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**FIRST READING** *Genesis 12:1-4*

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**SECOND READING** *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 17: 1-9*

His face shone like the sun.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$889.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$373.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$327.00

**LECTORS - THIS WEEK 17/02/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gaucci  
9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico  
10.30am (SUN) – T Fitzsimmons & J Vincitorio

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 24/02/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo  
9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro  
10.30am (SUN) - G Silvio & J Broadbent

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

23/02/08 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & C Balassone

**MONEY COUNTERS**

18/02/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon  
25/02/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, M Turnbull & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Antonio TARANTO & Sandra O'BRIEN

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Maria CANNAMELA, Sebastiano MICELI, Paolo SCALORNO, Sebastian MICELI, Gesualdo & Gregoria TERLATO, Vita CICITTA, Vincenzo MONITTO, Giuseppe MOTTA, Francesca BUONGIOVANNI, Tonino NAPOLETANO, Teresina & Angelina VILLELLA, Gina DI DONATO, Mariangela PAOLA, Mario DI VINCENZO, Elvira & Nicola LOFARO, Giuseppe & Giuseppa DELL'ALBANI, Angela & Michele CIAVARELLA, Lazzaro, Carmela & Giovanni DE CATA, Filomena BEVILAQUA, Costanza & Antonino CARNOVALE, Giuseppe CARNOVALE, Laura & Pasquale MARIANI, Lorenzo & Rachele PACELLA

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Donaci, Signore, la tua grazia: in te speriamo.

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'! Dalla nube luminosa, si udi la voce del Padre: Questi e' il mio Figlio diletto: ascoltatelo. Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'!

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

S Dakin  
F Pascuzzi, Gina Tempone & C Alberti  
U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

**SPECIAL MINISTERS**

E Saliba  
P Sparano, R Pino & S LoBartolo  
R Sinapi, J Vincitorio & A Mancuso

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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. Communion Service  
Tue. 10.00am Italian  
Wed. 9.10am - English  
Thur. 9.10am - English  
Fri. 9.10am - English

Maltese Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm  
Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A

February 17, 2008



## Strength to carry the cross

Suffering can come into our lives in many and various ways. It can come through sickness, maybe a serious illness; or through sadness arising from the incapacity or death of someone we love. Even if we are in good health, we can suffer as a result of difficulties in business or employment. Those on the land know well the problems that come with a long drought or a sudden storm. The breakdown of significant relationships with others can be another cause of suffering.

In whatever way suffering comes into our lives we need help and strength to cope. In the readings today we hear how Abram and Paul found strength in their difficulties. Abram put his trust in God. In the first Eucharistic Prayer he is called "our father in faith". He provides us with a model in our living of the life of faith. God called him to leave the security of his homeland and to go to a foreign country. Abram said "yes" to the call and responded by putting his trust in God. Paul, imprisoned for preaching the Good News of God's love, encouraged Timothy to "bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News" (second reading). Paul, too, put his trust in God. The apostles who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration fell on their faces when they heard God's voice. But Jesus encouraged them to put aside their fears and trust in him. Because we have faith in Jesus, we heed the voice of the Father telling us to listen to his Son, the Beloved. So we have the example of those who have gone before us to inspire us as we face our own hardships in life. And we don't rely just on people from the Bible. There are people we know who have inspired us by their faith and trust. We can join with the apostles in saying, "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here". It is wonderful for us to be here because our faith strengthens and sustains us. In the Mass, Jesus gives himself to us as our food for the journey through life. Through his death and resurrection we have the hope of sharing in the life and love of God forever. We are people of hope. The time of Lent reminds us that we have to be ready to carry the cross. Part of carrying the cross today is that we live in a society in which many people don't seem to have much time for God. In such an atmosphere we need to be strong and steadfast. We need to keep close to God through prayer. The time of Lent is a time for us to take stock and renew our efforts in prayer. May we always have that sense that it is good for us to be here. It is good for us to have faith in Jesus. It is good for us to trust in him and his promise. We are people of hope, bearers of the good news of God's love.

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### **LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM**

All parishioners are invited to a Lenten reflection Program held every Wednesday morning during Lent starting at 10.00am in the Parish Meeting Room led by Sr Doreen. For those who are unable to attend during the day there is an evening session at 7.00pm in the Parish House with Fr Manny. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to reflect on the Sunday readings during Lent and seek to come to a deeper understanding of how the Word of God can touch our lives. This is done in a friendly and informal way which promotes common faith sharing.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church. Conducted in English and Italian. All parishioners are warmly invited to come together for this important time of prayer.

### **VIA CRUCIS**

Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese tutti i Venerdì della Quaresima, alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa.

### **ITALIAN LADIES**

Riflessioni del Martedì continua alle ore 9.00am in Capella, seguita Santa Messa alle 10.00am.

Martedì 18 Marzo dopo della Santa Messa delle 10.00am, avremo "Cena con i simboli della Pasqua". Sono in vendita i biglietti donazione \$7.00, posti limitati, prenotatevi subito. Per informazioni rivolgersi a Lucia Caten 9460 4597 or Rosa Pino 9442 9033.

### **CUPPA**



Today after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.

### **PIETY STALL**

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Piety Stall on Sundays after the 10.30am Mass. If you are interested please let Liz in the Parish Office know.

### **MEMORIAL MASS**

Saturday 23 February at 7.30pm – Giuseppe Amato (1mth)

### **FESTA DI SAN FRANCESCO DI PAOLA**

La festa si svolgerà Domenica 2 Marzo 2008 nei locali del Calabria Club situato al 5 Uniting Lane, Bulla. Le Associazioni che parteciperano sono caldamente invitati a partecipare con i loro stendardi e bandiere.

### **YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION, 98 ALBION ROAD, BOX HILL 3128**

Enrolments are now open for 2008 for day and evening study in Scripture, Theology, Pastoral Studies, Social Justice, Church History, Canon Law, Liturgy, Missiology, Philosophy, Religious Education, Spirituality, etc., leading to diplomas/degrees. Non-degree studies are also available. Lectures begin 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Free off-street parking available. Handbook available from the Office, or the Website:

[www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au)

For further information, please call the REGISTRAR – Tel: 9890 3771; 9898 2240.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILD TO LEARN MALTESE AS A SECOND LANGUAGE?**

- All school-aged students accepted
- Subject Contribution: only \$50 per year, for years 1-10 and \$65 for VCE 11-12

Classes are currently held in Thomastown Secondary College Main St. Thomastown.

Saturday mornings between 9.00am and 12.30pm.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact: Khalaf Greis [khalafg@vsl.vic.edu.au](mailto:khalafg@vsl.vic.edu.au)

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## Second Sunday of Lent, February 17

For God's kingdom to come, continual transformation is needed, within and among us. This week's story comes from Indigenous Australia where Caritas is helping to transform communities by providing basic skills training in filmmaking to renew relationships between Indigenous youth and their elders through the sharing and recording of personal stories. Your donation to Project Compassion will support the ongoing development of communities like Amos'.

Amos is a Mialli/Rembarrnga man from Australia. He is participating in the Learning My Dreaming program run by Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation and supported by Caritas Australia.

This program focuses on strengthening the relationships between youth and Elders in the community through story telling and education about traditional indigenous family values, culture, land and ceremony. Participants are taught skills in film making, acting and video production. The program fosters self-confidence and encourages participants to become role models in their community.

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### **PARADE COLLEGE**

Parade College Open Day today Sunday 17 February, 2008 11.00 – 3.00pm.

Parade creates a challenging, stimulating environment that ensures each student strives for personal excellence in developing to his fullest potential.

You are warmly invited to our Open Day to learn more about the modern facilities and extensive programs offered by Parade College.

For further information contact Debbie Tagell, Registrar on 9468 3304



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## 149 DAYS TO GO .....



### **BOOK YOUR TRANSPORT TO SYDNEY TODAY!**

Registration package pricing starts from \$175 - \$395.

Coach fare return starts from \$220

Bookings: [www.havestonline.net.au](http://www.havestonline.net.au) Bus [Transport@did08.com](mailto:Transport@did08.com)

### **VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

If you can volunteer your time from 5 – 14 July 2008 we want you to be a part of TEAM DID08

Register online at [www.did08.com](http://www.did08.com) or call 9412 8484

### **MELBOURNE STAY**

Welcome international pilgrims into your home and make a friend forever!

We are inviting all Melbourne homeowners to host at least 2 pilgrims in their homes during July 2008.

Logon to our website [WWW.DID08.COM](http://WWW.DID08.COM) and register as a Melbourne Stay host today! or pick up a Melbourne Stay Host Application Form from the Parish Office.

For further information please ring Diane Chybowski on 9471 1060

or Ray Silvio 9460 6607