

FIRST READING *Isaiah 45:1.4-6*

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING *Thessalonians 1:1-5*

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-21*

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1237.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$191.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$272.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 26/10/08

6.00pm (SAT) – M Dal Santo & G Canavan
 9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & M Crupi
 10.30am (SUN) - D Lucato & A De Cata

CHURCH CLEANERS

25/10/08 R DeZan & A Natoli

MONEY COUNTERS

20/10/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon
 27/10/08 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giovanni FRA, Stanislaw PARKER, Iride LEGGIERO, Giuseppe FURNARI

ANNIVERSARIES

Gaspare SONZA (1mth), Fernando COLOSIMO (1yr), Roger SALANITRI, Angela, Rocco, Diamanta & Eremegildo CENTOFANTI, Franco SOCCIO, Maria Michelina SOCCIO, Nicola & Antonio SOCCIO, Angela DI CARLA, Lucia PARADISO, Antonio ANTONETTI, Ersilia PAGLIARO, Carmelo, Concetta & Sebastiano ZAFFERANO, Angelina PANUCCIO, Giuseppe ANDRIGHETTO (Andrea's father), Elena VILLELLA, Costantino RASO, Sandro FILIPPONE, Caroline & Elsie MOORE, Margaret POWELL, Elizabeth FREEMAN, Teresa NANDO, Gino, Maria & Egidio DE PANNI, Angelo, Angela Gildo & Ottavio BONDIGNON, Giuseppina IACONIS, Alessandro CECCHIN

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

A te, Signore, la potenza e la Gloria.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Splendete come astri nel mondo, tenendo alta la parola di vita. 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

29th Sunday of Year A

October 19, 2008



Politics and God

“Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21). Politicians of various political persuasions like to use this memorable saying of Jesus in their efforts to keep religion out of political discourse.

They dismiss religious critics of their social policies as meddlesome, incompetent clerics who should keep religion in the private sphere. In the gospel story that includes this quote, we have two most unlikely allies who hated each other – the Pharisees and the Herodians. The devout Pharisees resented the Roman occupation of the Holy Land, and considered the more accommodating Herodians to be traitors and collaborators. But both sides were united in their antagonism toward Jesus and in their wish to get rid of him as his following among the people grew. To trap Jesus in a lose-lose situation, they maliciously tried to lure him into answering the mine-laden question about the unpopular annual imperial poll tax imposed on every adult in the occupied territories. So they asked: “Is it lawful for God’s people to pay this tax?” If he said “No”, Jesus would be open to charges of treason and political rebellion punishable by Roman execution. If he said “Yes”, he would be seen to condone the occupation, and his standing among the people would be undermined. Jesus saw through the guile of his questioners. His answer left his opponents flabbergasted, and the people marvelling at his wisdom. He asked to see the coin used for the tax. It bore the image of Caesar. Jesus then said “Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.” He did not say precisely what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. From his perspective, everything, including political authority, belongs to God. When Pilate tried to impress on Jesus his authority to release or to crucify him, Jesus replied that all earthly authority depended on its being given from above (John 19:10-11). For Jesus, even Pilate’s authority was part of God’s providence. Likewise, today’s reading from the prophet Isaiah presents the power of Cyrus, king of Persia, as part of the providence of God. The Lord says to Cyrus: “I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that people may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.” (Isaiah 45:5-6). All human affairs and human life come under the providence and scrutiny of God. When God told Moses to tell Pharaoh to set the Israelites free from their slavery, it was both a religious and a political act. Mahatma Gandhi, the revered leader who led India to independence, once said: “Those who say that religion and politics don’t mix do not know what they are talking about.” For us Christians, it is religion and power politics that don’t mix. The God revealed in the crucified Jesus has rejected power as an instrument for governing. The powerlessness of God’s love is the path of God’s choice. However, since everything comes under the providence and authority of God, social policies insofar as they affect human lives are certainly not beyond religious scrutiny.

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER WORLD MISSION DAY

The Month of October is promoted by Catholic Mission as a time of reflection and focus on global Mission. World Mission Day is celebrated every year all over the world. It is a day that we as Catholics explicitly unite in prayer, mutual friendship and support – both spiritual and material. It is a day we deliberately reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times across the world!

As Pope Benedict XVI writes in his message for this day...

- May the celebration of World Mission Day encourage everyone to take renewed awareness of the urgent need to proclaim the Gospel. ...
- May the collection that is taken in all parishes on World Mission Sunday be assign of communion and mutual concern among churches. ...
- May prayer be intensified ever more in the Christian people, the essential spiritual means for spreading among all peoples the light of Christ....

For more information on Catholic Mission or a copy of Pop Benedict XVI's Message for World Mission Sunday 2008 go to www.catholicmission.org.au

Appeal Theme: One World, One Family, One Mission of Love

One thing we all long for is to belong in some way or another to a family. Families may take many different forms, but the essential ingredient for creating family is love.

World Mission Day now challenges us to take this message to the 80% of world youth who, due to poverty, war, conflict and AIDS did not even know about World Youth Day and are waiting to be liberated from so much suffering. In this globalised world decisions we make and everything we do has either positive effects or wreaks devastating destruction on our fellow citizens of earth.

Be a source of love and hope with your donation today. Your generous contribution is appreciated. Envelopes for your contributions are available at each of the pews. Credit card/tax deductability is available. There will also be a leaving collection at the doors of the church.

DOMENICA 19 OTTOBRE GIORNATA DI MISSIONE CATTOLICA

Catholic Mission promuove il mese di ottobre come periodo per riflettere e mettere a fuoco l'idea di Missione globale. Punto chiave di questo processo e' per le parrocchie la ricorrenza della Giornata Missionaria Mondiale, che viene celebrata annualmente in tutto il mondo, un'occasione in cui noi, come Cattolici, ci uniamo esplicitamente nella preghiera, nell'amicizia e nel sostegno reciproci – sia sul piano spirituale che su quello materiale. In questa occasione, volutamente, meditiamo sul'urgenza di proclamare oggi il Vangelo in tutto il mondo!

Come scrive Papa Benedetto XVI nel suo messaggio per questa giornata...

- Che la celebrazione della Giornata Missionaria Mondiale incoraggi tutti a prendere rinnovata consapevolezza dell'urgente necessita' di annunciare il Vangelo. ...
- Possa la colletta fatta in tutte le parrocchie in occasione della Giornata Missionaria Mondiale essere segno di comunione e sollecitudine vicendevole tra le Chiese...
- Che si intensifichi sempre piu' nel popolo cristiano la preghiera, indispensabile mezzo spirituale per diffondere fra tutti i popoli la luce di Cristo...

La Missione Cattolica nel mondo ha il compito di promuovere una degna e feconda celebrazione della Giornata Missionaria Mondiale.

Per maggiori informazioni su Catholic Mission o per una copia del Messaggio di Papa Benedetto XVI per la Giornata Missionaria Mondiale 2008 visitare il sito www.catholicmission.org.au

Tema- Un Mondo, Una Famiglia, Una Missione d'Amore

Una cosa che ci accomuna tutti e' il bisogno di appartenere in un modo o nell'altro ad una famiglia. Le famiglie possono assumere fisionomie diverse, ma nel creare una famiglia, l'amore resta l'ingrediente indispensabile.

Papa Benedetto XVI nel suo messaggio per la Domenica Missionaria Mondiale ci dice che la missione e' questione d'amore.

La Giornata Missionaria Mondiale della Gioventu' di quest'anno ha messo in risalto la diversita' e allo stesso tempo l'unita', l'amore e l'armonia della famiglia universale.

La Giornata Missionaria Mondiale ci sfida ora a portare questo messaggio all'80% dei giovani del mondo a cui, poverta', guerra, ostilita' e AIDS hanno impedito di venire a conoscenza della Giornata Mondiale della Gioventu' e aspetta di essere liberato dal giogo di tanta sofferenza. In questo mondo globalizzato, le nostre decisioni e le nostre azioni possono avere o effetti benefici o effetti devastanti sui nostri concittadini terrestri.

Con accesso immediato alle informazioni sulla situazione in cui versano i nostri fratelli e le nostre sorelle in tutto il mondo, e con una maggiore consapevolezza delle conseguenze derivanti dalle nostre scelte e dal nostro stile di vita, siamo oggi chiamati ad agire per la realizzazione di una famiglia globale dove tutti possano vivere una vita piena come dettato dal messaggio di Gesu'.

Per la vostra generosa offerta, troverete delle buste sui banchi della chiesa. Grazie.



STELLA MARIS

MALTESE ASSOCIATION

This 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!

FUNERAL NOTICE

Funeral Service of Prayers for Mr Stanislaw Parker will be celebrated on Monday 20 October at 10.30am.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 21 October 7.30pm – Marianonia Inzitari (d. rec. Italy)

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 Inzerra, proveniente da Siracusa.

Domenica 19 Ottobre – Domenica 26 Ottobre 2008.

Martedi 21 Ottobre – St Josph 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)

For further information please contact Tina Forte on 9460 2682.