

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING *Philippians 2: 1-11 (or 2:1-5)*

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 21:28-32*

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$1018.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$236.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$302.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 28/09/08

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo
 9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
 10.30am (SUN) – J Iaria & J Vincitorio

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 05/10/08

6.00pm (SAT) – MALTESE MASS (Selected)
 9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R DiGuglielmo
 10.30am (SUN) - J & J Kearney

CHURCH CLEANERS

04/10/08 L Catena, A Sirianni & F Agugiars

MONEY COUNTERS

29/09/08 D Herbert, C McMahon & L De Marco
 06/10/08 R & E Cornelious, R & G Silvio & J Galea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Paola PRECOMA, Famiglia DITORO, Famiglia BRUNETTI, Concetta MAZZIO,
Connie GANCI, Carmel MOLTISANTI, Adrien MADIONA, Josephine MADIONA,
Victor ZAMMIT

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ricordati, o Dio, del tuo amore.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Le mie pecore ascoltano la mia voce,
dice il Signore, io le conosco ed esse mi
seguono. Alleluia.

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

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm

Marriages - By Appointment



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

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

26th Sunday of Year A

September 28, 2008

Words are not enough

Each day we are at risk of being engulfed by the ocean of words coming from the mass media. So said Pope John Paul II in his message for the start of the new millennium. I think, as we come to the last Sunday of September (a day each year when we focus on social justice) that it's worth recalling what he wrote in his apostolic letter to mark the occasion.

What, in particular, he saw at risk in the ocean of words was the effective proclamation of the Gospel “which is... the prime form of charity”. To meet the challenge, he suggested, the most effective tool was “the charity of works” – our actions to help those in need. In saying that I think he expressed something of the message that Jesus has or us in his story of the two sons in today’s gospel. Words are not enough. We need to show our Christianity by our actions. Pope John Paul pointed out that there are new forms of poverty in our world. He mentioned some of them: people threatened by despair at the lack of meaning in their lives, or by drug addiction, or by fear of abandonment in old age or sickness, or by being marginalized or discriminated against. He said that we need to hear the voice of Christ “in the cry for help that rises from this world of poverty” (*Novo Millennio Ineunte* para 50). “We must...ensure that in every Christian community the poor feel at home”. Do the poor, the marginalized feel at home in our community? If they don’t we need to take steps to make them feel welcome. The Lord knocks at the door of our hearts in many different guises. The pope challenged us to a new “creativity” in our practice of charity, “not only by ensuring that help is effective but also by ‘getting close’ to those who suffer, so that our help comes across not as a humiliating handout, but as a sharing between brothers and sisters”. We are all children of the one God whom we dare, at the encouragement of Jesus, to call “our Father”. Jesus came to save everyone. There is no room for his followers to discriminate against anyone. As Pope John Paul pointed out, our commitment as followers of Jesus is “to practical and concrete love for every human being”. This commitment ought to be evident in the Christian life and the activity and pastoral planning of the Church. This century, the Pope said, needs to see the extent of dedication to charity towards the poorest that the Christian community can reach. He quoted the judgment scene from St Matthew’s gospel: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.” (Matthew 25:35) Jesus addressed his story of the two sons to the chief priests and elders. Just as he challenged them to put their words into action, he challenges us today. “How can it be,” Pope John Paul asked, “that even today there are still people dying of hunger? Condemned to illiteracy? Lacking the most basic medical care? Without a roof over their heads?”

The Church has a tradition of charity that has expressed itself in many different ways over the past two millennia. In this age we need, the Pope said, even greater resourcefulness.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 26 Settembre, Adorazione Eucaristica in Cappella ore 9.00am. Seguita dalla Santa Messa ore 10.00am.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Max Martuccio** son of John and Angela, **Alessio Iuele** son of Riccardo and Lucia and **Madeline D'Angelo** daughter of Luigi and Daniela who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our parish community and assure the families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 6 October at 7.30pm in the church.

MALTESE MASS

A reminder that the Maltese Mass will be celebrated next Saturday 4 October at 6.00pm.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee will meet on Tuesday 30 September at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

MEMORIAL MASS

Thursday 2 October 7.30pm – Mariangela Paola (1 yr)

FEASTS

Monday 29 September – Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael – Archangels

Tuesday 30 September – St Jerome

Wednesday 1 October – St Teresa of the Child Jesus

Thursday 2 October – The Guardian Angels

Saturday 4 October – St Francis of Assisi

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The current series of Thanksgiving envelopes end this weekend. We greatly thank those who have contributed. A new series of Thanksgiving envelopes have been issued for the following six months.

We ask parishioners who are not currently listed through Thanksgiving to please consider supporting the parish in this way. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

We invite those parishioners who distribute the Thanksgiving envelopes to please collect your allocated streets from the sacristy if you haven't already collected them during the week. We thank you sincerely for your kind and generous work.

The distributors are as follows: **Bruce Nandenbousch, Paula Sparano, John. Barbaro, Jim Ciantar, Luigi Cavedon, Judy Keaney, Rosa DiGuglielmo, Rosa DeZan, Tony Sinopoli, Nancy Ziino, Dora Cipollone, Renato Catena, Emanuel Agius, Carlo & Rita Di Bernardino, Pat Leggiero, Rosa & Primo Precoma, Antonietta Filippone, Glenyce & Ray Silvio, Vlasta Zele.**

BON VOYAGE FR EDDIE ZAMMIT

Fr Eddie will be leaving us and returning to Malta early next week, we wish him all the very best and a safe journey home. It has been a pleasure to have had his company and service at North Reservoir.

Bon Voyage Fr Eddie!

MISSION FAIR 2008

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 11 October 2008 9.00am – 3.30pm at 154 Cotham Rd, Kew.

Proceeds from this year's Fair will assist in the construction of a Monastery for the Poor Clare Sisters in the Diocese of Malindi, E. Kenya. Come to our Fair and support missionaries and the people for whom they are working, with your prayers and help. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE ALLA VERGINE DEL S. ROSARIO

**NELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA DI SAN GIUSEPPE
LAVORATORE**

DOMENICA 5 OTTOBRE 2008

PROGRAMMA

ORE 2.00PM

Preghiere e Inni Processione con la statua
Recita del S. Rosario con i Misteri presentati dai bambini.
Con il Coro 'Agostiniano' diretto da Noel Mangion

ORE 3.00PM

Santa Messa
concelebrata da Padre Emanuele Bonello e Padre Giuseppe Yu

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2008

PROGRAMME

2.00PM

Prayers and procession with the Statue of Our Lady with Mysteries of the Rosary presented by the children.

3.00PM

Holy Mass – Concelebrated by Fr Emmanuel Bonello and Fr Joseph Yu.
Benediction for the sick and families.
The children will be entrusted to the maternal protection of Mary.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 28 September. The subject of this year's Social Justice Sunday Statement, 'A Rich Young Nation', is the challenge of affluence and poverty in Australia.

Australia has experienced spectacular economic growth and prosperity in recent years, and increasingly our international economic status has become a symbol of our national identity. Yet in Australia there are many who are wealthy, but live in spiritual poverty, and there are those who have been bypassed by the economic growth and live in material poverty.

Across our country there are communities, organizations and initiatives committed to building respectful relationships with people who are in need and to working for change. Here are some suggestions about the ways in which we can help to address and prevent poverty.

- Become more informed about the issues relating to poverty in Australia. Visit the websites of:
Catholic Social Services Australia: www.catholicsocialservices.org.au
Australian Catholic Social Justice Council: www.acsjc.org.au
Caritas Australia: www.caritas.org.au
Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office: www.acmro.catholic.org.au
Catholic Earthcare Australia: www.cathlicearthcare.org.au
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council: www.natsicc.org.au
- Think of opportunities to contribute in your diocese and the broader community. Visit the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website and follow the links to see the works of organizations in your diocese: www.acbc.catholic.org.au/dio/index.asp

Please feel free to take a copy of the Statement at the entrances of the Church.