

As we come and worship, we remember the wurundjeri people, the original custodians of this land

FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il tuo amore, Signore, sia su di noi: in te speriamo.

SECOND READING Peter 2:4-9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono la via, la verita' la vita, dice il Signore: nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth and the life.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$758.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$214.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$289.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 22/05/2011

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch
 9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & R Fato
 10.30am (SUN) – G Canavan & T Fitzsimmons

SPECIAL MINISTERS

J Pullicino
 P Sparano, S LoBartolo & A Keighley
 Sr Estelita, A Keighley & T Saleh

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 29/05/2011

6.00pm (SAT) - G Canavan
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
 10.30am (SUN) -L Conte & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

N Ziino
 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
 P Nguyen, M Mizzi & J Tanti

CHURCH CLEANERS

28/05/2011	R DeZan, A Natoli, S Brima & A M Zappia
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MONEY COUNTERS

23//05/2011	E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
30/05/2011	D Herbert, C McMahon & M Williams

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giovanni SALVO, Victoria BONELLO (d.rec. Malta),

ANNIVERSARIES

Sipontina NARDELLA, Angela PUCCIO, Tommaso MARUCA, Antonietta & Raffaele BONELLI, Elisa BONELLI, Antonio PISTONE, Carlo MARIANI, Lucia DAMIANO, Vincenzo FALCONE, Maria CONTE, Famiglia FERRARO

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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 Estelita Manabo-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

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

22 May 2011

Knowing the Way

The words, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” from today’s Gospel reading are at the heart of the life of faith. Because we have heard them so often, we are in some danger of letting ourselves be complacent and take for granted that we understand what is being said. Unlike Jesus’ disciples, we have grown up with these Gospel stories and are not as anxious as they were about where Jesus was going. In fact, compared to the disciples’ doubts and anxieties, we may well feel that we have a stronger faith than theirs. But we must wonder whether we are really so different.

This particular passage comes at the end of the Last Supper in John’s gospel. The disciples are sitting, listening to Jesus. They have just heard him say that they cannot follow him now, but will be able to later. Imagine how they might have heard these words! Jesus spoke to them in sometimes very mysterious ways. They had nothing by which to gauge the meaning of his words. So they are confused, as shown in Thomas’ words, “Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Here, Jesus responds, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” In other words, Jesus himself is the way; the way is not a road, or a path. Jesus is the way, the source of life and truth. There is no access to God except through Jesus.

And still the disciples are uneasy. What does he mean? They have lived with Jesus, walked with him daily and eaten with him. They now face life without him. This is beyond their immediate comprehension. No wonder they are anxious and confused.

However, for us in this Easter period when we know where Jesus is, these words fill us with hope. Like his disciples, we too have the opportunity to follow Jesus, but unlike the disciples we have the benefit of growing up with this knowledge, so we do not have the immediate sense of confusion or dread as they did. We have over 2,000 years of stories and tradition which have become the fabric of our lives. But what do these words actually mean for us? To what extent do these words shape who I am; what I do; how I live? If Jesus is the Way, do I follow in his footsteps of that Way?

Jesus himself told us what we have to do when he ended with the words, “Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do...” As believers we are the disciples’ successors, and Jesus works in us through our works. So in this Easter time, we ask, how is Jesus present in what we do? What do I do, or say, that enables Jesus’ mission to continue?

These are not easy questions to contemplate or answer. We as believers are challenged just as the disciples were.

FESTA DI SANT'ANTONIO

Domenica 12 Giugno 2011.

Programma:

9.00am Santa Messa in Italiano cantata.

2.00pm Inni e preghiere in onore a S. Antonio.

2.30pm Santa Messa Celebrata da **Fr Delmar Silva CS.**

Concelebranti: Rev. E. Bonello e Rev. P. Giuseppe Yu.

Messa cantata dal coro Frulan sotto la guida di Pietro Canil.

La processione sara' accompagnata dalla Banda Musicale Bellini.
Rientro in Chiesa per la Benedizione con il S.S. Sacramento.

Dopo la funzione religiosa ci sara' la distribuzione del pane benedetto.

Le Associazioni che desiderano partecipare sono invitate di portare i loro stendardi

Segue in sala, concerto con la Nota Banda Bellini.



**PORCHETTA TIPO ABRUZZESE E PANINI INBOTTITI IN VENDITA
DALLE 11.00AM IN POI NELLA SALA PARROCCHIALE.**

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

This weekend at the 6.00pm and 10.30am Mass we welcome the candidates for Confirmation, their families and sponsors for the Commitment Mass. This is an important time in their preparation and we as a parish community are asked to pray for them that the gift of the Holy Spirit strengthens them in their Christian journey.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Jacob Mantineo** child of Joe and Silvia and nephew of Fr Eddie, who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome him into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

ITALIAN LADIES

Maggio, mese di devozione alla Madonna con la recita del S. Rosario nelle famiglie della parrocchia. Chiedete la Statua della Madonna che verra' portata dai membri del comitato femminile. Tel: Paola 9460 7990, Maria: 9469 2141, Gina: 9462 1641, Rosa: 0357 1089. Ogni Martedi' alle ore 9.30am recita del S. Rosario prima della S. Messa ore 10.00am.

RINGRAZIAMENTO FESTA DELLA MADONNA DI FATIMA

Solenne e devota la celebrazione in onore di Nostra Signora di Fatima tenutasi Domenica scorsa nella nostra Parrocchia. Il comitato Italiano desidera ringraziare i nostri sacerdoti in particolare Padre Eduardo Zammit per la sua eccellente omelia e preghiera che a datto molta gioia a tutti presenti, grazie ai bambini angioletti per la meravigliosa partecipazione, per le offerte per i fiori, lumini, ed altre spese. Commovente la fiaccolata e la preghiera sul piazzale della scuola. Una piccola Fatima in San Giuseppe Lavoratore!

Maria benedica e protegga tutti. Grazie.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Wednesday 25 May 7.30pm – Lucia Damiano (1yr)

Friday 27 May 7.30pm – Vincenzo Falcone (1mth)

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL PREP ENROLMENTS 2012

Enrolments are now open for 2012, Forms are available from the school office. Enrolments close 27 May 2011.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Next Sunday 29 May 2011 during the 10.30am Mass and the grade 4 children of our school will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Let us celebrate with these children who will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, and pray for them and their families that they may continue to grow in faith and hope and to live more and more like Jesus Christ.

New Translation of the Mass *Sunday 12 June 2011*

On Sunday 12 June 2011 we will start using the new translation of the Mass.
(the following is a sample)

The rites extend from the *Opening Hymn* or *Entrance Antiphon* to the end of the *Opening Prayer*; the texts have been changed quite a lot to be more scriptural, handing on the tradition. **Liturgy holds our tradition in its words and actions.**

The changes to this Rite are:

- 1 **The priest's Liturgical Greeting** with its extra options.
- 2 The new response will be '**And with your spirit**'

Both the greetings and response come from various scriptural references and seek to ground us more deeply in the Scriptures.

PRESNET TEXT	NEW TEXT
The Lord be with you (@ longer texts)	The Lord be with you (@ new longer texts)
And also with you	And with your spirit

The response is an exact translation of the Latin: "*Et cum spiritu tuo*".

The word "**Lord**" can mean God (the Trinity) or *Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit* and in this liturgical greeting dialogue we are really saying that we are all the *spirit-filled Body of Christ*.

The whole Mass is a spiritual action in which we are engaged and right at the start we are invited to recognise the Spirit of God with us.