

**FIRST READING** *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Fa' che ascoltiamo, Signore, la tua voce.

**SECOND READING** *Romans 13:8-10*

Love is the fulfillment of the law.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia.

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Alleluia, alleluia! Dio ha riconciliato il mondo in Cristo, affidando a noi la parola della riconciliazione. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 18: 15-20*

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$961.00  
- Loose Money..... \$320.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$304.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 07/09/08**

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

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

MALTESE MASS (Selected)  
P Sparano, R Pino & P Leggiero  
G Silvio, R Sinapi & M Sernia

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 14/09/08**

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

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

N Ziino  
D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro  
J Vincitorio, Sr Doreen & M Mizzi

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

13/09/08 Angela Ranalli, C Brunetti, Albina & Vlasta Zele N Morello

**MONEY COUNTERS**

08/09/08 J& J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon  
15/09/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Natalina FIORE, William (Bill) CARROLL

**ANNIVERSARIES** Vito FISCARELLI,

Domenico PICCONE, Antonio DIGUGLIELMO, Pietro, Luigi, Anna-Rosa & Rufina SCHIAVONE  
Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Domenica NAPOLEONE  
Orazio CATALDO, Angiolino & Paolina MACCIOCA, Ercole & Maria-Rosa DI RICO,  
Rocco, Eremegildo, Raffaello & Giuseppe CENTOFANTI,  
Domenico, Giuseppe, Vito & Giovanni, Salvatore FERRARO, Giovanni DEPETRO, Vincenzo CILARO  
Margherita GEDI, Felice, Maria & Antonio CARUSO, Domenico & Vincenzo CRUPI,  
Francesco BARRESI, Osvaldo RETTORE, Francesco BARRESI, OSVALDO RETTORE, Cont.....

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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

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A,

September 7, 2008

## Getting into debt?

There are many respectable translations of the Scriptures used at Mass. I am using for the basis of my reflection on today's second reading, the English translation in front of me (the Jerusalem Bible version) which puts Paul's opening words very aptly. The apostle says "Avoid getting into debt". Paul was skilled in playing around with words to get this message across. He wrote those words two thousand years ago.

But you could think he wrote them in our credit card age. We hear countless tales of luckless folk who buy this and buy that, so many articles that seem to them necessary or that strike their fancy, all on their credit card. The mountain of debt builds up. There is however a final day of reckoning. In some tragic cases it ends up with the loss of their home. You may or may not be likely to build up a mountain of debt. If you are not, you may feel these opening words do not apply to you so much. However, everyone of us needs to heed the message that Paul has in the second half of the sentence. "Avoid getting into debt, *except the debt of mutual love*".

The Apostle reminds us that the very heart of truly Christian conduct is love. He gives a listing of some of the key commandments that we must observe. We must not kill, we must not steal, we must not commit adultery. By using such striking examples, Paul is getting his message across in a dramatic way. The Christian life is not one of avoiding this misdeed or that misdeed, be they significant misdeeds or seemingly trivial. The Christian life is not basically one of do's and don'ts. It is one of acting out of love.

So many of us were brought up in an era where the commandments seemed all-important. Not just the Ten Commandments but all the other dos and don'ts that the Church preached as well. Not that these were unimportant or readily to be violated. But the spirit in them must be the spirit of love.

Today's Gospel tells us how, if necessary, we are to reprove a wrong doer. First of all quietly, one to one. If this is unsuccessful, then with the support of one or other brother or sister. Only in the extreme case is the community to condemn the wrong doer. But always it must be done in love.

Paul would surely want us to end our reflection on what he has written by centering on the words with which today's passage concludes. "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments."

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION**



As this Sunday is Father's Day, there will be a SPECIAL COLLECTION for the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Your generous contribution is appreciated. Envelopes for your contributions are available at each of the pews. Credit card/tax deductability is available.

## **BEST WISHES TO ALL FATHERS - AUGURI A TUTTI I PAPA'**

Congratulations to all Fathers. May God bless them with good health and a contented and peaceful heart on this special occasion. We pray on this day not only for the fathers who are alive, but also for those deceased.

Oggi preghiamo per tutti i papa', che il Signore li benedica sempre in buon salute. E preghiamo anche' per tutti i nostri papa' defunti che il nostro Padre eterno li ricompensi per i loro sacrifici.

## **SANTA MESSA IN SUFRAGIO DEI NOSTRI CARI PAPA'**

Martedì 9 Settembre Santa Messa in suffragio dei nostri cari papa', nonni, mariti ecc. Portate un loro fotografia che verra' posta intorno all'Altare. Ricordiamo coloro che ci hanno fatto del bene. Il Signore doni a loro il riposo eterno. Venite per il Santo Rosario alle ore 9.30am, seguito dalla Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

## **FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION**



This weekend at the 10.30am Mass we congratulate and ask God's blessing on Isabella Ganino and Justin Capaldo who will be receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time, and assure their families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

## **FUNERAL NOTICE**

The Rosary for Natalina Fiore will be recited on Tuesday 9 September at 7.30pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 10 September at 10.00am.


## **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to **Susannah Fenech** daughter of Stephen and Antoinette and **Benita Mantineo** daughter of Joe and Sylvia who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

## **FEASTS**

Monday 8 September – Birth of the Virgin Mary  
Saturday 13 September – St John Chrysostom

## **CUPPA**

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

## **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**

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

#### **ORE 3.00PM**

Santa Messa  
concelebrata da Padre Emanuele Bonello e Padre Giuseppe Yu

### **OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2008**

#### **PROGRAMME**

#### **2.00PM**

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

#### **3.00PM**

Holy Mass – Concelebrated by Fr Emmanuel Bonello and Fr Joseph Yu.  
Benediction for the sick and families.  
The children will be entrusted to the maternal protection of Mary.



## **NEW PRIESTS FOR MELBOURNE**

This Saturday 6 September four men are to be ordained – Rev Dispin John, Rev Anh Nguyen, Rev Binh Le and Rev Thang Vu., we pray for them and wish them all the best for the future in their Ministry to the community.

## **DAYS IN THE DIOCESES MELBOURNE – THANK YOU**

Archbishop Denis Hart and all members of the organizing Days in the Diocese Committee, would like to thank the Parish Community of St Joseph the Worker for their invaluable contribution to DID08. They would like to express how much they appreciated your commitment, energy, warmth, people skills and dedication to provide hospitality for young people from all over the world. The success of the Days in the Dioceses was the sum of all its parts and could not have been achieved without your special skills and flexibility.

The Parish Community of St Joseph the Worker has been sent a special certificate of appreciation in commemoration of the Community's valued contribution to this great event. The certificate has been placed on the glass window in the Narthex, you may wish to view it.

### **Anniversaries Cont...**

Francesco VACIRCA, Angelo ORLANDO, Giovanni, Carlo & Claudio VALMORBIDA, Giacomo & Luciano CAVEDON, Domenico FIRMANI, Nicola SCIOLA, Corrado PELLIGRA, Saverio COLOSIMO, Giuseppe FATO, Giovanni & Ida MERCURI, Sabatino CARUSO, Giuseppe CALAFIORE, Giuseppe GERMANO, Angelo, Antonio & Antonio CRITELLI, Michele TRAMONTE, Janez & Matteo ZELE, Antonio GRAHOR, Salvatore MONFORTE, Gaetano ABBATE, Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Giuseppe FERRANTINO, Luigi & Arcangela NARDELLA, Antonio & Angela CURSIO, Paolo & Maria CURSIO, Michele & Nardina LATORRA, Pietro, Rosa & Filomena MATERA, Des McMAHON, Ted HERBERT, Giuseppe CALAFIORE, Tony ZIINO, Margherita & Giovanni ZIINO, Maria BIVIANO, Giuseppa & Frank CASACELLI, Caterina & Francesco NATOLI, Rosa & Giuseppe BIVIANO, Charlie BONNICI, GRIXTI Family, BONNICI Family, Angelo ORLANDO, Rocco FERRARO