

FIRST READING *Isaiah 25:6-10*

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:12-14.19-20*

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1-14*

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

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| 1 st Collection | - Thanksgiving Offering..... | \$757.00 |
| | - Loose Money..... | \$188.00 |
| 2 nd Collection | - Presbytery/Priests..... | \$262.00 |

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 19/10/08

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba & L Dal Santo
 9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & T Forte
 10.30am (SUN) - G Canavan & A Vinelli

CHURCH CLEANERS

18/10/08 A DiRico, M Pascuzzi & L Pennacchia

MONEY COUNTERS

13/10/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett, C McMahon
 20/10/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Angelina VILLELLA in BUTERA, Santina PEPE, Sam GALEA, Harold KENNAN, Abbott Placid SPEARRITT OSB

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria RAGUSA ANZAUTO (d. Italy 1 mth), Francesco CAVALIERI, Maria-Rosa SPOSARO Giovanni Pietro MINIGHINI (35ann.), Domenico LEONELLO, Carmela & Lazzaro DECATA, Ernesto MERCURI, Mary GRIMSHAW, Joseph ZAMMIT, Giovanni SOLE, Anthony CASSAR, Peter D’ALESSANDRO, Luigi, Maria & Patraizia DI VITO, Joseph TUNN, Monica XUEREB, Giuseppe SACCO, Carmel KENNAN, Anthony Francis CACHIA

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Abitero’ per sempre nella casa del Signore.

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.

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Pisioneri
 J Tanti, A Filippone & L De Marco

SPECIAL MINISTERS

D Herbert
 S Lobartolo, A DeCata & L Calafiore
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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

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



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

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

28th Sunday of Year A

October 12, 2008

A heavenly banquet



Even in these days of fast food outlets and so-called junk food, we have not lost the art of celebrating the big occasion with a good meal. Just as in both the Old and New Testaments God’s covenant with us is compared to a marriage, so a great banquet is one of their recurring images of the Kingdom of God. Jesus put a lot of store by the significance of eating and drinking, not only with his disciples but also with a whole host of often unlikely people. We have a God who extends an invitation to us and who wants to indulge us. How wonderfully Isaiah expresses this: On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. Why would people refuse the invitation to a great feast, as they do in the parable of the king giving a feast for the wedding of his son? In the first place we need to remember that Matthew was writing for his own people, who had not recognised Jesus and who had not only shunned him but gone on to do away with him. We are told, then, that not only did some of those invited fail to respond to the invitation, but also that others maltreated or killed his servants. That serves as a reminder to all of us who carry God’s invitation to the joy of salvation that we too may well have to face rejection and suffer for the faith. The good news is that now we are all invited to the banquet, but we need to prepare and get properly dressed – we need to come in the wedding garments that have been given us! There is no doubt that Matthew also wants us to note the connection with the Eucharist. The Church reminds us that the Eucharist is the foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Thank the Lord for the faith that has brought you to share in the Eucharist today: the faith that has led you to accept his invitation. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished with the food of life – enriched with Christ’s life. If you are tempted to think of the Kingdom of God as something only to be attained in the future, think again. The Eucharist reminds us that the Kingdom is already among us – the party has already begun. That said, while our stay on earth lasts, we will need sustaining through the ups and downs of life. In his writings Paul is well aware of this. He tells us he is ready for anything: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty ... he will master every situation because the Lord is there to strengthen him. Indeed he tells his readers that the Lord will lavishly fulfill their needs. Look around your own congregation that gathers for the Eucharist, and be inspired by those who are sustained by the Lord in spite of all the problems they face. Hopefully, they in turn will be looking at you and being inspired too.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Tristan Fuller** son of Anthony and Emma who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

FEASTS

Wednesday 15 October – St Teresa of Avila

Friday 17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch

Saturday 18 October – St Luke Evangelist

CUPPA



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

FESTA DELLA MADONNA DEL S. ROSARIO

La solenne celebrazione in onore alla Vergine del Santo Rosario si svolgeva sotto un sole di primavera. I piccoli attori hanno presentato I Misteri della gioia da veri artisti allietati dalla musica e canti dei nostri bravi giovani Anthony Lucato, Alissa Comito, e le sorelle Natalie and Monica Mercuri. Durante la Santa Messa i bambini i giovani e gli adulti hanno recitato la preghiera di affidamento alla Madre Celeste. Tutta la festa si e' conclusa con musica e rinfresco in sala. Un grande grazie a tutte le persone che hanno aiutato e donato per il successo.

I numeri vincenti della lotteria sono: 1 – Blue W 10, 2 – Green H 77, 3- Pink G 2

Thank you to all those who worked hard, participated with the preparations and brought food for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary last Sunday. Thank you to Fr Bonello, and Fr Yu, and to the many children who were present and participated. The afternoon was a devout and joyous parish celebration.

THEOLOGY AT THE PUB

Theology @ the Pub is a monthly event where young adults (18-35) can find out about and discuss the Catholic faith in a fun and social environment. This month Marcia Riordan will speak on the topic: **Promoting Life and Love: Abortion and Euthanasia in Victoria.** Tuesday 14 October, 6.30pm Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy. www.theologyatthepub.com.au

WEEKEND RETREAT AT THE EDMUND RICE CENTRE MULGOA

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD - A weekend retreat at the Edmund rice Centre, Mulgoa, from Friday evening 7 November 8.00pm to Sunday 9 November 3.00pm. Conducted by Fr.Keith Comer M.S.C. The cost of the retreat is \$230, (\$40 less for shared room). The retreat will comprise talks, meditations, and quiet reflection times. Fr Keith is a Missionary of the Sacred Heart from Erskineville N.S.W. He has had twenty years experience in Parish Ministry. For the past twelve years he has been working full time conducting Retreats, Seminars, and scripture Courses. Enquiries and booking, Fr Keith, 9516 5388 (Directions will be forwarded after booking.)

OPEN DAY @ YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION 98 ALBION RD BOX HILL

Are you interested in life's big questions? Come and join us at our Open Day on Sunday 12 October from 2.00pm till 5.00pm. (Formal presentations will begin at 2.30pm) YTU is an established and world renowned centre for theological education. Consider enrolling for one subject, a degree program or post graduate study. Visit our website www.ytu.edu.au or phone the Registrar – 9890 3771 or email admini@ytu.edu.au. Comtemplative surrounds and free parking.

STELLA MARIS

MALTESE ASSOCIATION



Friday 17th October 6.30pm Confessions in English and Maltese.

Followed by Mass at 7.00pm celebrated by Fr Dennis Carabott.

Refreshments and entertainment in the Parish Hall.

Saturday 18th October 6.30pm. Dinner Dance will be held at Emerald Receptions.

Sunday 19th October at 2.30pm. Mass concelebrated by Fr Victor Buhagiar, Fr Victor Bonello, Fr Emmanuel Bonello, Fr John Magri, Fr Joseph Yu and Fr Max Vodola. The Maltese Choir of Victoria under the direction of Maestro Noel Mangion will participate during Mass. All the Societies are invited to

take part by joining us in the church celebrations, during the procession representing their Society by carrying the banners.

4.00pm The procession will commence. The Maltese Own Band and the Malta Gozo City of Brimbank Concert Band will accompany the Statue around the streets near the Church.

6.00pm. After the procession, entertainment and music by DJ Mario Moods Music. There will be food and drink for sale. All are welcome!

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.

Martedi 21 Ottobre – St Josphe 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)

Giovedi 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.