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FIRST READING 2 Samuel 12:7-10.13

The Lord God forgave your sin; you will not die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

SECOND READING Galatians 2:16.19-21

I live now, not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 7:36 – 8:3 (or 7:3-50)

Her many sins were forgiven her, because she has shown great love.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1st Collection - Thanksgiving Offering.....\$1070.00
- Loose Money..... \$ 236.00
2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests..... \$ 374.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 17/06/07

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo
9.00am (SUN) – L Calafiore & R Terzino
10.30am (SUN) – A Vinelli & (Selected)

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 24/06/07

6.00pm (SAT) – G Canavan & E Saliba
9.00am (SUN) – R Pino & L Catena
10.30am (SUN) - (Selected)

CHURCH CLEANERS

23/06/07 T Caruso, R Guerino, A Costanzo & A Baschiera

MONEY COUNTERS

18/06/07 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon
25/06/07 E Claridge, F Carabott, M Turnbull & G Canavan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Nina AGIUS, Salvatore MANCUSO, Maria ASTORINO, Salvatore LISTRO, Sebastiano & John GIACCA
Mario & Paola CANZONIERI, Domenico SCHIPANO, Maria-Carmela SCHIPANO,
Antonio & Caterina SCHIPANO, Domenico MARINO, Alberto INSANA, Teresa TANCREDI
Umberto SILEO

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Ridonami, Signore, la gioia del perdono.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia alleluia, Dio ci ha amati per primo, e ha mandato il suo Figlio come vittima di espiazione per i nostri peccati.
Alleluia alleluia.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Sat 6.00pm - English
Sun. 9.00am - Italian
Sun. 10.30am - English

Maltese Mass

1st Saturday of the Month

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
Marriages - By Appointment

Fr Max Vodola –Parish Priest
Fr Burns Huggan – Assistant Priest
Sr Doreen Bentley-Pastoral Associate
Mr Peter Chowne - School Principal

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon. Communion 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



11 Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

June 17, 2007



Jesus and sinners

When I was studying the Gospel of Luke at college, I remember my lecturer saying, “Jesus eats his way through the entire gospel!” Throughout the gospel, Jesus is never very far away from a meal table. It’s not so much a hunger for food but more a hunger to relate with people.

Jesus uses meals as the perfect opportunity to offer people the message they need. In some cases this is a message that brings comfort and healing. In other cases it is

a message that challenges people to change their attitudes. Jesus is often criticized for mixing with the wrong crowd – the sinners. The Pharisees (whose name means “separated ones”) are disgusted that Jesus spends time with sinners and especially that he eats with them. The Pharisees are diligent in keeping themselves isolated from sinners, lest they become contaminated and unclean. But Jesus will eat with anyone! He makes no demands that a person change their lifestyle in order to share a meal. Rather, Jesus uses the encounter as a way of encouraging the person to enter into a life-giving relationship with him. Through this relationship, Jesus shows sinners that they are persons of great worth and he loves them into life again by bringing them peace through forgiveness of their sins. The meal becomes an occasion of welcome, change and renewal. The culture of Jesus’ day placed great importance on signs of hospitality. There was a kiss of greeting which was the normal act of courtesy between host and guest. Guests would then have their heads anointed with oil, signifying that the guest was sacred. Upon entering the house the guest would leave their footwear at the entrance and their feet would be washed as an act of service. In today’s gospel we find Jesus as a guest in the house of Simon the Pharisee. Into the scene comes an uninvited guest – a woman who has a reputation in the town. In an extraordinary act of silent hospitality, it is the uninvited woman, not Simon the host, who offers Jesus the customary hospitality. She lavishes care and love on Jesus. Her tears wash his feet, which she dries with her hair. She covers his feet with kisses. She anoints them with ointment. Simon is shocked and wonders if Jesus can really be a prophet if he lets such a woman touch him. All Simon sees is her reputation. In Simon’s view she is beyond redemption. Once a sinner, always a sinner! Jesus confronts Simon with the fact that he is not really “seeing” the woman. Jesus sees another side to her. By graciously accepting her humble and loving service, he helps her believe in that side of herself and let it unfold and grow. There are many in our society who won’t accept the possibility that people can change. They are not willing to give people a second chance. They see people only within the confines of their wrongdoing. Yet a society that doesn’t believe in redemption is a society without hope. May we have the gift of seeing people as Jesus sees them – not as hopeless cases to be abandoned but as people who can be lifted up by love and mercy.

NEW PARISH PRIEST!!

The Archbishop has appointed Fr Emmanuel Bonello as the new Parish Priest of St Joseph the Worker. Fr Bonello has been the parish priest of St Thomas More, Hadfield, over the last 13 years. He was Assistant Priest here at North Reservoir for a short period in 1994, so in many ways we are welcoming him back! We remember Fr Bonello in our prayers and assure him of a very warm welcome when he arrives on 4 July.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FR MAX & FR BURNS

On Sunday 1 July, there will be a **combined 10.00am Mass in Italian & English** to farewell Fr Max & Fr Burns. Please note that this will be the only Mass on Sunday morning. Followed by light lunch in the Church Hall. Envelopes are available in the seats of the church in order for parishioners to contribute to a farewell gift to be presented to Fr Max & Fr Burns. **If you would like to write a farewell message to either Fr Max or Fr Burns you can do so by picking up a blank card which are located in the Narthex. Once you have written your message please place your card in the marked box also located in the Narthex.**

PER SALUTARE LA PARTENZA DI PADRE MASSIMO E PADRE BURNS

Domenica 1 Luglio, Le due **Messe delle 9.00am e 10.30am saranno uniti in un'unica Messa alle ore 10.00am**, per dare l'opportunità a tutti i parrocchiani di dare il loro saluto ai sacerdoti Padre Massimo e Padre Burns. Dopo la Santa Messa tutti sono invitati in sala per un rinfresco.

Sui banchi della chiesa ci sono disponibile delle bustine-offerte per dare l'opportunità di dimostrare la nostra riconoscenza presentando a Padre Massimo e Padre Burns il ricordo dei parrocchiani di San Giuseppe Lavoratore.

MEMORIAL MASS

Friday 22 June at 7.30pm. – Angela Arcieri (1 mth)
- Lina Crupi (dec. Italy)

FIRST EUCHARIST

We remember in our prayers the children of the parish preparing for their First Eucharist which will be celebrated today **Sunday 17 June at 10.30am and Sunday 24 June at 10.30am.**

FEASTS

Thursday 21 June – St Aloysius Gonzaga

RINGRAZIAMENTO

Numerosa e devota la partecipazione alla Festa in onore a Sant'Antonio. Una grande folla ha sfidato il freddo per partecipare alla processione con canti e preghiere, accompagnata dalla musica della Banda Bellini che dopo la funzione religiosa, in sala, ha offerto un lieto concerto a tutti i presenti. Un sincero grazie a Sua Eccellenza Monsignore Christopher Prowse DD, e ai sacerdoti celebranti, al comitato organizzatore, a tutti che hanno contribuito con offerte e donazioni e a tutti i devoti presenti sotto lo sguardo benigno dell'amato Santo.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH GROUP

We are Northern St Vinnies, a youth group under St Vincent De Paul's guidance. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the presbytery of St Joseph the Worker (Wilson Blvd North Reservoir). Our aim is to add a little to the lives of children in the area who need our help.

We run Kids Days Out (activity days for the children) which allow children to interact and enjoy activities they might otherwise miss out on.

We can also get involved in soup vans, or house visitations.

We will be having an information night at St Joseph the Worker on Tuesday 24 July at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room

For more information call Margarita on 0411 819 821 or 9320 6304.

YOUNG VINNIES TRIVIA NIGHT

Northern St Vinnies are organizing a trivia night – why not gather some friends and come and test your knowledge?

When: Friday 13th July, 7.30pm

Where: St Joseph the Worker Parish (Wilson Blvd North Reservoir)

Cost: \$5 per person (Food and drinks provided)

For more information or to RSVP call Margarita on 0411 819 821 or 9320 6304.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Ava Crosta** daughter of Vincenzo & Christine, **Jasmine Forde** daughter of Leonard & Susan, and **Jacob Zaccardi** son of Tony and Michelle who will be baptised today. We welcome them and their families with joy into our parish community.

MELBOURNE WORLD YOUTH DAY

The Melbourne World Youth Day office invites you to a Eucharistic Celebration of Melbourne's Multicultural Communities on Sunday 8 July 2007 at 6.45pm at St Francis' Church, Lonsdale Street Melbourne and afterwards for a light supper in St Francis' Pastoral Centre. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin. Enquiries and RSVP to World Youth Day Office Melbourne – 9926 5618 or info@did08.com.

HAS YOUR MARRIAGE ENDED?

Centacare's Tabor Journey program is designed for those who are grieving the end of their marriage or who are still feeling the hurt, anger or sadness, or feeling restless or perhaps just feeling lost, or that they have not quite found themselves again. The next program for 2007 begins on 22-24 June with a live-in-weekend at Templestowe. Places are limited so bookings are essential. Details 5221 7055.

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

The School of Prayer presents a new course: ***Buddhism and Christian Meditation: Understand the differences – see the contrasts. This course will bring these two ways of seeing into conversation, through teaching, practice, and reflection. Presented by Christina Fox, Saturdays 16, 23, 20 June. 10.00am – 2.30pm at Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Cost: \$80.00. Enquiries or to enrol: 9412 3325.***