nations were carried at the offertory procession. And at the end we received a special blessing and we were given a gift (special Bookmark) as a memento.

THANK YOU - GRAZIE

We take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have assisted during the 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 received – they felt very much at home.

Il nostro sentito grazie a tutte le persone che hanno assistito i nostri ospiti pellegrini da oltremare durante la settimana di preparazione alla 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 parrocchiani di San Giuseppe Lavoratore per la calorosa accoglienza e ospitalita' si sono sentiti a casa loro.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedi 22 Luglio riunione in cappella, del comitato femminile ore 9.00am. Seguita della Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

FEASTS

Tuesday 22 July - St Mary Magdalene

Friday 25 July – St James, Apostle

Saturday 26 July – Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Faith, Hope & Imogen Vella** children of Charles and Pauline who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

FESTA DI SAN ROCCO

Domenica 17 Agosto 2008 nella nostra chiesa di San Giuseppe Lavoratore

PROGRAMMA:

Ore 9.00am - Santa Messa in Italiano cantata

Ore 2.00pm - Inni e preghiere in onore a S. Rocco

Partecipa l'organista Rocco Surace con la cantante Therese Molnar

Ore 2.30pm - S Messa celebrata dal Rev. Padre Emanuele Bonello PP e Padre Giuseppe Yu PE

Processione passerà per le seguenti strade: Hurley St, Tracey St, Rice St and Wilson Blvd. E sarà accompagnata dalla nota Banda Bellini. Rientro in chiesa per la benedizione con il S.S. Sacramento che sarà data anche a tutti gli ammalati presenti.



MEMORIAL MASS

Wednesday 23 July 7.30pm – Rosaria D'Amico (1 mth)

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 July at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

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 celebrate dai Padri Scalabriniani

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

Concerto: Banda Bellini e Cantanti – Presenta: Cav. Frank DiBlasi

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THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

Once again our reading from Matthew's gospel brings us the teaching of Jesus about 'the kingdom', in parable form.

Wheat and weeds growing together – a perfect image, surely, of the world in which we live. How should Christians react in this situation. While we must speak out for the truth, we may well be tempted to emphasise our faithfulness by our impatience and intolerance towards those who do not journey with us. The parable of Jesus warns us that this is not God's way.

In the parable of the tiny mustard seed, Jesus refers to the modest inauguration of the kingdom. His hearers must have been puzzled, as they saw the teacher who spoke with spellbinding power gathering twelve of his followers to symbolize the New Israel. Few of these followers had much to commend them, and some would have been considered positively disreputable. 'God chooses the weak to shame the strong' (1 Cor 2:27).

The parable of the yeast tells of the hidden designs of God being worked out in the chaos of history. Though God's designs are hidden, they are boundless in their promise.

Excerpts from a homily by Fr John Thornhill SM