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**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 50:4-7*

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**SECOND READING** *Philippians 2:6-11*

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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**GOSPEL** *Matthew 26:14-27:66 (or 27:11-54)*

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK**

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1032.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$197.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$245.00

**LECTORS - THIS 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

**LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 23/03/08**

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo  
9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & M Crupi  
10.30am (SUN) - G Canavan & S Miano

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

22/03/08 A Pascuzzi, R DeZan & A Natoli

**MONEY COUNTERS**

17/03/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon  
24/03/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, M Turnbull & G Canavan

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Caterina SINOPOLI, Carmen FARRUGIA

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Nicola GIAMPIETRO, Antonio, Angelo, Antonio & Rosa CRITELLI,  
Flavia & Sabbatino FATTORE, Carmine COSTALDO, Mariangela PAOLA, Aldo IOZZI, Gina DI DONATO  
Franco, Michelina & Nicola SOCCIO, Angela DICARLA, Antonio SOCCIO, Lucia PARADISO, Gaetano DI SALLE,  
Francesco & Maria-Donata DEL GUIDICE, Concetta DI COSMO, Harold KENNAN,  
Polly & Emmanuel FARRUGIA-GAY, Stephan BORG, Maria BIVIANO, Francesco & Giuseppa CASACIELI,  
Tony, Giovanni, Margerita, Tomaso, Francesca, Giovanni & Caterina ZIINO, Giuseppa & Giuseppe DELL'ALBANI  
Michele STABILE, Carmela CARUSO, Sabato, Assunta & Elio DANIELLO, Lucia, Onembo & Maria-Nina VECCHIO  
Giovanni FARINACCI, Salvatore MONFORTE, Gaetano & Concetta ABBATE, Francesco DI SEBASTIANO  
Antonio BORTOLOTTI, Giuseppe LUCATO

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE**

Mio Dio, mio Dio, perche' mi hai abbandonato?

**CANTO AL VANGELO**

Gloria e lode a te, of Cristo! Per noi Cristo si e' fatto obbediente fino alla morte, e alla morte di croce. Per questo Dio l'ha esaltato e gli ha dato il nome che e' sopra ogni altro nome. Gloria e lode a te, o Cristo!

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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

Passion (Palm) Sunday, Year A

March 16, 2008

## God's face revealed



Our faces reveal a lot about us. Whether we are happy or sad, friendly or hostile, angry or at peace, compassionate or self-righteous, hopeful or in despair, somehow these moods and dispositions are revealed in our faces, even if we are unaware of them. The face often provides a reliable window into our heart and soul. As we move into the solemn mood of Holy Week, I invite you to spend time gazing with great love in your heart and with wonder at the face of our Lord Crucified. Let this gentle and tortured face speak to you heart. Matthew's Passion account today powerfully describes the face and heart of God revealed. After Jesus gave up his spirit, "the veil in the temple was *torn in two from top to bottom*". God is no longer mysterious and hidden behind that veil. In this complete tearing of the veil, the heart and soul of God is fully revealed once and for all – in the face of the crucified Jesus. It is the face of total unconditional love and surrender to us, and of nonviolence towards us. That God in the person of Jesus had chosen to be this vulnerable to us tells us that God would rather take violence from us than do violence to us in just punishment. Only the one with the greatest of love for us is free and willing to do this. Even the most extreme form of violence done to Jesus in not sufficient to stop God from continuing to love us. The cross is the most potent declaration of God's total love for us. The Church has refreshingly rediscovered this face of God anew in recent times. This is a great grace indeed. Especially towards the end of his Pontificate, Pope John Paul II apologised for the religious excesses, religious wars, and persecution of people done in God's name in our history. Pope Benedict XVI emphatically continued this direction with his first major teaching in his Encyclical Letter "God is Love". It is a message directed not only to all believers in the Church, but it is also a challenge to all those who do violence in the name of any religious faith. It is this vision of God's all-encompassing love that has led the Church to oppose all forms of violence, and to defend the dignity of human life from its beginning to its end. The late Art Buchwald, the beloved American humorist, was asked whether he had any religious belief. He replied: "I believe there is a God but he's not the one all the religions claim. There's a God out there but not the one that causes all the trouble in the world." He was certainly spot-on in rejecting the God of violence. The Cross and the Crucified Jesus will always be the measuring stick against our own beliefs about God. Let the crosses we wear on our bodies be not just expensive decorative ornaments or fashion statements. Let them be declarations of who we believe God is – the God who is love and nonviolent. And let our hearts be shaped by this God.

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**BAPTISM**

Congratulations to **Joshua Bradley** child of Phillip and Natalie, and **Brooke Mazzarella** child of Con and Melissa who will be baptised today. We welcome them into our parish community and assure their families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

**FUNERAL NOTICE**

The Rosary for Mr Francesco Lo Porto will be recited on Monday 17 March at 1.30pm. Followed by Funeral Mass.

**MEMORIAL MASS**

Monday 17 March at 7.30pm – Santina Acciarito (1 yr)  
Martedì 18 March at 6.30pm – Fortunata Di Carlo (d. Rec.)

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Easter offering envelopes are available in the seats. The donations made at Easter are used to support the parish priest, the sick and retired priests of the archdiocese and the Archbishop in his ministry. We ask you to be generous in supporting the parish during this Easter season.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from the Good Friday collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**

Please return Project Compassion boxes to the parish as soon as possible. Remember to fill-in your details on the flap in order to receive a tax deductible receipt.

**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**

121 Days to Go.....



WYD JOURNEY OF THE CROSS, ICON AND ABORIGINAL MESSAGE STICK – WILL ARRIVE AT ST DAMIAN'S CHURCH BUNDOORA ON APRIL 29 2008 AT 6.30PM.

There will be special reflections, music and youth who will speak about their own experiences of faith. This will continue on till 11.45pm. Everyone is invited to attend all night or drop in any time to join in prayers for our church as we journey along towards the World Youth Day. Individual Reconciliation will be provided starting at 7.30pm.

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

**HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE**

**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**

11.30am - 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