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FIRST READING Acts 10:34,37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia Alleluia!

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1194.50
	- Loose Money.....	\$656.50
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$752.00

LECTORS - THIS 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

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 30/03/08

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba & J Broadbent
 9.00am (SUN) – F Biasibetti & R Fato
 10.30am (SUN) - L Conte & T Vavala

CHURCH CLEANERS

29/03/08 T Caruso, R Guerino, Anna Costanzo & A Baschiera

MONEY COUNTERS

24/03/08 E Claridge, F Carabott, M Turnbull & G Canavan
 31/03/08 D Herbert, C McMahan & P Cherubin

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael Francis DEBONO

ANNIVERSARIES

- Famiglia VALMORBIDA, Famiglia CAVEDON, Rocco & Felicia CASTALDO, Andreina & Gabriele ARA, Rocco & Francesco FERRARO, Mariangela PAOLA, Mario PANNUNZIO, Carmela, Alessandro & Tonino PANNUNZIO, Francesco, Rocco & Filomena LONGO, Giovanni MITDIERI, Avella & Eugenio ZOLI, Giuseppe & Antonina CATALANO, Domenico & Domenica VARRENTI, Carmelo & Santo RENNA, Margerita JEDI, Salvatore & Sofia RACHIELE, Antonio & Filomena PISANI, Pasquale & Carmela CIMINO, Orsola BONACCI, Domenico & Mariarosa RUGGERO, Mariagiulia & Matteo RICCIO, Pasquale & Gregorio LOVERSO, Antonio LOVERSO, Maria-Concetta GANINI, Maria & Annunziata LOGUANCIO, Marion CARABOTT, Tony CARRABBA, Giuseppe SERRATORE, Giovanna MICHIEZZI, Giuseppe TRINCHI, Giuseppe TRINELI, Frank, Luigi & Assunta SPARANO, Michael & Lina ROSSIGNUOLO, Marianna & Francesco PONTE, Domenico & Concetta CUTRUPI, Antonio PISTONE, Olimpia, Francesco, Oreste & Franca DICOLA, Domenico CARBONE, Tony ESPERIA, Giuseppe & Concetta CIORRA, Maria-Angela SPOSARO, Bartolomeo & Giovanna LA GRECA, Bartolo & Giuseppina RANDO, Luigi, Archangela, & Maria NARDELLA, Antonio, Angela, Paolo & Maria CURSIO, Nardina & Michele NARDELLA, Filomena RENDINA, Rosa & Pietro MATTERA, Gina DI DONATO

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Questo e' il giorno di Cristo Signore: Alleluia Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cristo, nostra Pasqua, e' immolato: facciamo festa nel Signore.

Alleluia, alleluia!

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Broadbent
 L Catena, L Cavedon & A DiRico
 S Rottura, G Santinon & S Dakin

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
 T Forte, G Moltisanti & R Mercuri
 C McMahan, S Miano & M Alvaro

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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

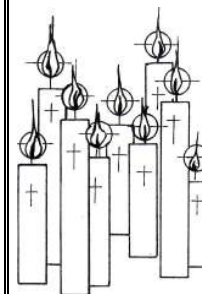


Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

Easter Sunday

March 23, 2008

People of hope



The Easter liturgy is full of joy as we celebrate the hope that is in us through the resurrection of Jesus. “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!”

One of the Easter ceremonies that has special significance is the renewal of our baptismal promises. We light our candles from the Easter candle, the candle that represents “Christ our light”, Christ who brings new life, new creation to our world.

The season of Easter focuses on baptism and the effects of baptism. We are joined to Christ, called to be bearers of his light in our world, called to overcome the darkness of sin and evil by the kind of lives we live.

The readings at this time tell of the spread of the good news in the early church. The apostles were the early witnesses of the resurrection. But we are reminded that, through our baptism, we too are witnesses. As Jesus told us, you don’t take a light and hide it away. You put it on a lampstand where it will give light to all around. (Matthew 5:15)

The hope that we have through our faith in Jesus’ victory over death is a gift we have to offer our world. We are witnesses to hope. “Always have your answer ready for people who ask you for the reason for the hope that you all have” (1 Peter 3:15).

Many people today have no hope. They have no faith and, without faith in Jesus, what is there to hope in? It’s not surprising that so many young people become depressed and turn to drugs. Our society has tried to live without God, and without God there is no hope for our world or for ourselves.

Christian hope is a virtue, an attitude to life, that empowers for action in the here and now. It lifts us up and sustains us. It gives us the courage to press on in love and service of our fellow men and women knowing that Christ died - and rose again – so that all mankind could share in his life and love forever. We work to make the world a better place, to make Christ’s kingdom come, to bring his love for everyone into our families, towns and nations. And we do it in the confidence that good will win out in the end because of the Resurrection of Christ.

Happy Easter

Buona Pasqua

L-Ghid it-Tajjeb



To all parishioners and friends at St. Joseph the worker Parish, North Reservoir, may we have a very happy and holy Easter! May our celebrations of Jesus Christ's Resurrection be for us an inspiration of Christian joy and hope, doing our best to live a positive life witnessing God's tenderness and love for everyone!

EASTER MONDAY

Please note there will be no COMMUNION SERVICE on EASTER MONDAY the church will remain closed.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Mia Rose Lotito** child of Remo and Carla, and **Dominic Mainelli** child of Raymond and Rania 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECT

We congratulate Sia and Augustine Brima and Paige Krygger who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter vigil celebration. We welcome them into our parish community and assure them of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Meeting will be held next Tuesday 25 March at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

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.

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

115 Days to Go.....



Journey of the Cross and Icon

What is the Journey of the Cross and Icon?

- In 1984 Pope John Paul II entrusted the Cross of Christ to the youth – a symbol of faith that was to be carried out into the world. The cross – 3.8m high and 1.76m wide – has since made its way around the world, reaching parts of Asia, Africa, Europe, Ground Zero in New York, USA, and behind the Iron Curtain into Prague.
- In 2003 Pope John Paul II bestowed another symbol of hope and faith – the Icon of Our Lady – which now travels with the Cross around the host nation of each international World Youth Day (WYD), as a means of prayerful preparation before the 'big event'.

When did it arrive in Australia?

- The WYD Cross and Icon arrived in Australia in July 2007 and since then has travelled on some of Australia's iconic destinations including a trip on the famous Ghan, visit to Uluru, a boat trip out to the Great Barrier Reef, a visit to remote Aboriginal communities in outback Australia and it will continue its journey around Australia until it reaches Sydney in July 2008.
- Thousands of Australians have been touched and moved by the Cross and Icon as it makes its way to Sydney in July for World Youth Day 2008 (WYD08).
- Accompanying the Cross and Icon is the WYD08 Message Stick – an invitation from the Sydney Aboriginal Catholic communities to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth across Australia to join in the celebration of WYD08.

When does it arrive in Melbourne?

- The JCI arrives in Melbourne on 25 April 2008. An official Diocesan Handover Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral to welcome the JCI into the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- The JCI will visit over 50 host parishes, schools, iconic Melbourne landmarks and be walked through the city streets of Melbourne during its 15 day journey.
- The JCI will leave Melbourne on 10 May 2008 with a Handover ceremony at Station Pier when the Cross and icon travels by boat on the Spirit of Tasmania to the Archdiocese of Hobart.

Where will it travel while in Melbourne?

- The Cross, Icon, and Message Stick will be hosted at over 50 selected parishes, schools, and other special venues around the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- **Here are some highlights of the Journey:**
- **25 April:** JCI Official Handover Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral when the Cross and Icon is received from the Diocese of Sale to the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- **27 April:** The Cross, Icon, and Message Stick will be taken through the city streets, carried by local pilgrims and Melbourne's community.
- **3 May:** The Cross, Icon, and Message Stick will be taken around the city with Catholic Multicultural Communities. And Youth Gala at Melbourne Town Hall.
- **10 May:** Melbourne says goodbye to the Cross, Icon, and Message Stick at Station Pier in Port Melbourne as it boards the Spirit of Tasmania and sets sail to the Archdiocese of Hobart.

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