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FIRST READING *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING *Romans 8:8-11*

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45)*

I am the resurrection and the life.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1088.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$270.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$315.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 09/03/08

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
 10.30am (SUN) – G Donnini & M Sernia

LECTORS – NEXT WEEK 16/03/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & G Canavan
 9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & T Forte
 10.30am (SUN) - M Bernardi & D Lucato

CHURCH CLEANERS

15/03/08 A DiRico, M Pascuzzi & L Pennacchia

MONEY COUNTERS

10/03/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
 17/03/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Angela BRUNO, Giuseppe Bruno BALDO, , Luigino Antonio DI PETTA, Barbara FITZSIMONS
Idelma CARLESSO (d. Italy), Maria CIANTAR (d. Malta)

ANNIVERSARIES

Dolores TALIANA, Romano CESTONARO, Gina DI DONATO, Nicola GIAMPIETRO, Stella AQUARO,
Giuseppe GALATI, Domenico BRUNI, Aldo IOZZI, Mariangela & Clemente TULLINO
Agata DERANGO, Nazzarena & Vincenzo MORFUNI, Giuseppe & Lucia ANNETTA
Sergio DUSSIN, Carlo DESSMANN

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il Signore e' bonta' e misericordia.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesu'! Io sono la risurrezione e la vita, dice il Signore, chi crede in me non morira' in eterno. Lode e onore a te, signore Gesu'!

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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

1st Saturday of the Month

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
 Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

March 9, 2008

Called to Life

Bob and Bev were married for fifty-three years. Their life together had been a dream come true. They had grown up in the same small country town in outback Queensland. Their growing up was full of fun and adventure. Swimming at the local waterhole. Riding their bikes around the old quarry. Watching the Saturday afternoon matinee at the local theatre, with lashings of popcorn! Their families were very close. They regularly went camping or bushwalking. They enjoyed sharing meals together. On leaving school, Bob got a job at Rusty's sawmill on the outskirts of town. It was hot and hard work, but Bob was keen to learn and do well. Bev took a job at Sullivan's Café in the main street. Old man Sullivan reckoned that Bev had the best smile, and that had to be good for business and the customers. It came as no surprise to anyone that Bob and Bev began courting. It was the beginning of a new chapter in their relationship. The moment came when Bob was to "pop the question". He knew how and where he wanted this to take place. So with some help from his mum, Bob went to meet Bev armed with a picnic basket overflowing with goodies. They went to their favourite spot under the old gum tree near the waterhole. It was there that Bob asked Bev to join him in lifelong commitment. After a wedding celebration at the local church, in the presence of family and friends, Bob and Bev decided to make their home in the very community which had nurtured and sustained them. Nothing made Bob and Bev happier than the birth of each of their five children and watching them grow into the people they are today. Then, just before turning seventy-five, Bob died suddenly in his sleep. He hadn't been sick, but after a full and active life, his strong heart went silent. Bev felt deeply the enormous absence in her life with the death of her beloved Bob. The pain of losing someone who had been in her life since the beginning seemed too much to endure. She wouldn't eat. She wouldn't leave the house. She didn't want company. She just wanted to stay in bed. Life was just too hard. Today's gospel tells how the death of Lazarus leaves a huge absence in the lives of Martha and Mary. Yet through God's word, Lazarus is called to come out of the tomb and live again. We don't have to be physically dead to need raising to life. We can be dead even in the midst of life. We can be dead in the sense of being held back, weighed down, and unable to find a path forward. Bev was dead in this sense. She was unable to see a future without Bob. The experience of her pain and loss prevented her from living. Yet, through her family, friends and faith community, Bev found hope in God's word, calling her to come out and experience healing and begin to live life anew. Today, Jesus says to us: "I am the resurrection and the life." He calls each of us to live to the full.

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BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Tessa and Sarah** children of Bruno and Belinda, who will be baptised today. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Rosary for Mr Luigino Antonio Di Petta will be recited on Monday 10 March at 7.00pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 11 March at 10.00am.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 11 March at 7..30pm – Antonio Taranto (1 mth)

CUPPA



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

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 15 March commencing at 8.00am in order to prepare the church grounds for Easter. Lunch will be provided and all are welcome!

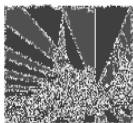
FR JOSEPH YU

Today 9 March is Fr Joseph Yu’s 82nd birthday. We ask God’s blessing upon him on this special occasion and pray for many years of health, happiness and peace. You may wish to phone him on 9466 8852.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The current cycle of thanksgiving envelopes will conclude at the end of this month. Weekly thanksgiving envelopes demonstrate the commitment of parishioners in financially supporting the parish. We need a consistent level of giving in our weekly collections to maintain the many projects and initiatives of our parish.

Have you considered weekly thanksgiving envelopes? The parish also has facility for credit card and direct debit contributions. Please contact Liz at the parish office on 9460 3013 for further details.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

128 Days to Go.....

For further information please ring any three of our great parishioners who are volunteers for Days in the Dioceses Melbourne.

Ray & Glenyce Silvio: 9460 6607, Diane Chybowski : 9471 1060



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 Catena 9460 4597 or Rosa Pino 9442 9033.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

SUNDAY 16 MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

There will be blessing of palms and other branches at each Mass of that weekend. People are welcome to bring branches from their home.



MONDAY 17 MARCH

9.10am – Communion Service.

TUESDAY 18 MARCH

10.00am - Mass in Italian.

11.00am - Chrism Mass (Mass of the Holy Oils) at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, celebrated by the Archbishop and the priests of Melbourne. People are welcome to attend.

11.30am - La Cena della Pasqua in sala
7.30pm - Communal Penitential Service



WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

9.10am - Mass in English

HOLY THURSDAY 20 MARCH

11.00am - End of Term School Liturgy of the Word (Paraliturgy).

7.30pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper (English and Italian), followed by the adoration at the altar of reposition until 11.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 21 MARCH

3.00pm - Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Good Friday Ceremonies)

7.30pm - Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) in Italian.



HOLY SATURDAY 22 MARCH

7.00pm - Easter Vigil celebrations with Sia, Augustine and Paige, who will be receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Please Note that there will not be any MASSES celebrated on the mornings of HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER SUNDAY 23 MARCH

9.00am - Mass in Italian

10.30am - Mass in English

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS*CONFESSIONI INDIVIDUALI**

Tuesday 18 March – 9.00am

Wednesday 19 March – 10.00am

Thursday 20 March – 10.00am & 7.00pm

Friday 21 March – 10.00am

Saturday 22 March 10.00am & 6.00pm