

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17*

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Tu mi conduci, Signore, nel regno della vita.

SECOND READING *Corinthians 15:20-26.28*

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David.

Alleluia.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia! .

Io sono l'Alfa e l'Omega, colui che e',
che era e che viene: tenete saldo il dono
della fede fino al mio ritorno. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31-46*

He will take his seat on the throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$787.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$211.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$295.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 23/11/08

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & B Nadenbousch
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
 10.30am (SUN) – J & J Kearney

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
 D Lucato, A Mancuso & G Silvio

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 30/11/08

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba & L Dal Santo
 9.00am (SUN) – P Sparano & C Agostinelli
 10.30am (SUN) - M Sernia & A DeCata

SPECIAL MINISTERS

D Herbert
 P Leggiero, A Sonza & M Piscioneri
 J Tanti, A Filippone & L De Marco

CHURCH CLEANERS

29/11/08 M Martuccio, L Calafiore & C Balassone

MONEY COUNTERS

24/11/08 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
 01/12/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria ORLANDO, Nicola SCARDAMAGLIA, Julian VICKERS

ANNIVERSARIES

Carmela & Antonio DIGUGLIELMO, Antonio PISTONE, Famiglia DITORO, Francesco & Stella PARLATI
 Famiglia FULGIONE, Angelo & Margherita CANNIZZO, Tony ZIINO, Giovanni & Margherita ZIINO
 Francesco & Caterina NATOLI, Tommaso & Francesca ZIINO,
 Maria, Biviano Giuseppa & Francesco CASACELI, Rose GALEA, Joseph CIANTAR,

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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

Christ the King, Year A

November 23, 2008

Truly human and divine

One of the facts of life is that we can repeat a familiar set of words many times without being conscious of their full implication and their history. We say the Creed at Mass this Sunday, feast of Christ the King, as on every Sunday of the year. It will do us no harm to reflect on the background of the words with which we are so familiar. There are two Creeds that can be used at Mass, the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. The Apostles' Creed was a rebuttal of an early heretical teaching, Gnosticism. This heresy maintained that Christ only appeared to become man. He did not truly suffer and die but only appeared to do so. The Apostles' Creed stresses that Christ Jesus, was born, suffered, and died on the cross. He was indeed true man. To make the point it leaves aside much else that could have been said. The Nicene Creed came a little later. Early in the Fourth Century, with the worst of the Roman Empire's persecutions over, it was possible to have for the first time a gathering of bishops that represented the entire body of the Church, an ecumenical council. It took place in 325 at Nicaea, not far from today's Istanbul. By that time the Church was facing further issues. Yes, Jesus Christ was true man. But was he also God? Was he perhaps only a creature that God the Father had used for the salvation of the world? Such an idea had been put forward in writings related to the priest Arius of Alexandria. This council addressed this and other issues. On some of the matters raised, the assembled bishops had their differences of opinion. Various important issues would only be resolved at subsequent councils. But as to the divinity or otherwise of Christ, the bishops were in no doubt as to what was the correct position. They wanted this made clear. In their Nicene Creed they stated it more than six times over. "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father." It would be hard to find any authoritative statement of the Church that so effectively combines clarity and conciseness as do these words of the Nicene Creed. No wonder they are on the lips of so many of us as we attend Sunday Mass. They are the basis for our belief that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed Christ the King. We live in a society in which many of those around us do not believe that Jesus Christ is God. They may respect Jesus, even admire him as a great teacher. That is not our position. If we use the Nicene Creed, Sunday by Sunday we take up our quite distinctive Christian stand. We affirm that Jesus is true God from true God. We indeed do so with special force on this Sunday when we honor Christ as King. He truly is eternally begotten of the Father. He is both our saviour and our King.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Advent reflections in the form of group sharing with Fr. Manny will be held every Wednesday evening in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

The four Wednesdays of meetings are:
26th November, 3rd December, 10th December and 17th December.

The resource for our reflection will be the Summit Liturgical Journal, published by Archbishop's Office for Evangelization Melbourne.

Everyone is welcome to attend!!

ADORAZIONE EUCARISTICA CON RIFLESSIONE SUL TEMPO DELL'AVVENTO

Martedì 25 Novembre Adorazione Eucaristica con riflessione sul tempo Dell'Avvento, in cappella alle ore 9.00am. Seguita dalla S. Messa ore 10.00am.

FEAST

Monday 24 November – St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral for Maria Orlando will be celebrated on Wednesday 26 November at 10.30am. Rosary will be recited on Tuesday 25 November at 8.00pm.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 25 November 7.00pm – Vincenzo Misiano (1 mth)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Shae Kirk** child of Michael and Donna, **Sofia Toscano** child of Salvatore & Filomena, **Angel Costenara** child of Jason and Tania, **Aleyah Barbaro** child of Frank and Rose, **Jhett Branov** child of Cole and Ashlea, **Xavier Marino** child of Robert and Olivia, **Emma Pennese** child of Fabio and Maria, **Julian Vaccaro** child of Antonio and Silvana, 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.

LOURDES DAY MASS 2008 - 150TH ANNIVERSARY 1858 - 2008

A special Mass of healing and hope for sick and infirmed people, their carers and all parishioners to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 6 December 2008 at 10.30am.

MESSA DI LOURDES 2008 - ANNIVERSARIO 150 ANNI 1858 – 2008

Una Messa speciale sara celebrata, per tutti i malati, infermi e per coloro che si prendano cura dei malati, e tutti parrocchiani. Il giorno 6 Dicembre 2008 nella Cattedrale di San Patrizio alle ore 10.30am

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee will meet on Tuesday 25 November at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.



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.

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.

FESTA DI SANTA LUCIA V.M.

Festa di Santa Lucia V.M. con Santa Messa e processione Domenica 14 Dicembre 2008. Nella chiesa di San Brendan 103 Wellington St, Flemington.

Programma:

2.30pm Santo Rosario seguita con la Santa Messa. Celebrante Principale: Fr William Jordan
Consacrazione dei nuovi Membri durante la Santa Messa.

4.00pm Processione

4.30pm (circa) Benedizione Eucaristica.

CELEBRATION OF SAINT LUCY MARTYR

Sunday 14 Decmeber 2008

Program:

2.30pm Rosary and Mass.

4.00pm Procession with the Statue.

4.30pm Eucharistic Benediction.

Followed by Refreshments. All Welcome!!

ENCOURAGE MELBOURNE

Encourage Melbourne is an organization within the Archdiocese, with priestly guidance, ministering to and offering support to families and friends of same sex attracted persons according to the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. For more information see the orange booklets in the Church foyer or contact Fr. Denis Ward OFM Cap, Chaplain on (0402 4299 01) or Alan and Marie on (9847 0713) at any time. See also encourage.cam.org.au

REFLECTION: OUR REASON FOR HOPE

In the midst of our financial woes this Sunday is a great Sunday to celebrate, for our hope is in Jesus Christ our King who is also our shepherd as described in the first reading from Ezekiel: "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will give them rest."