

FIRST READING *Isaiah 5:1-7*

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:6-9*

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 21:33-43*

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$783.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$287.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$270.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 05/10/08

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R DiGuglielmo
10.30am (SUN) – J & J Kearney

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 12/10/08

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & B Nadenbousch
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
10.30am (SUN) - M Sernia & S Miano

CHURCH CLEANERS

11/10/08 A Ranalli, C Brunetti, A & V Zele & N Morello

MONEY COUNTERS

06/10/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea
13/10/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett, C McMahon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pietro COSTANZO (d. Rec. In America)

ANNIVERSARIES

Mario PILLIRONE, Antonio, Lunella & Ines CALIGIURI, Pasquale, Angela & Mario LUNA, Mariangela PAOLA, Alfronzo & Ester BIASIBETTI, Maria SANCRICOLI, Salvatore & Sofia RACHIELE, Antonio & Filomena PISANI, Eddi DAKIN, Gennaro & Teresa FALVO, Angelina, Giovanni & Pasquale VILLELLA,

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

La vigna del Signore e' il suo popolo.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono la vite, voi i tralci. Chi rimane in me e io in lui, porta molto frutto. 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
1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

27th Sunday of Year A

October 5, 2008

God's vineyard



Allan is a keen gardener. His garden always looks immaculate. Allan often receives praise from neighbours and passers-by. When in full bloom, the garden is a mass of colour. A special feature of Allan's garden is his fruit trees. Oranges, mandarins, bananas, custard apples, and paw-paws are just some of the delights which he enjoys, and so too do the flying foxes and lorikeets! A garden like this doesn't just happen. Allan spends many hours a week digging and planting, manicuring and mulching, watering and weeding, nurturing and feeding. An enormous effort is made so that Allan and his friends can enjoy the "fruits" of his labour. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the hearers of the parable would have been very familiar with the hard work and constant effort in caring for a garden. They knew well the tedious task of tilling the soil and clearing it of stones to allow a vineyard to flourish with life. They knew the protective care needed that led to the building of a tower from which one could frighten away birds and keep an eye out for thieves. The wine press, into which the juice of the grape could run, was a reminder that all the hard work and constant nurturing would be rewarded with a yield of sweet fruit.

Yet there is a much deeper message into which the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men and women of Judah are being drawn. This parable about a vineyard and its potential suddenly moves to a stinging condemnation and pronouncement upon the reality of their lives. Yahweh's question, "What could I have done for my vineyard (Israel) that I have not done", brings to mind the loving care and unceasing attention which God has given to the people. With such effort and consideration given to the vineyard, could God not have expected a rich harvest and a generous response lived out in good deeds and generous service? But instead of justice and integrity, God finds distress and bloodshed. The hopes that God placed in the people were dashed. The people had squandered the blessings God wanted them to enjoy. Sadly, this rich vineyard becomes a wasteland. There is death and desolation. With no wall or hedge, undug and unpruned, trampled on and overrun by briars and thorns, the once beautiful vineyard becomes a wilderness to be shunned. Today's readings make it clear that our Christian faith and life makes demands on us and that as Christian people we must be recognised by the fruits we bear. God cared for the people as a good gardener cares for a vineyard, yet they failed to produce the desired fruits. In our time we are the people of God, the vineyard planted and cared for by Christ. God wants each of us to make use of the blessings and opportunities we have been given. God looks to us to produce the fruits of justice, peace and love. That's our challenge today.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE ALLA VERGINE DEL S. ROSARIO

**NELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA DI SAN GIUSEPPE
LAVORATORE**

OGGI 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.
Con il Coro 'Agostiniano' diretto da Noel Mangion

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.



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Angelina Liuzzi** daughter of Jamie and Patrizia, **Liana Mendoza** daughter of Anthony and Kirstie and **Alexander Parisi** child of Vince and Angela 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 6 October at 7.30pm in the church.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 6 October 7.00pm – Natalina Fiore (1 mth)
Tuesday 7 October 7.00pm – Giuseppe Sacco (1 yr)

PARISH LITURGY TEAM

The Parish Liturgy Team will meet on Tuesday 7 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Parish Leadership Team will meet on Thursday 9 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

FEAST

Tuesday 7 October – Our Lady of the Rosary

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall will be open after the 10.30am Mass this weekend. On Sale Columban Calendars for 2009 at \$7.00ea.

CUPPA



There will be a cuppa in the Narthex after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Archbishop Denis Hart and the Committee of the Priests Retirement Foundation would like to thank the community of St Joseph the Worker Parish for their kind donation of \$700 for the "Father's Day" Appeal.

CENTACARE CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Centacare Catholic Family Services would like to thank the community of St Joseph The Worker Parish for their generous donation of \$210 collected recently for the Centacare appeal. Your generosity will enable Centacare to provide programs to foster good relationships within families and encourage greater connections of families with their community.

CENTACARE'S TABOR JOURNEY PROGRAM

If your marriage has ended, you may find Centacare's Tabor Journey helpful. This program is designed for those who are grieving the end of their marriage or who are still feeling the hurt, anger or sadness. Participants may still be feeling restless or perhaps just feeling lost, or they may not have quite found themselves again. For further information phone 522 17055.

The last program for 2008 begins on 31 October with alive-in-weekend at Templestowe. Bookings are essential and places are limited so please book early.

MISSIONE MARIANA DELLA MADONNA DELLE LACRIME

Il comitato unitario Madonna delle Lacrime provincia Siracusa in Melbourne in unione con le Societa' di Maria vi estendono un invito cordiale a partecipare alla Missione Mariana in onore della Madonna guidata dal Rev. P. Alfio Inserra, proveniente da Siracusa.

Domenica 19 Ottobre – Domenica 26 Ottobre 2008.

Domenica 19 Ottobre – Apertura della Missione: St. Brendan's 103 Wellington St Flemington
2.30pm S. Rosario Sacramento della Penitenza (Le Confessioni)
3.00pm – Santa Messa Solenne e Predica.

Martedì 21 Ottobre – St Joseph the Worker 79 Wilson Blvd. North Reservoir
9.30am S. Rosario Sacramento della Penitenza (Le Confessioni)
10.00am – Santa Messa e Predica - (Con L'unzione Sacramento degli infermi)

Giovedì 23 Ottobre – St Martin De Porres, 158 Military Rd Avondale Heights
7-00pm Santo Rosario Sacramento della Penitenza (Le Confessioni)
7.30pm Santa Messa

Sabato 25 Ottobre - Gala Night
Federazione Lucana – 3 Cameron St Brunswick – 6.30pm
5 Course meal including drinks & Coffee

Domenica 26 Ottobre – Chiusura della Missione St. Brendans Flemington.
2.30pm – S. Rosario Sacramento della Penitenza (Le Confessioni)
3.00pm – Santa Messa Solenne.
Presieduta dal S.E. Monsignore Joseph O'Connell. Processione Benedizione del S.S. Sacramento.
For further information please contact Tina Forte on 9460 2682.