

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 55:1-3*

Hasten and eat.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**SECOND READING** *Romans 8:35.37-39*

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 14:13-21*

They all ate and were satisfied.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1100.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$314.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$308.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 03/08/08**

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

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 10/08/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo  
 9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico  
 10.30am (SUN) - G Canavan & S Miano

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

09/08/08 R DiGuglielmo, M Ricci & G Romano

**MONEY COUNTERS**

04/08/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio  
 11/08/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Ester BIASIBETTI (d. Rec. Italy – Mother of Dino Biasibetti), Gennaro FALVO, Frederick GALVAN  
Louisa Mary SCIOLA

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Betty PELUSO, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA,  
Mariangela PAOLA, Maddalena CORSI, Giovanni MITIDIERI, Michael TAMNEY,  
Michele STABILE, Carmela CARUSO, Mariannina VECCHIO,

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Apri la tua mano, Signore, e sazia ogni vivente.

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Venite a me voi tutti che siete affaticati e oppressi e io vi ristorero' dice il Signore.  
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

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

August 3, 2008

## Food for life

In our politically correct world, what we eat and how much we eat are the subjects of countless features in the media. “You are what you eat” is one of the catch phrases that rolls off the tongue and we know that it holds more than a grain of truth. In the Gospels we often hear about Jesus sitting down to eat, and meals feature in a number of the parables. Even after the resurrection we hear of Jesus having breakfast with his disciples on the beach. We know there is more to the familiar story of the feeding of the five thousand than just the miraculous provision of food for a vast crowd caught unawares. We are given a clue in Isaiah, who reminds us that God will freely provide an abundance of good things for us. If this demonstrates how God wants to be generous in lavishing on us what we need, it is also a reminder and an invitation to us to be similarly generous with one another. This is one of the stories that appear in all four Gospels and, while Matthew, Mark and Luke do not mention “a small boy”, John tells us that he was the one who provided the meager rations. Obviously he was willing to share, and it is not unreasonable to wonder whether his generosity may have prompted others to open their bags and share as well. However it was that Jesus managed to provide for *everyone*, the message is loud and clear: he wants us all to be well fed and there should always be enough for everyone. As modern communications continue to shrink the world into a global village, we become more and more aware of the many who still go hungry, despite all the wonderful technological advances which mean that there is no reason why they should. In this lies a real challenge for us to examine our lifestyles and see whether we can live more simply, thereby ensuring that our Christian communities stand as a witness to the love and compassion of the Lord for those in need. There is of course another aspect to this story, which points us towards the mystery of the Eucharist, where the one bread is shared as a sign that Christ wishes not only to provide for our bodies but for our souls as well. In the Eucharist we see Christ offering us himself as the Bread of Life, food for our souls. And of course here we speak of that mystery of eternal life: “Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.” The Eucharist is there in abundance for the disciples across the world in every generation and unites us all, making us the Body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise. As you are sent forth from Mass today, ponder these great mysteries and pray for that sense of belonging to your brothers and sisters across the world, and to all those faithful disciples who have gone before us and are now enjoying eternal life in heaven. Lord, make us witnesses to your concern that all be abundantly fed in body and in spirit.

## EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2008

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Baptism Preparation meeting in the Parish Meeting Room

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Liturgy Team meeting in the Parish Meeting Room

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Parish Leadership Team meeting in the Parish Meeting Room.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time year A.**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.  
Mass times for that day are: 9.10am, 2.15pm (with the School children) and 7.00pm.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** Starting at **8.00am** Working Bee in preparation for the feast of St. Rocco.  
Anyone is welcome to help us out.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.**

2.00pm Prayers to San Rocco and 2.30pm Mass in Italian and English to celebrate the Feast of St. Rocco, followed by procession in the streets.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 3.00pm Mass** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Timothy Costelloe.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**10.30am Mass** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Timothy Costelloe.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm** Maintenance Committee Meeting in the Parish Meeting Room.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.

### **FUNERAL NOTICES**

The Rosary for Gennaro Falvo will be recited on Monday 4 August at 7.30pm. Funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 5 August at 10.00am.

The Rosary for Louisa Mary Sciola will be recited on Tuesday 5 August at 7.00pm. Funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday 6 August at 10.00am.

### **MEMORIAL MASSES**

Wednesday 6 August 6.30pm – Bruno Cuppari  
7.30pm – Concetta Barba in Greco (d. Rec. Italy)

Thursday 7 August 7.00pm – Lucia Ferrentino (1 mth)

### **PIETY STALL**

The Piety Stall will open after the 10.30am Mass today. There are numerous religious items on sale including gifts for Confirmation. Please stop and have a browse.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY – CENTRE CARE FAMILY SERVICES**

The Annual Appeal for the Centacare Catholic Family Services will take place at all Masses this weekend. Centacare has been supporting and caring for the families of the Melbourne Archdiocese for over 70 years and relies on the support of our Catholic community. If you wish to make a donation please do so via envelopes on the seats. There will be a leaving collection after Mass today at the doors. Please give generously so Centacare can continue to support families to deal with the complex issues they face today.

### **FEASTS**

Monday 4 August - St John Vianney

Tuesday 5 August – St Dominic

Wednesday 6 August – Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday 8 August – Blessed Mary MacKillop

### **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.



### **THANK YOU ST JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH - FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA**

Caritas Australia would like to thank the Parish of St Joseph the worker for the kind donation of \$1,999 received. Your generous gift is a wonderful display of compassion in action and makes a vital difference not only to these communities but to many others in similar conditions worldwide. Thank You.

Caritas Australia's free e-magazine, OzSpirit, this month focuses on Peace and Reconciliation with a reflection from World Youth Day pilgrim Clare Harris, who traveled to Uganda as part of a Caritas immersion trip last year. To learn more about this and other social justice issues in Australia and around the world, take a look at OzSpirit. It is available at [www.ozspirit.com](http://www.ozspirit.com)

### **THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL**

The miracle of the feeding of the multitude must have been remembered as being of great significance by the first Christians – it is recounted in all four gospels – the only miracle in which the disciples are called by Jesus to play a part.

When they suggested that the people leave Jesus to find food, he replies, 'Give them something yourselves'. Then, when they produced two loaves and two dried fish, he broke the loaves and handed them to his disciples, who gave them to the crowd. As we listen to this reading, it is not difficult to recognise that the early Christian communities looked back on this incident as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist. Today's liturgy opens up the vast perspectives suggested by this awareness.

'The Eucharistic awareness of the first Christians communities is reflected in all the gospels, in a narrative that clearly echoes their liturgy of the 'breaking of bread', Jesus 'says the blessing', 'breaks the loaves', and has his chosen disciples minister to the people. Clearly, this miracle is remembered as of momentous significance – inclusive of the whole people.'

*Excerpts from a homily by Fr John Thornhill SM*