

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

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 17:5-8*

A curse on those who trust in humanity; blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Beato l'uomo che confida nel Signore.

SECOND READING *Corinthians 15:12.16-20*

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia.**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rallegratevi ed esultate, dice il Signore, perche' ecco, la vostra ricompensa e' grande nel cielo. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL *Luke 6:17.20-26*

Happy are the poor; Woe to the rich!

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$916.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$367.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery.....	\$385.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 14/2/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – R Sawi
 9.00am (SUN) – C Monforte & M Crupi
 10.30am (SUN) – D Lucato & A DeCata

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
 S. Lobartolo, L Calafiore & T Mirigliano
 C McMahan, S Miano & D Herbert

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 21 /02/2010

6.00pm (SAT) – E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – G Tempone & T Forte
 10.30am (SUN) - L Conte & E Bartlett

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Krygger
 L Catena, L Cavedon & M Crupi
 J & J Kearney & J Vincitorio

CHURCH CLEANERS

20/02/2010 A DiRico, M Pascuzzi, E Selso & L Pennacchia

MONEY COUNTERS

15/02/2010 A Sinopoli, F Nardoza, L Cavedon & R Comito
 22/02/2010 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria SACUZZO, Tita LO NIGRO (d. Rec. Italia), Rita SCHIAVELLO (cognata di Rosa De Zan),

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe TARANTO, Ercole DI RICO, Emanuele FATTORE, Bruno ARENA,
 Antonio, Maria-Rosa & Nicola ARENA, Domenica ANNETTA, Antonio & Beniamino PASCUZZI,
 Carolina, Matteo, Giuseppe & Tonino NAPOLITANO, Raffaele FACCIN, Famiglia DITORO,
 Famiglia BRUNETTI, Antonio RISOLI, Giuseppe DEL ZOTTI, Angelina & Giuseppe LO NIGRO
 Peter TANTANINI, Rosa RIGON, Carmela NARDOZZA, Maria & Dom GIANNARELLI,
 Costanza & Anthony CARNEVALE, Giuseppe CARNEVALE

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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

6th Sunday of Year C

14 February, 2010

Winners and Losers



Woop Woop made the grand final against all odds. A bush team they were, with few resources, just a bunch of no name players with average skills but with great hearts. They were up against the City Slickers – a team of professionals with competent coaches and bottomless financial resources. Everybody said it was a mismatch. The coach was concerned. How to win? What to do? He had a bright idea. He persuaded one of the game’s greatest players to address his team. His brief was to tell this bush team how to win. The ex-champ was equal to task. He gave a stirring address. He told them that everyone else thought them unworthy to be finalists, but he didn’t. He considered that they had the game in the bag. They had a great advantage: they had nothing to lose and everything to gain. Their opponents, on the other had, had become smug and secure. They were soft. Life in the bush had made Woop Woop hard and determined. They wanted success more than the City Slickers. He told them, “You will win. They will lose.” This highly imaginative scenario illuminates the message of today’s Gospel. The greatest life coach ever, Jesus Christ, advises his disciples how to belong to God’s Kingdom. By and large, these disciples are without human resources. They are the materially poor, the devout, and the humble. But, they are people who listen to his word and put it into practice. They are willing to follow the coach’s directions. Jesus calls them “blessed” – the winners in the life to come. On the other hand, Jesus recognises another group. Generally, they are comfortable. They have ready access to the good things of life. It gives them a false security. They imagine that present abundance equates with true happiness. They neglect to respond to Jesus. Jesus pronounces woe upon them. Their future will be ridden with misery. In terms of the life to come, they are the losers. Christ’s teaching on the beatitudes and the woes emphasises an important spiritual truth: there is a great disparity between the conditions of this age and the conditions of the age to come. So, if we wish to enter eternal life, we need to begin to adapt to its conditions. This means abandoning our attachments to material things and to imitate more closely a generous God. We open our hearts to the unfortunate and live without expectation of any return. When Jesus blesses the poor and the downtrodden, he does not idealise or glorify poverty. He does, however, declare God’s special commitment to the poor. Gustavo Gutierrez, an eminent third world theologian, offers this insight, “God has a preferential love for the poor not because they are necessarily better than others, morally or religiously, but simply because they are poor and living in an inhuman situation that is contrary to God’s will.” God loves and blesses the poor. To be blessed by God, we too must develop a love for the poor and divest ourselves from attachments to material things.

Project Compassion Sunday 14 February

Project Compassion promotes peace by pursuing justice. Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world.



In 2009, Project Compassion raised \$8.7 million dollars. Your generosity, through almsgiving and solidarity with other, has enabled Caritas Australia to continue to support some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the world.

This Lent, as we pray, fast and give alms, may we reflect on who we are and who God is calling us to become the loving, healing presence of Christ in the world today.

Project Compassion boxes are available from the doors of the church.

If you wish to take advantage of tax deductibility, please complete your details on the inside flap of the box.

Please take home a brochure which explains many of Caritas Projects.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 16 February 7.30pm – Francesco Scaramuzzino (1 yr)

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 16 Febbraio riunione del comitato femminile nella capella ore 9.00am. Seguita Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

Via Crucis in Italiano e Inglese tutti i Venerdì' della Quaresima, alle ore 7.00pm, in chiesa.

Durante il tempo di Quaresima avremo, come negli anni passati, tutti i Martedì' in cappella un tempo di riflessione e preghiera per la preparazione alla Santa Pasqua. Vi aspettiamo numerose Martedì 23 Febbraio alle ore 9.00am. Seguita dalla S. Messa alle 10.00am. Arrivederci!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be conducted every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm in the Church. It will be in both English and Italian. All parishioners are warmly invited to come together for this important time of prayer.

THANK YOU FROM SR TRISH FITZSIMMONS

Sr Trish thanks all those who joined her in celebrating her Golden Jubilee last Sunday.

ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE "L'AURORA" -ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Italian Language Classes will commence at St Matthew's Primary School, 97 William St, Fawkner North on Saturday 20 February 2010, and will run for 2.5hours from 1.30pm – 4.00pm. Students from Grade prep to Year 12 are welcome. The Tuition Fee for the year is \$150 per student.

Our teaching includes the Strands of Writing, Reading, Listening, Speaking and an appreciation of the Italian Culture. For further information please phone: 9898 4707



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday 17 February

9.10am – Mass in English and Italian

11.15am – School Mass

7.00pm – Mass in English

The word and ritual of the day call us to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel. In the season of Lent we are invited by God to raise our awareness of sin in our lives, allowing the spirit to create a desire to know God who is full of compassion, slow to anger and rich in graciousness.

Our Lenten observance prepares us for the renewal of our baptismal commitment at Easter. We have a duty and obligation through our baptismal covenant to renew our desire to be witnesses to the good news of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ.

Lent is a favourable time to understand the gift of salvation given to us and offered to all. We are called to be honest before God and replenish our desire to spend more time in prayer, not seeing it as an obligation, but a time of joyful communion of hearts.

This salvation leads us outside of ourselves, to be filled with compassion and to open our hearts to pray for those living in extreme poverty. We can make an active commitment to raising awareness of injustice and violence in our world.

The Lenten discipline of fasting, prayer and acts of charity requires a change of heart. We must become like Christ reflecting and being faithful to the call to walk the Way of the Cross, serving others and responding with compassion.

Joel 2:12-18; Corinthians 5:20-62; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

ASSOCIAZIONE SAN GABRIELE DELL'ADDOLORATA



Domenica 21 Febbraio 2010 nel monastero dei Padri Passionisti, Serpells Road Templestowe.

Programma: Triduo per la preparazione della Festa - Mercoledì 17, Giovedì 18, Venerdì 19 Febbraio 7.30pm.

Primo e dopo il triduo ci saranno confessioni individuali.

Domenica 21 Febbraio 10.00am Recita del S. Rosario, 10.30am Santa Messa concelebrata da Padre Enzo Marini proveniente dal Santuario di San Gabriele.

Padre John e tutta la comunità di "Holy Cross". La Santa Messa sarà cantata dalla corale di S. Antonio. Durante la Santa Messa ci sarà Benedizione dei malati. Seguirà la processione con le statue di S. Gabriele e S. Paolo della croce fondatore dei Padri Passionisti, accompagnata da Associazioni Religiose, bambini in costume di Gabriellini e dalla Banda Bellini.

A termine della celebrazione religiosa seguirà il Picnic (BYO). In vendita Porchetta, Pasta, Salsicce, panini, Soft drink, Gelati tutto il giorno.

Durante la giornata vari oggetti Religiosi provenienti dal Santuario di S. Gabriele saranno in vendita.

Durante il pomeriggio ci saranno giochi vari per adulti e bambini.

2.00pm Suoneria' il complesso musicale "Simplicity"

4.00pm Rientro in chiesa per la benedizione.

4.30pm – 6.00pm Musica.

Per informazioni rivolgersi a Renato e Lucia Catena 9460 4597.