

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

The word of the Lord god has meant derision for me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING *Romans 12:1-2*

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21-27*

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$854.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$602.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$668.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 07/09/08

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & A DiRico
 10.30am (SUN) - T Fitzsimmons & J Vincitorio

CHURCH CLEANERS

06/09/08 L Catena, A Sirianni & F Aguiars

MONEY COUNTERS

01/09/08 R & E Cornelious & R & G Silvio
 08/09/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Joseph PETRAUSKAS,

ANNIVERSARIES

Luigi MARSCIANTONIO, Margherita & Gregorio BERTUNA, Salvatore & Mary CANDILORO, Donato, Maria & Vincenzo PETRUCCELLI, Domenico & Anna BELLO, Matteo & Tonino NAPOLITANO, Beniamino PASCUIZZI, Nazzario SOCCIO, Luigi PASCUIZZI Giuseppe FATO, Giuseppe LENTINI, Gesualdo GARRA, Francesco SIRAGUSA, Gennaro FALVO, Louisa Mary SCIOLA, Marino FABIANI

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ha sete di te, Signore, l'anima mia.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia! Il Padre del Signore nostro Gesu' Cristo ci conceda lo spirito di sapienza, perche' possiamo conoscere qual e' la speranza della nostra chiamata. **Alleluia.**

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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A,

August 31, 2008

A cross that is bearable



I think we all have our mental pictures of the great characters in the Scriptures. Whenever Jesus is looking for a response, Peter always seems to be centre stage. I picture him like those children in school who always have their hands up even before the teacher has finished the question. They may not always get the answer right, but they are desperate to please. Peter loves the Lord passionately, but often he messes up, getting it wrong and ultimately fails dramatically when he denies Jesus during the passion. But for all that, we know that Jesus loves him and ultimately trusts him; indeed entrusts him with the leadership of the whole community. That moving encounter after the resurrection when Jesus asks him three times whether he loves him, wipes out the memory of the betrayals. Peter is asked to feed the sheep and he does not hesitate to move on and take up his cross in the service of the whole Church. It is fascinating that it was not long after Peter had answered the Lord's question, "Who do you say I am?" with his great profession of faith, "You are the Christ", that Peter was remonstrating with the Lord over the dangers of going to Jerusalem and was firmly told that in doing so he was an obstacle, acting for Satan. The prospect of pain and suffering is something that naturally we shun and seek to avoid. Look at how miserable Jeremiah is over his lot as a prophet, having to bear the insults of the people to the point where he just wants to run away and forget the whole project. Yet he admits that something burns in his heart, a force difficult to overcome, that drives him on. Of course the fact is that none of us can escape suffering and pain in some form during our lives, and as always Jesus engages us by suggesting that we look at the paradox of our experience. If often happens that Jesus turns our human way of thinking upside down: "Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it." The fact is that the more selfishly preoccupied we become about our lives, the more protection we have to put in place to try and avoid anything going wrong. By contrast if we can free ourselves from that kind of anxiety and spend ourselves in the service of others, we know that no matter what the problems, we can find a peace and contentment that is God's precious gift and that makes all the suffering worthwhile. I never cease to stand in awe of those who, in faith and with patience, bear the cross of terminal illness or some other seemingly intolerable burden. It seems as though that irresistible force that Jeremiah speaks of, gives them the knowledge that their sufferings can be united with Christ's and so take on a new and eternal significance. Pray to carry your cross graciously and remember that Jesus promised to make the burden light when we bring it to him.

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team will meet on Tuesday 2 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.


PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team will meet on Thursday 4 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 6 September 2008 at 6.00pm.

CUPPA

 On Sunday 14 September there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Wednesday 3 September 7.00pm – Marino Fabiani (1 yr)

Thursday 4 September 7.00pm – Salvatore Iozzi (1 mth)

ITALIAN LADAIES

Riunione del Comitato Italiano in Cappella Martedì 2 Settembre ore 9.00am.

FEAST

Wednesday 3 September – St Gregory of the Great

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Stefania Mingione** daughter of Giampietro & Loredana who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 1 September at 7.30pm in the church.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

As next Sunday is Father's Day, there will be a special collection after all Masses for the many sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Catholic community has an obligation to 'care for those who cared' and have given a lifetime of priestly service.

We ask you to please be generous in your contributions. Special envelopes for credit card/tax deductability will be available.

FEAST OF MARIA BAMBINA IN MELBOURNE

PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

Reskeon Maltese Association is organizing a Mass for the Feast of Maria Bambina, celebrated by Fr Denis Carabott, on Monday 8 September at the Maltese Centre, Parkville. **Time:** 7.00pm.

After Mass there is a concert by the St. Albans Melita Band.

On Saturday 13 September, there is the Vittoria Dinner Dance at Firenze Receptions, entertainment Moods Music, plus the Brass Band. **Cost:** \$42.00.

On Sunday 14, September, the same association on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Paul is organizing the Feast of Maria Bambina at St Mary Star of the Sea Church, West Melbourne. **Mass Time:** 2.30pm, concelebrants Fr Noel Bianco, Provincial MSSP with the Homily delivered by Fr Eddie Zammit. There will be Benediction, followed by the procession with the statue of Maria Bambina accompanied by the two bands. For further information please ring Caesar Vella 9395 3103.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE ALLA VERGINE DEL S. ROSARIO

NELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA DI SAN GIUSEPPE LAVORATORE

DOMENICA 5 OTTOBRE 2008

PROGRAMMA

ORE 2.00PM

Preghiere e Inni
Processione con la statua
Recita del S. Rosario con i Misteri presentati dai bambini.

ORE 3.00PM

Santa Messa.

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2008

PROGRAMME

2.00PM

Prayers and procession with the Statue of Our Lady.
Mysteries of the Rosary presented by the children.

3.00PM

Holy Mass
Benediction for the sick and families.
The children will be entrusted to the maternal protection of Mary.



THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

“Denying one’s self” is more profound than daily acts of “mortification.” It means displacing one’s self from the center of our consciousness while looking to the true self embodied by Jesus’ teaching. The self that is lost is the autonomous individual so dear to modern consciousness. The self found is true life in a community of brothers and sisters who take up the challenge of discipleship by speaking and living from that fire that burns within their hearts.

‘Such discipleship embodies a life of “costly grace,” as described by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who carried his cross to death in opposing Nazism. He describes costly grace as “the Gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for...such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs him his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. “Peter, firm rock and stumbling stone, learned this only after he failed and even denied Jesus.’

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. John Donahue SJ