

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

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 13:44 - 52 or 13:44-46

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$661.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$170.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$276.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 03/08/08

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – L Cavedon & R Fato
 10.30am (SUN) - M Bernardi & D Lucato

CHURCH CLEANERS

02/08/08 T Caruso, R Guerino, A Costanzo & A Baschiera

MONEY COUNTERS

28/07/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, G Canavan & M Turnbull
 04/08/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatore IACONESSI, FAMILY Teresa, Agostino & Assunta BRUNETTI, Santina IACONESSI Mariangela PAOLA, Francesca & Nicola ANNETTA, Vittoria DE BONO, Alessandro FERRARA Pasquale & Laura MARIANI, Lorenzo & Rachele PACELLA, Vittorio & Lisa DEFAZIO

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

La tua legge, Signore, e' la mia gioia.

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.

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
 Sr D Bentley, J Broadbent & J Frangiosa

SPECIAL MINISTERS

MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 P Leggiero, A Sonza & R Terzino
 M Bernardi, A Filippone & J Tanti

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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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A,

July 27, 2008

Sacrifice and Commitment



St Sebastian’s College was founded over ninety years ago. Originally set up to help educate boys from poorer rural areas, the college has grown into a wonderful place of learning and human development. It is a school with a fine academic record but it’s probably better known for achievements in sport, particularly in rowing.

The senior rowing team trains extremely hard. Three early mornings a week for about two hours, you will find the boys going through their paces on the river with the coaching staff. During the week, the boys also participate in strength and conditioning training in the school gym as well as cross training activities such as running, cycling and swimming. Nutrition and diet are also monitored. The boys rely on a team of support people – students, family, and friends who make a commitment to stick by the boys through the rigours of their training schedule. Ask the boys why they do it and they say, “We want to be the best; we want to win.” For them their sights are set on interschool, interstate and national regattas. Ask the boys if all the sacrifices they make are worth it and you are left with no doubt. “Definitely! The prestige, the honour of the college and the possibility of a sporting scholarship are all at stake. Maybe even a shot at the Olympics!” In today’s gospel, we also have examples of people willing to sacrifice everything to realise a dream. The treasure seeker desires the rare priceless treasure. Once he finds it, he sells all that he has and buys the field that contains the treasure. The pearl merchant longs for the perfect pearl. Once he finds it, he sells everything and buys the pearl. For us it’s a reminder that membership of God’s Kingdom calls for total commitment and sacrifice on our part. No half-hearted measures. No distractions. No obstacles. Being a disciple involves dedication, commitment and sacrifice just like the treasure seeker, the pearl merchant and the rowing team. However, there is one significant difference. The treasures, the pearl, the rowing medals, are passing prizes. The Kingdom of God is eternal. If we are willing to sacrifice so much for the things that perish, then how much more ought we to be willing to sacrifice for the prize that will last forever.

MORE PHOTO'S FROM OUR PILGRIMS STAY



CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

This weekend we welcome the candidates for Confirmation, their families and sponsors for the Commitment Mass. This is an important time in their preparation and we as a parish community are asked to pray for them that the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens them in their Christian journey.

ADORAZIONE EUCARISTICA

Martedì 29 Luglio Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella alle ore 9.00am. Seguita dalla S. Messa ore 10.00am.

MAINTENANCE MEETING

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 July at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 2 August 2008 at 6.00pm.

FEASTS

Tuesday 29 July - St Martha

Thursday 31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola

Friday 1 August – St Alphonsus Liguori

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 4 August at 7.30pm in the church.

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. Portate i vostri ammalati per una benedizione speciale.



THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

The parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price emphasise the need for conversion. Identification with the ways of God that shape the Kingdom must be unconditional. In Palestine the possibility of finding a treasure trove was real. One who had such a stake of good fortune, Jesus says, would do all that he could to buy the field – and in a similar way, no other allegiance will rule the life of one who has found the joy of letting God's word and God's ways to be the measure of his or her life. The pearl for which the merchant sells everything has the same lesson. The parable teaches us that identifying with the Kingdom announced by Jesus means getting our priorities right. The parable of the dragnet. It is not for us to make final judgment of the good and the bad – that belongs to the Lord. Meanwhile, the Church – through which the Kingdom is 'present in mystery' – is made up of a 'haul of all kinds'. Following the example of Jesus, who reached out to prostitutes and sinners, the Church will never turn its back on those who are still struggling with the issues of life.'

Excerpts from a homily by Fr John Thornhill SM