

FIRST READING Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ti amo, Signore, mia forza.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and to await his Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$911.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$170.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$288.00

LECTORS - THIS 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 DeCata

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 02/11/08

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
9.00am (SUN) – F Biasibetti & R Fato
10.30am (SUN) - L Conte & E Bartlett

CHURCH CLEANERS

01/11/08 T Caruso, R Guerino & A Costanzo

MONEY COUNTERS

27/10/08 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
03/11/08 R & E Cornelious R & G Silvio & J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Antonio ZAVAGLIA, Cesare CIANCI (dec. Italy), Anthony XUEREB

ANNIVERSARIES

Michelangelo TRAMONTE (1Yr), Giuseppe BORDONARO (2Yrs), Angelina & Giuseppe CIANCI, Carmelo, Concetta & Sebastiano ZAFFERANO, Agata DE RANGO, Luigi, Lena & Teresa MONARCA, Vincenzo ROMANO, Emilio LA ROSA, Carl DESSMANN

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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

30th Sunday of Year A

October 26, 2008



Two Commandments

I'm sure that you have heard the expression "So and so is a real Christian". What do people mean when they say that? Usually, I think, they mean that the person is generous and caring. But is that all there is to being a Christian, a follower of Jesus?

In the gospel passage today, Jesus himself reminds us that if we want to be real Christians there are two commandments we need to follow. As well as being generous and caring towards others, we need to give God a place in our lives. The greatest commandment, Jesus says, quoting the popular Jewish text from the book of Deuteronomy, is "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind". You must render to God the things that are God's. So, being a churchgoer is important – giving God the place in our lives and in our communities that he ought to have. We need publicly to acknowledge that we live in God's world, not only as individuals, but also as communities. Of course, the other commandment that Jesus mentions is also important – love of one's neighbour. It's not enough to go to church if we lose sight of the importance of being generous and caring in our daily living. We need to ask ourselves if we are good news or bad news to those whose lives we touch. Do we lift people up or put them down? Do we encourage or discourage them? Do we help them along the path of life or hinder their progress? Do we welcome others or fend them off? Are we ready to forgive that hurts we suffer or do we carry resentments?



In one of the letters of John in the New Testament we are asked: "How can you say you love God whom you don't see if you don't love your neighbour whom you do see?" (1 John 4.20). There's a passage in Harper Lee's book "To Kill a Mockingbird" in which Atticus, the father, tells his young daughter. "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." It's another way of expressing the golden rule: "Treat others as you would like them to treat you" that is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:12). St Paul, in one of the earliest writings in the New Testament, praised the Thessalonians for the joy with which they accepted the gospel "in spite of the great opposition all around you". He encouraged them with the words, "it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread" (second reading). May we, by living the two great commandments with joy, continue to spread the good news of God's love in spite of the opposition we meet.



NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

The month of November is dedicated by the Church as a special time remembering all the faithful departed. At the doors of the church there are slips of paper in both English and Italian to write the names of deceased family and friends.

These will be put together and brought up in the offertory procession at all weekend Masses during November.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday 1 November

Mass English 8.30am - Mass in Italian 10.00am

ALL SOULS DAY

Sunday 2 November

Mass Italian 9.00am - Mass English 10.30am

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Christian Denittis** child of Giuseppe & Virginia, and **Lilyana Talarico** child of Vince and Catherine, 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 27 October at 7.30pm in the Parish House.

MEMORIAL MASS

Monday 27 October 7.30pm – Concetta Corrone (1 Yr)

MAINTENANCE MEETING

There will be a Maintenance Committee Meeting on Tuesday 28 October at **8.15pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Fiona Leggiero and Adam Christoff who were married at St. Joseph the Worker, Saturday afternoon. We ask God's blessing on them and their families on this happy occasion.

25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Kenneth Bartlett who will celebrate their 25th anniversary of Marriage this weekend at the 6.00pm Mass with a special blessing. Our prayerful best wishes to them and their families on this happy occasion.

ADORAZIONE EUCARISTICA

Martedì 28 Ottobre ore 9.00am Adorazione Eucaristica in Cappella, segue S. Messa ore 10.00am

RECONCILIATION FOR OUR GRADE 3 CHILDREN

A reminder that on Tuesday the 28 October and Wednesday 29 October, at 7.00pm in Church, there will be 1st Reconciliation for the grade 3 children who are preparing to receive First Eucharist next year.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass, will be celebrated next Saturday 1 November 2008 at 6.00pm.

FEAST

Tuesday 28 October – Ss Simon and Jude Apostles

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall will be open after the 10.30am Mass next weekend. On sale Columban Calendars for 2009 at \$7.00ea. Also available a variety of gifts suitable for Christmas presents.

SANTA MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Santa Maria College, a Catholic secondary college for girls, will be hosting Open Day 2008 on Thursday October 30 from 2pm – 6pm. All parish families are warmly welcome to attend and view our facilities as well as meeting the staff and students. For more information phone: 9489 7644 or go to www.santamaria.vic.edu.au



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Open Day

Wednesday 29th October 2008

*Study Your Faith
Understand Your Spirituality*

PROGRAMME ONE

- 4.00pm** Welcome – Sr Frances Baker rsm – Deputy Master
- 4.15pm** Next Sunday's Gospel (All Souls): some theological and spiritual reflections
Fr Austin Cooper omi AM – Lecturer in Spirituality and Church History
- 5.00pm** Tour of CTC
- 5.30pm** What can I study at CTC? Study options and courses
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RSVP by Friday 24th October 2008

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