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FIRST READING *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING *Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12.17-19*

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$920.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$306.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$405.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 10/02/08

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & M Crupi
10.30am (SUN) – J & J Kearney

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 17/02/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci
9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico
10.30am (SUN) - T Fitzsimmons & J Vincitorio

CHURCH CLEANERS

16/02/08 J Aliphone, T Saleh & P Sparano

MONEY COUNTERS

11/02/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
18/02/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jack RILEY (d. rec.), Antonietta CARMATA (d.rec.), Emmanuel AXIAK

ANNIVERSARIES

Rocco SCAVULLO (1yr), Mariangela PAOLA, Giuseppe & Antonio TALARICO, Filomena TALARICO
Mena ASTORINO, Johnny FORTE, Anthony RAJSAR, Matteo, Tonino & Rosalia NAPOLITANO,
Beniamino PASCUIZZI, Domenico BENINATI, Tony AMBESI, Giovanni MARCOVECCHIO
Gelsomina DEL PAPA, Giuseppe D'AMARIO, Michele, Rosario & Marianna MAGALDI, Giuseppe LATINO
Maria GIANARELLI (1yr), Famiglia TARANTO, Domenico & Rosina SOLEA, Caterina SALATINO
Angelo & Antonietta D'ORAZIO, Umberto & Concetta PRETA, Gilda, Giuseppina & Maffalda DI SANTO
Agostino TRAVAGLINI, Mario DI VINCENZO, Domenico DI SANTO, Assunta & Angelo CIANCIOSI
Angelo RICCIONE, Antonio SABATINI, Fioralba & Vincezo VARRASSO

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Perdonaci, Signore: abbiamo peccato.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna Gloria!
Non di solo pane vive l'uomo, ma di ogni
parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio. Lode
a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!!

SPECIAL MINISTERS

D Herbert
D Biasibetti, R De Zan & G Barbaro
S Dakin & S Rottura

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S Dakin
F Pascuzzi, Gina Tempone & C Alberti
U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

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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. Communion Service
Tue. 10.00am Italian
Wed. 9.10am - English
Thur. 9.10am - English
Fri. 9.10am - English

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

February 10, 2008

Problems in the garden

The Bible is usually printed as one book, but it is really a collection of books, written and put together over a long period of time. The various books make up a kind of library with different sections. Some of the books are written in an historical style, telling the story of the people of Israel through the centuries. We might group these in a “history” section. Other books, such as the Book of Psalms and the Song of Songs, would be at home in a “poetry” section. Others, such as the writings of St Paul, would fit into a “letters” category. However, whatever the form of writing, each of the books of the Bible has a message that can be helpful to us in our lives.

In the Mass today, the first reading is from the very first book of the Bible – the Book of Genesis – which opens with two stories about the creation of the world. Today’s text is from the second story, which presents a picture of God planting a garden in Eden as a home for a man called “Adam” and a woman called “Eve”. The verses selected for this First Sunday of Lent tell how things went wrong in the garden. It is a story that addresses the sad reality that we all experience – that human life is often messed up. In the beginning, the garden of Eden is pure bliss. Relationships are happy and harmonious. Adam and Eve, created in God’s image, share with God relationship of trust and familiarity. But this paradise does not last. By disobeying God’s word and eating the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve break their relationship with God. They seek to become like God and enjoy the knowledge and wisdom of God. Following their disobedience, Adam and Eve become concerned that they are naked. Ashamed and afraid, they sew fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths. They want to hide themselves from each other and from God. When the relationship with God has been broken, strains also develop between Adam and Eve and their children. Cain eventually kills his brother Abel and, as a result of his sin, becomes a wanderer over the earth, isolated from the relationships that once sustained him. For us today, the story conveys a deep truth about sin and its effects. Sin is an empty promise, an illusion, a betrayal of our true freedom, a lust for power. Because of sin, there is fracturing and dislocation in our relationships with God, ourselves, each other and our world. Things go astray and become bent and twisted; nothing is as it was planned. But there is hope in the promise of our salvation in the new Adam – Jesus. Jesus comes in God’s name to seek out and save what is lost, to bring healing and wholeness to what is broken, to bring peace to our relationships. As the season of Lent begins, the liturgy of Ash Wednesday calls us to turn away from sin and believe the Good News. May this call prompt us to seek out life-giving relationships. May this season of penance help us to be faithful to God’s word.

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LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

All parishioners are invited to a Lenten reflection Program beginning on Wednesday 13 February at 10.00am in the Parish Meeting Room with Sr Doreen. For those who are unable to attend during the day there is an evening session at 7.00pm in the Parish House with Fr Manny. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to reflect on the Sunday readings during Lent and seek to come to a deeper understanding of how the Word of God can touch our lives. This is done in a friendly and informal way which promotes common faith sharing.

GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA

Il gruppo di preghiera e iniziato' i suoi incontri ongi venerdi dalle 10.00am alle 12.00pm. Siete tutti benvenuti, vi aspettiamo.

VIA CRUCIS

Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese tutti i Venerdì' della Quaresima, alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church. It will be in both English and Italian. All parishioners are warmly invited to come together for this important time of prayer.

WEDDING

We congratulate Rosmarie Torzillo and Garry Gioutsos who will be married this weekend. We ask God's blessing on them and their families on this special occasion.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Nicolas Tabet** child of Raymond and Nookon who will be baptised today. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 12 February at 7.30pm – Maria Gianarelli (1yr)

SAN GABRIELE DELL'ADDOLORATA



Associazione San Gabriele dell'Addolorata vi invita a una celebrazione religiosa in onore al Santo Domenica 17 Febbraio 2008. Nel Monastero dei Padri Passionisti (Holy Cross) Serpells Rd, Templestowe (Melway Map Ref. 33k6)

Programma: Mercoledì 13, Giovedì 14, e Venerdì 15 Febbraio 7.30pm Triduo e Confessione. Domenica 17 Febbraio – 10.30 Messa cantata dal coro di S. Antonio.

Celebrante Padre Daniele Pierangeli proveniente dal Santuario di San Gabriele. Processione con la Banda Bellini. Per informazione rivolgersi a Renato Catena 9460 4597.

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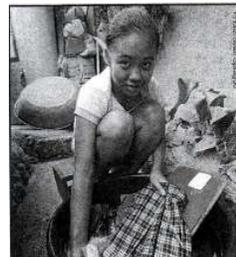
Next Sunday 17 February after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

PILGRIM PEOPLE!

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation encourages you to attend a Lenten reflection on the theme of 'Pilgrim People' to be presented by the highly respected Jesuit scholar Fr Andy Hamilton. Make this evening a part of your Lenten pilgrimage. Only \$5 per person, or \$50 per parish group.

WHEN: Tuesday 19 February **WHERE:** Thomas Carr Centre, East Melbourne
START: 7.30pm **FINISH:** 9.15pm

Let your parish priest know that you are interested in attending or ring Annmarie 9412 3325.



First Sunday of Lent, February 10

Project Compassion is all about hope. This week's Project Compassion story takes us to the Philippines where Caritas Australia has helped establish savings groups to support income generating activities such as card and bag making in Manila. Your donation to Project Compassion will provide communities like Psyche Mae's with practical skills so they can become self-reliant and look forward to a more productive and peaceful future.

Psyche Mae is from Manila in the Philippines. She lives with her family on the edge of an urban garbage dump.

Before her family received support, life was a constant struggle to buy enough food and pay school fees. They were unable to save money and when desperate borrowed from moneylenders at exorbitant interest rates.

Caritas Australia helped establish savings groups to support income generating activities such as bag and card making. Members have also established a small community shop.

Caritas supports classes in non-formal adult education, art, English, computing and volleyball. The youth have established leadership groups which meet regularly.

Your donation to Project Compassion will allow communities like Psyche Mae's to become self-reliant and to look forward to a more productive and peaceful future.

NEW ROSTER AVAILABLE

Those parishioners who are rostered on for various ministries in the parish, please collect your new roster from the sacristy after Mass today.



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Coach fare return starts from \$220

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MELBOURNE STAY

Welcome international pilgrims into your home and make a friend forever!

We are inviting all Melbourne homeowners to host at least 2 pilgrims in their homes during July 2008.

Logon to our website WWW.DID08.COM and register as a Melbourne Stay host today! or pick up a Melbourne Stay Host Application Form from the Parish Office.

For further information please ring Diane Chybowski on 9471 1060 or Ray Silvio 9460 6607