

FIRST READING *Isaiah 22:19-23*

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING *Romans 11:33-36*

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-20*

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

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| 1 st Collection | - Thanksgiving Offering..... | \$1054.00 |
| | - Loose Money..... | \$223.00 |
| 2 nd Collection | - Presbytery/Priests..... | \$276.00 |

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 24/08/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci
 9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R Terzino
 10.30am (SUN) – CONFIRMATION (Selected)

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 31/08/08

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo
 9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
 10.30am (SUN) - A DeCata & A Vinelli

CHURCH CLEANERS

31/08/08 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & C Balassone

MONEY COUNTERS

25/08/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, M Turnbull & G Canavan
 01/09/08 R & E Cornelious & R & G Silvio

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Carmelo DEMICOLI, Luigi MASTRANTONIO

ANNIVERSARIES

Paolo MATERAZZO, Carmela PANTANO, Rosa LOBARTOLO, Mariangela PAOLA,
 Domenico & Concetta CUTRUPPI, Paola PRECOMA, Francesco BARBARO,
 Concetta & Elisabetta GALATI, Maria-Grazia VANCELI, Rosa LO BARTOLO,
 Raffaele FACIN, Antonio PISTONE, Paolo NASELLI, Salvatore & Rosaria LUMINATO
 Grazia FRAGAPANE

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Nella tua bonta' Signore, non abbandonarmi.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia! Tu sei Pietro, e su questa pietra edifichero' la mia Chiesa e le porte degli inferi non prevarranno contro di essa. Alleluia.

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
 S LoBartolo, G Moltisanti & R Mercuri
 M Mizzi, C McMahan & U Strangis

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
 F Pascuzzi, G Tempone C Alberti
 J & J Kearney & M Alvaro

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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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A,

August 24, 2008



The rock of unity

One of the thorny issues in current dialogues between the Vatican and the Anglicans as well as with the Orthodox Churches, is the role and authority of the Papacy. The division among the followers of Jesus is considered a scandal to the gospel, and certainly not the will of Him who prayed that “they may be one even as we are one” (John 17:11). Within the various communions, there is a deep desire for unity among Christians. But perceptions and suspicions about the role and authority of the Papacy appear to be a major stumbling block towards reconciliation and communion among believers. Tensions and divisions among Christian communities are not new. The records of the New Testament, especially Paul’s letters, show that the first Christian communities had similar experiences. It is also clear that Peter, the first Bishop of Rome, emerged as a very important authority figure in the life of the early Church. His original name was Simon the son of John, a professional fisherman. The name Peter (which means Rock) was given to him in recognition of who he had become. Our gospel today has Jesus conferring on him the name Peter – the Rock on which He would build His Church. Saints Peter and Paul showed us how to relate when tensions and differences emerge. Paul spoke of how he boldly opposed Peter to his face because he was wrong about not eating with the Gentiles (Galatians 2:11). Yet Paul humbly deferred to Peter’s authority even if he disagreed with him. Peter on his part showed his great regard for Paul, calling him “our esteemed brother, who is dear to us” (2 Peter 3:15), and defended Paul against those out to discredit him. Peter’s authoritative role certainly played an important part in settling disputes and bringing unity among the various Christian factions. While Jesus has promised to be with the Church always, our experience of all those who have exercised authority throughout her history shows that many of them have had deep flaws. Even the gospels did not try to gloss over the human flaws of Peter. That flawed characters could occupy the Papal office reveals the glaringly human side of the Church. Yet the Papacy can still function in a very useful role in the service of unity, justice, and truth. For all its shortcomings, the Papacy is a very important gift of the Spirit to the Church. Langdon Gilkey, an American Protestant scholar, wrote many years ago that the Papacy is the saving grace of the Catholic Church. Whereas the Protestant movement splintered further into many other denominations without some unifying authority, the Catholic Church could maintain its unity and cohesiveness through the Papacy in spite of its many internal difficulties and divisions. Love it or hate it, the seat of the Rock is here to stay. Keep in prayer the one who occupies the chair of Peter today.

CONFIRMATIONS 23/24 AUGUST

This weekend we ask you to pray for the candidates and their families that the gift of the Holy Spirit may transform their lives and give them, courage to be disciples of the light and love of Jesus in our World.

We welcome and thank Bishop Timothy Costelloe for celebrating Confirmation at St Joseph the Worker.

FR JOSEPH YU

Fr Joseph Yu had a prostate test this week and received good results. He will be spending a few more days in at John Fawkner Hospital Moreland. Fr Yu sends his regards to all and wish to thank parishioners for all their prayers.

WELCOME FR EDDIE ZAMMIT

We welcome Fr Eddie Zammit a friend of Fr Manny, who has come from Gozo Malta to spend his holidays with family and friends here in Melbourne. He will be staying at St Joseph the Worker for 5 weeks. Fr Eddie is a very close friend of Fr Manny, they were ordained on the same day in Malta. He also celebrated his 25th anniversary to the priesthood a couple of months ago. We wish him a very warm welcome and relaxing holiday.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 August at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Tuesday 26 August 7.00pm – Giuseppina Formica (1 mth)

Thursday 28 August 7.30pm – Giuseppe Lentini (1 yr)

Friday 29 August 6.30pm – Gesualdo Garra (1 yr)

7.30pm – Francesco Paolo Siragusa (1 yr)

ITALIAN LADAIES

Adorazione Eucaristica in cappella Martedi 26 Giugno, alle ore 9.00am. Seguita con la Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

FEASTS

Wednesday 27 August - St Monica

Thursday 28 August – St Augustine

Friday 29 August – The Beheading of John the Baptist

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Thank you to the Parish of St Joseph the Worker North Reservoir for contributing to the amount of \$541.00. Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Our partnership with local churches in over 150 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Through your contribution you are engaged in the world of mission in a way that binds people together and strives to bring about a heightened understanding of our call to be followers of Jesus. THANK YOU!



ST. MONICA'S COLLEGE, EPPING

St Monica's College is a leading coeducational Catholic College (Years 7 – 12) serving the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

We invite all parents of Year 3, 4 & 5 Students to an

INFORMATION EVENING

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Venue: Sports & Assembly Hall, Dalton Road Campus

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Tours of the Junior Campus commence at 6.30 p.m.

For further information please contact the College on 9401 2444.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

In today's gospel we recall a high point in Jesus' relationship with his disciples. It represents a quantum leap in their understanding of Jesus. It took them quite a while to become aware of just who Jesus really was. And even here, as subsequent events in the rest of the Gospel clearly indicate, they still did not fully understand the implications of what they had just begun to realise.

Jesus asks his disciples directly who they think he is. Peter, assuming his recognized leadership role in the group, replies: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It is indeed a high point in their relationship with Jesus. For they have now acknowledged that their rabbi, their teacher and guide, is no less than the long-awaited Messiah, the anointed king of Israel. (In the Greek, Messiah is translated as Christos, which means the 'Anointed One'.) It is a major breakthrough for them but, as the rest of the Gospel will show, they still have along way to go in understanding fully just what Messiahship will mean for Jesus – and for them.'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Frank Doyle SJ

ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

St Aloysius College will be having a PAST PUPILS RE-UNION on Sunday 14 September 2008 at 2.00pm – 4.30pm. All Past Pupils and Staff Welcome!