

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12*

I saw water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Un fiume rallegra la citta' di Dio.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17*

You are the temple of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *John 2:13-22*

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1058.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$509.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$311.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 09/11/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – S Lo Bartolo & L Calafiore
 10.30am (SUN) – T Fitzsimmons & J Vincitorio

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 16/11/08

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo
 9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & A DeCata
 10.30am (SUN) - G Silvio & J Iaria

CHURCH CLEANERS

15/11/08 S Dakin

MONEY COUNTERS

10/11/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
 17/11/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppe ZANINI

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio, Antonietta, Michele, Maria & Michele BAFUNNO, Gilda & Ulderico MORETTI, Rosalia SPADAFORA, Lina GIONFRIDO, Betty PELUSO, Sabato & Alessandra VECCHIO, Antonio, Carolina & Vincenzo RIPOLI, Salvatore IOZZI, Maria-Rosa LAMBRAIA, Francesco PRIVITELLI, Famiglia MAZZARELLA, Alessandro, Carmela, Mario & Antonio PANNUNZIO Lucia & Pasqualina MASCIOTRIA, Giulio COSTANTIN, Nella CAVEDON, Luigia VALMORBIDA Domenico, Vincenzo, Elisabetta & Rosina CRUPI, Francesco & Iria BARRESI, Maurizio PROCOPO

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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

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Sunday of Year A

November 9, 2008



A Consecrated People

Today we celebrate the Dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran in Rome. This magnificent basilica was first built in the fourth century. Since then it has undergone numerous rebuildings, structural modifications and repairs over the centuries. It is called “the Mother of All Churches” because it is the Cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. As the Pope’s parish, we could see St John Lateran as the parish church for all Catholics in the world. We tend to associate the holiness of a place with its history, prayerful atmosphere, experiences of prayers answered and favours granted. However, it is significant that the scriptural readings chosen to commemorate the dedication of this great basilica speak of the holy Church not as a magnificent architectural marvel crafted by the finest artisans of their times, but as a people magnificently fashioned by God’s hands. St Paul appeals to his Corinthian converts to be conscious and thankful that they are “God’s building” with Jesus as their foundation. It is not the building or place that is holy. Rather, it is the people who are holy because they are dedicated to God in Jesus. In our gospel today, Jesus speaks of his own body as the temple. The people as a whole and the bodies of believing individuals are the holy temples of the Holy Spirit. Because of who they became when they accepted Jesus into their lives and were baptised into Christ, Paul told the Corinthian Christians that in their behaviour towards one another they must not give cause for grief to the Holy Spirit. Hence his teaching in his letters to the Corinthians on how they ought to behave as God’s holy people. It is a great message of hope to us that St Paul could talk like this to the Corinthian Christians. Their Christian witnessing left much to be desired. The Corinthian community suffered from factionalism, vicious backbiting, different kinds of immoral behaviour, and taking one another to the courts to settle their disputes. More often than not, they were hurting each other. And yet, in spite of the pock-marked countenance of their Christian witnessing, Paul could still accept them for what they were. He could still see their holiness because of their foundation in Christ. Hence he wrote these encouraging lines to remind them that they were God’s holy temple. This gives us plenty of encouragement because in many ways our communities are not so different from that early Corinthian community. We can easily get discouraged and disillusioned because many of us suffer hurts and are even deeply wounded by fellow believers. On this day of the Dedication of St John Lateran, it is good for us to be reminded that, pock marks, warts and all, we are still a holy people, built on the foundation of Christ. We are still the temple of the Holy Spirit. This is still the Church that God loves and fashions.

CUPPA



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

FEASTS

Monday 10 November – St Leo the Great
Tuesday 11 November – St Martin of Tours
Wednesday 12 November – St Josaphat

MEMORIAL MASS

Monday 10 November 7.00pm – Francesca Brancatisano (1 Yr)

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Maya Costanzo** child of Robert and Tammy who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

THEOLOGY @ THE PUB

Don't miss the final Theology @ The Pub for 2008, next Tuesday 11 November.

The speaker will be Robyn Fahey who will be speaking on the topic:

“Witnesses to Hope: Living the Faith in Public”

Venue: Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy

Time: 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start.

Age: 18-35

Contact: John 0430 032 666, john@theologyatthepub.com.au

Visit website for videos/photos/audio of past talks- theologyatthepub.com.au

WHITE RIBBON DAY 25th NOVEMBER 2008

White Ribbon Day is the United Nations International Day for elimination of violence against women, and falls on the 25th November every year. The White Ribbon campaign aims to prevent violence against Women and promote respectful relationships. It is led by men who are willing to take a stand for the violence against women, and be positive role models to other men in the community. White Ribbon Ambassadors are men who are willing to encourage other men in the community to participate in the global movement to eliminate Violence Against Women. For more information please have a look at the posters and some brochures available in the Narthex. As a Christian community we pray that every family and household will be an example of good relationship for the promotion of more unity, harmony and reconciliation in our community.

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER – A EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AND CANDLELIT PROCESSION TO HONOUR CHRIST THE KING

On Saturday evening 22 November, the Feast of Christ the King will be celebrated in a very special way right here in Melbourne with a beautiful and solemn candlelit procession. It will commence at 6.30pm with prayers at Sacred Heart Church 199 Rathdowne Street Carlton. At 7.00pm there will be a short adoration, and then Archbishop Hart will carry the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Melbourne to St Patrick's Cathedral. Whilst Jesus is carried through the streets we will be singing songs of adoration and praise to our God and King, and arriving at St Patrick's there will be benediction and a solemn Pontifical Mass.

SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE FINALE!

Date: Thursday 27 November 2008

Where: Leone Centre, Samaritan Catholic College, 8 Clifton Grove, Preston.

The evening will commence at 7.00pm with the formal ceremony taking approximately 1 hour. This will allow plenty of time for conversation, and a catch up. A light supper will be provided on the evening.

RSVP: Office: 9480 2922 or mrobertson@samaritan.melb.catholic.edu.au

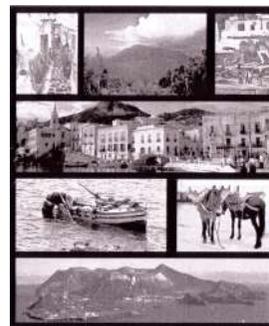
NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES



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.

TUTTO IL MESE DI NOVEMBRE E' DEDICATO DALLA CHIESA ALLA MEMORIA DEI DEFUNTI. RINGRAZIAMO TUTTA LA COMUNITA' PER LA GENEROSA RISPOSTA AL RICORDO DEI NOSTRI CARI CHE SONO NELLA VITA ETERNA.



“Iddu e Idda”

Invitation to “Iddu e Idda” an Exhibition of Photographic Images and Paintings of the Eolian Islands, Italy by Anthony & Jo Casamento.

At the Eolian Hall, 836 Lygon St Carlton
Sunday 16 November – Sunday 23 November, 2008
Open Monday – Friday 2.00pm – 7.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 10.00am – 7.00pm

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

Since the Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, its dedication is marked with a special honour, taking precedence over the normal Sunday liturgy. Places are important in our human experience; and sacred places feature prominently in the world's religious traditions.

‘Sometimes religious symbols are in danger of becoming more important for people than the things they symbolise. Today's liturgy reminds us of this – the Church we believe in is not a magnificent Roman building, but a living temple, the Body of Christ, in which God has come to dwell. This is the message of the reading from John's gospel.

‘In the other gospels, this incident takes place in the final days of Jesus life, precipitating that hostility that was to lead to his death. John tells of this incident at the outset of the public life of Jesus, as an indication of the ultimate significance of the Saviour's mission. Disrupting the normal life of the temple was far more than a rebuke for lack of reverence; it was a prophetic gesture. The temple and its worship are now to pass away; what they could only foreshadow is now to be realised in the person of Jesus.’

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Thornhill SM