

Third Sunday of Lent Year A

27 March 2011

Weekend Mass Times at Resurrection

Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 9.00 am
..... 10.30 am

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 6.00 pm Tuesday 9.20 am Thursday 7.30 pm Friday 8.30 am

Office Hours

Monday to Saturday: 8.30 am – 12.30 pm
1.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

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Other Regular Services

Communion Service
Wednesday 9.40 am

Reconciliation
Saturday 9.30 am
(or any time by appointment)

Vietnamese Prayer Group
Monday 9.30 am

Baptisms
Baptisms are celebrated first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation is required.

Marriage
Preparation program for couples is required.

Parish Meeting Night
Parish groups meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Church for prayer prior to separating into group meetings.

Other Parish Services

Parish Library
The library is open during office hours

Weekly Bulletin
Articles for the weekly bulletin may be emailed to bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au or handed into the parish office, preferably by the Wednesday prior to publication.

Monthly Bulletin
The monthly bulletin is published on the last Sunday of the month. Contributions are appreciated at least a week before publication. Please send your articles to bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au or place articles in the pigeon hole in the parish office.

New Parishioners
Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

Parish Finance
The parish is financially dependent on our Thanksgiving envelopes. Call the parish office for details or pick up a pledge card from the Welcome Desk.

Prayer for the people of Japan

God, present in our struggle,
We place before you the people of Japan
as they try to make sense of
the earthquake and tsunami.

Be comfort to those who grieve
and to those who seek to support them.

Be close to those who are injured
and to those who bring healing.

Be sight and
strength to those
who search for
survivors.

Be courage to those
who take care of the
dead.

Be wisdom to those
who are dealing
with failing power
stations.

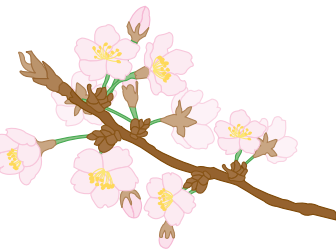
Be vision in those
who, even now, plan for rebuilding.

Be sure footing for those who must lead in
uncertain times.

Be generosity for all who can offer help.

We ask this through Jesus
who is our hope.

Amen.
Pat Pierce



Monthly or Weekly?

Resurrection Parish is tremendously well served by both our weekly and monthly Big Bulletins. The weekly bulletin generally has four pages. Page one is our parish info, page two parish news, page three (the most important page) has the Readings for the following Sunday Mass, and page four the rosters for the following week. By necessity articles for the weekly bulletin need to be concise; space is frequently a problem.

The monthly Big Bulletin on the other hand has space for longer articles. News from Parish Groups, general parish news, school news, individual or family milestones. Would it not be good to have someone to write a eulogy for a parishioner who has recently died. Families almost always appreciate the opportunity to talk about their deceased love one (what a great ministry; any volunteers?). It would be good also to have new parishioners write their story; human interest stories are always ...well... interesting.

Think Bulletin!

Send your articles to bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au and please specify if the article is for the weekly or monthly Big Bulletin.

Daylight Savings

Remember that daylight savings time ends at 2.00 am next Sunday 3 April. You put your clocks back one hour.

Palm Sunday

If you are able to supply large or small palm branches for this year's Passion (Palm) Sunday (17 April) would you kindly register your name and contact details at the Welcome Desk or Parish Office. You will then be contacted during the week leading up to Palm Sunday.

Thanksgiving Last Week

Thanksgiving	\$8842
No of envelopes	387
Presbytery	\$379

We pray in thanksgiving for the life of Mary Giglioti who died recently and for Giuseppe Cardillo, Carmela Subba, Benjamin Buendia, Francis Vella, Pedro & Edgardo Abrigo, whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please pray for Romona Caceres, Joe Camilleri (who is having an operation), and Walter Capili who are sick.

Sunday Parking

On Sunday mornings gate 1 is open for 9.00 am Mass parking. Gate 3 is opened at 9.45 am for those arriving early for 10.30 am mass. We are fortunate to have use of the Movelles school car park for both masses.

It would help enormously if parishioners coming for 10.30 am mass would use only gate 3 until all 9.00 am traffic has exited the car park via gate 1.

Rosters

Thank you to the over 600 parishioners who committed to at least one Parish Ministry. In this month's Big Bulletin there are the rosters for the next five weeks. Should your name not appear in the Ministry you chose and if you have not been rostered on at least once from 12-13 March when the new rosters commenced please contact the Parish Office.

Remember if for some reason you cannot fulfil your roster please advise the Parish Office.

Living the Gospel

Dear Fr Noel

I would just like to share with you a conversation I had a few weeks ago with my son's girlfriend.

Very early in the morning the trains at St Albans station were cancelled. (What's news?)

People were trying to make other arrangements to get to work. A parishioner from our parish opened her hand to another lady who was on her own, to join her and her friends in sharing a taxi, which she accepted, when they got a taxi there was one person too many, so once again our parishioner who need to be at work on time like everyone else got out of the taxi & gave her seat to a young girl.

Is that living the Gospel?

God Bless

Teresa Busuttill

Green/Black Shopping Bags

Have you taken a shopping bag yet? The idea is that when you grocery shop during Lent buy an additional item (or one less item for yourself) and place it in one of our shopping bags with a label attached. You keep the bag at home until Holy Thursday.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday, 21 April) bring your bag with the non-perishable groceries to be blessed and passed on to our St Vincent de Paul Group, who will in turn distribute the groceries to those who are needy in our community.

Black bags are available in the narthex after weekend Masses.

Parish Meeting Night

Resurrection parish groups meet on the first
Wednesday of the month.

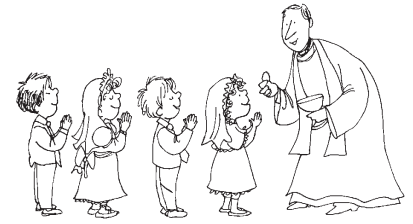
We begin with prayer in the church at 7.15 pm sharp before moving to
our separate meeting areas.

We conclude with supper in the parish centre.

Parishioners who do not belong to a group are most welcome to join
us.

First Communion

This **Tuesday 29 March** Paul Spence is conducting two workshops for families with children receiving their First Communion later this year. The workshops will be in the hall the first at 4.00 pm the second at 7.00 pm. It is expected that both Resurrection and Government school families will participate in either one of these workshops. This is an important step along the journey for those wishing to celebrate First Communion this year.



Easter Timetable

Passion (Palm) Sunday 17 April

Masses:

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am & 10.30 am



Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd Rite)

Tuesday - 19 April - 7.15 pm

Sacrament celebrated by Fr Noel and 17 Priests



Holy Thursday

21 April 7.30 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 10.30 am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 pm



Easter Vigil

Saturday - 23 April 7.00 pm

Blessing of Easter fire, Pascal Candle - Baptism & Confirmation



Easter Sunday

Easter Masses	9.00 am
.....	10.30 am



Resurrection Parish Ministries 2011

Tabulated below is the number of sign-ups for the ministries for 2011.

Mass Ministries (Please Tick)	6pm	9am	10.30 am
Baptism Welcome (10.30 Mass only)			7
Children's Liturgy	9	3	14
Choirs	31	20	46
Coffee Clean-up	8	7	13
Coffee Hospitality	2		3
Coffee Maker	8	4	26
Collector	34	12	47
Hospitality	25	20	48
Music		5	7
Proclaimer of the Word	28	17	26
Sacristan	4	4	9
Special Minister of Communion	33	20	45

Other Parish Ministries			Please Tick	
Brochure Delivery	Easter	85	Christmas	78
Church Care		3		
Church Cleaning	Friday	18	Saturday	20
Church Flowers		4		
Counting	Sunday	41	Monday	12
Food Preparation				8
Gardening				6
Grief Hospitality				5
Maintenance				8
Office Help				6
Parish Office Cleaning				3
Supper Club				10
Watering				2
Working Bees				59

Seniors Activities for the Year 2011

The following are dates set aside for Seniors activities – both in-house and outings from April to December 2011.

APRIL

Tuesday, 12th In-house – Mass at 9.20 am followed by a Movie. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. A donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

MAY

Tuesday, 10th In-house – “Mothers’ Day Special” - more details in weekly bulletins during April.

Tuesday, 24th Outing – Visit to Emerald.

JUNE

Tuesday, 7th In-house – Seniors Play Group

Tuesday, 21st Outing – Golf House Hotel, Ballarat.

JULY

Tuesday, 12th In-house – to be decided.

Tuesday, 26th Outing – “Winter in July” – venue to be decided.
“The Dava Hotel”

AUGUST

Wednesday, 10th Outing – Visit to Ta’Pinu Shrine
Mass at Shrine and Lunch at Bacchus Marsh.

Tuesday, 23rd In-house – to be decided,

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, 6th In-house “Fathers’ Day”

Tuesday, 20th Outing – “Over the Hills” at Dandenong.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, 11th In-house – to be decided,

Tuesday, 31st Outing – “Melbourne Cup Eve”
Bar-B-Q at Jack Roper Reserve, Broadmeadows.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 8th In-house – to be decided

Tuesday, 22nd Outing – Burrumbeet Hotel, Ballarat.

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 13th In-house – Seniors Christmas Lunch.

NOTE:

PLEASE READ THE WEEKLY BULLETINS REGULARLY AS SOME OF THESE EVENTS MIGHT CHANGE. ALSO, IF AN OUTING IS PROPOSED AND YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE RING JANE CARUANA EARLY AND BOOK YOUR SEAT TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

FOR BOOKINGS FOR ALL SENIORS OUTINGS PLEASE CONTACT JANE CARUANA ON 0421 593 189.

LENTEN FOGTALK: Your Call?

Originally, in the 3rd Century, Lent [from Anglo-Saxon *Lencten* or lengthening days as Europe moved slowly towards Spring] was a time of preparation for Baptism. By extension, the community of believers was invited to play their part and also receive back into the community the 'lost sheep'.

Today the major purpose of that liturgical fixture still finds its counterpart in the RCIA, which is a time of preparation for those outside the Church to prepare to join it through Baptism at Easter.

The 40 days of Lent shadow the 40 days of Jesus fasting as a formal preparation for his mission of salvation of humankind. Satan tempted him in 3 typical ways- through power over nature, other people and even through using God. Jesus countered that these were the ways of the idolatrous and that happiness was to be found through genuine sharing, service to others and keeping faith with a loving God and seeking to respond to His wishes for us.

Those 40 days invite us to spiritual discipline and renewal and are generally marked by prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving. In a world characterised by the necessity of earning a living and by every distraction and temptation, these days are a great opportunity for those who seek it to assess and indeed renew their spiritual lives and deepen their faith.

Lent is a great time to size up our ego, develop proper humility and come to see ourselves as creatures needy of the grace of God for deep peace and happiness. Steeping ourselves deep into the wisdom of the Word of God and the Church's traditions and liturgies should help soften our hearts and move us to right action.

God calls us into relationship with Himself, our fellow creatures and indeed the whole of Creation. We are there not to dominate, but to steward and serve, according to His Wisdom. We must listen to His voice and be inspired by the supreme example of His Son.

We could thus start a process of true communion, healing and affirmative action, such that we would extend His Kingdom in the here and now- and could consequently claim that we have lengthened His days or at least contributed to the ascendancy of Light over Darkness- the mark of true discipleship, while waiting for the full glory of Easter.

Lent: a time to turn to God.

To repent. To prepare. To renew.

A call to discernment and action.

Begins in ashes. Ends in glory.



FOGTALK: LENTEN MEETINGS 1 & 2

The format of our sessions lends itself to many topics being touched upon, but hardly exhausted. Over six weeks, though, participants should emerge with more insight and a better-grounded faith.

The first session turned on the issues of temptation and overcoming it. It helps if one has imbibed the Word of God and lives thereby. 'It is written,' says Jesus twice. Also crucial is the power of the faith community and positive relationships. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the great symbol of a tight and life-giving community [Trinity]. Satan stood no chance of breaching it. There is no question, however, that we are infinitely more vulnerable.

Jesus is certainly not tempted by the attractions of power which Satan offers- and he also makes sure that he reaches down to the bedrock of his own self, totally human and totally divine, but with a mission of salvation-for-all to accomplish at the behest of His Father. 'Do you know who you are?' taunted the devil.

Self-knowledge is, for all of us, necessary, but not sufficient for a happy and graced life. Jesus knows that his Father requires a superlative sacrifice from him- and he rejects Satan's all-too-easy temptations towards meaningless power. He knows that, if we turn our backs on the service and love of others, we all can turn to idolatries of every hue- to the worship of Golden Calves. He braces himself to face His Passion.

To avoid idolatries, however attractive, yes, the importance of the Word is paramount, along with being part of a dynamic faith community and regular nourishment at the table of the Lord [the Eucharist]. Courage is also needed.

The Second Sunday readings centre on the Transfiguration of Jesus and the nature of God. Questions that arise include the following: do we wish to respond to God as He wishes or as we wish? Do we wish to tame Him and, following Peter, wish to encase Him in tents or dwellings? Peter, who had some inkling of the transcendental nature of Jesus ['the son of the living God,' he had called Jesus] gets the key confirmation message, so crucial to all of us: 'This is my Son, the Beloved... Listen to Him.'

One can understand that the 3 disciples are overcome with fear, but Jesus *touched* them and said 'Get up and do not be afraid.' A certain fearlessness gets to be the attribute of the true disciple- but we know that Jesus is to be denied and disowned later, not the least by Peter himself. On the other hand, when Abraham was called to go to Canaan to be the Father of a nation as numerous as the stars- or even to sacrifice his only son- there is no hesitation.

Moses, in the wilderness and on Mount Sinai, came to sense who God was and was able to articulate this to his people. No wonder he promptly destroyed the Golden Calf, symbol of all the idolatries that stand between us and God, when he came down from the mountain.

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In his Pastoral Letter on Lent 2011, Pope Benedict XVI set the understanding and the living out of our baptism as the proper goal of our Lenten efforts. He articulates the connections between life, death and resurrection implicit in baptism. One dies to Original Sin and becomes capable of a life of grace: quoting St Paul, he wrote 'You were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him.' He underlined that Baptism is not a superseded ritual but the very encounter with Christ

which 'informs the entire existence of the baptised...; initiated and supported by Grace, it permits the baptised to reach the adult stature of Christ.' The second Sunday reading, the Pope concluded, 'announces the divinisation of man' - surely an epoch-making moment in our long history. Are we ready for such a challenge? Are we ready, that is, 'to listen to Him'? Are we ready to be not tin-gods, but genuine little Jesuses?

Max Michel.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Social Group is holding a movie night. We thought we would have a story related to Easter, as it is during Lent.

"THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD"

WHEN: 9th APRIL, 2011

TIME: 7.30 pm (after 6.00pm Mass)

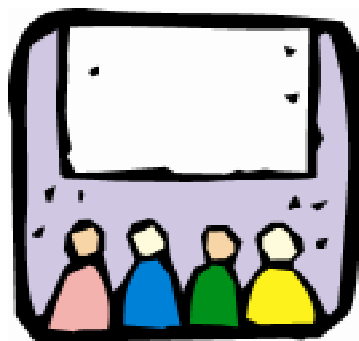
WHERE: RESURRECTION HALL

The Maltese community will be having a sausage sizzle after mass on this day to raise funds for their Maltese Day, so you can buy your dinner before the movie, and during intermission (the movie is quite long) they will also be selling some yummy goodies!

Come and join us for a fun night out, forget about cooking dinner and let us do that for you. Bring your family and friends. Tea and coffee supplied.

No bookings are necessary, just come and join us!

For further information please contact Nadia Young on 9449 0976.



New Words for Worship Part 1

Many Catholics will be aware that a process to produce a new English language **Missal** has been underway for many years. Although the term '**Missal**' usually refers to the liturgical book with the prayers and the scripture readings for Mass, here it is used to mean the book of prayers and instructions for the celebration of *Eucharist*, or what is more usually called a '**Sacramentary**'. It does not contain any readings.

There are two main reasons why a new English translation of the Missal was needed.

Firstly, the English text we presently use is a 1973 translation of the first Latin edition produced after the second Vatican Council. When a revised version of the *Roman Missal* in Latin was published in 2002, the work of preparing vernacular translations of this official text began. This new edition contains a number of new elements including prayers for the feasts of recently canonised saints, more prefaces for the *Eucharistic Prayers*, additional *Masses & Prayers for Various Needs & Intentions*, and some revisions of the rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass.

Secondly, the Missal and all the other liturgical books were very quickly translated from Latin into English after the Second Vatican Council. It was soon recognised that there would have to be a revision at some stage. The original translators believed that simple grammar and vocabulary were necessary to make the oral texts easily understood. After 40 years of using vernacular texts, it is clear that people can understand more complex language than that used in everyday conversation.

Producing liturgical texts in English is the responsibility of ICEL, the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. Since 2002 the Vox Clara Committee, a body of English-speaking bishops, has advised the Vatican on translations and assisted in reviewing the versions approved by national bishops' conferences.

The revision process began in 1983 and after very many years of painstaking translation work by ICEL members, a new Missal was presented to the Holy See in 1998. Rome did not approve that revision and a new one was commissioned. This new version was to be based on different principles and rules of vernacular translation of the Roman liturgy as outlined in the instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam*, published by the Congregation for Divine Worship in 2001. The emphasis in *Liturgiam Authenticam* is on an accurate, even literal, translation of the Latin. It advocates a 'vernacular of a sacred style' that differs from the usual manner of speech. This means that the language of the new Missal will be markedly different from what we use now.

New Words for Worship Part 2

The first edition of the Roman Missal in English was published in 1969 and a second edition was issued in 1975. It was more complete than the first edition because it took account of documents and directives issued since the publication of the first edition but in regard to the translation, it did not differ greatly from the original version. It is important to note that the coming third edition of the Roman Missal represents a change in the language but not in the ritual. The structure of Mass and the elements that comprise it remain the same.

The change that will be most evident is in the language. The vocabulary, syntax and sentence structure will be markedly different from the current text. The aim is a “sacred style proper to liturgical language”. The new rules for translation require that every word in the Latin original must be represented in the English translation and that the Latin sentence structure has to be maintained as far as possible.

The people’s response to the priest’s greeting is a good example. The celebrant’s greeting in Latin is *‘Dominus vobiscum’*, translated in both the present Order of Mass and the revised translation as **‘The Lord be with you’**. The response of the people for the last 40 years has been **‘And also with you’**. In the new Missal this will change to **‘And with your spirit’**. The retranslation was necessary because it is a more correct rendering of the Latin *‘et cum spiritu tuo’*.

In addition, this phrase is specifically referred to in the new rules for translation: “Certain expressions that belong to the heritage of the whole or of a great part of the ancient Church, as well as others that have become part of the general human patrimony, are to be respected by a translation that is as literal as possible, as for example the words of the people’s response *Et cum spiritu tuo ...*”.

English is the only major language which did not translate the word *‘spiritu’* in the 1970 Missal. Other versions did, for example *‘E con il tuo spirit’* (Italian), *‘Et avec votre esprit’* (French), *‘Y con tu espíritu’* (Spanish) and *‘Und mit deinem Geiste’* (German).

The response **‘And with your spirit’** was used in the liturgy from the earliest days of the Church. One of the first instances of its use is found in the *‘Apostolic Tradition’* of Saint Hippolytus, composed in Greek around 215.

The expression **‘And with your Spirit’** is addressed only to an ordained minister because the dialogue *‘Dominus vobiscum’* *‘et cum spiritu tuo’* is never used in the Roman Liturgy between a non-ordained person and the assembly.

The usual explanation of the meaning of *‘spiritu’* is that it refers to the gift of the spirit which the priest received at ordination. The people’s response is an acknowledgement of the Spirit of Christ present in the priest in a unique way in virtue of his ordination.

BAPTISMS

February - March 2011

Isaiah Tuimauga

Son of Feata & Farryn

Miranda Laysico Magnaye

Daughter of Jomar & Mary Anne

Ava Christine Radolovic

Daughter of Chris & Audrey

Ethan Phan

Son of Minh & Ly

Chelsea May Scicluna

Daughter of Andrew & Rebecca

Zane Joseph Graham

Son of Andrew & Paula

Alexia Kivits

Daughter of Mark & Karafalia

Fedric Andrae Diaz-Lazarra

Son of Richard & Maricel

Joshua & Thomas Gruffrida

Children of Joe & Juliana

Callum John Stephens

Son of Graham & Josephine

Madison Claire Muna

Daughter of Marwin & Catherine

Anthony Santino Van Engelen

Son of Ryan & Maree

Jacob Rhys Magtalas

Son of Jonathan & Christy

*We pray for these children and
welcome them into our Resurrection family*

Prep Mass and BBQ

On Sunday 27th February the 70 Prep families were warmly welcomed into our community. At 10.30am Mass Fr. Noel invited all the Prep children around the sanctuary to find out how school has started for them.

After Mass the Prep children went into to the school (due to the rain) where the youth group spent much time playing a variety of fun games with the children.

The food preparations began early on Sunday with Fr. Noel busily purchasing and delivering many of the food items required (before 9.00am Mass). The Parishioners started early on the day also with the sausages and hamburgers on the BBQs well before Mass started. A team of workers in the kitchen prepared the salads, fruit platters, drinks plates, cutlery etc. The Plus 22s group did much of the cooking and the food preparation. The early preparations paid off as 200 people had a wonderful lunch. The hall was full of people enjoying each others company around a delicious meal.

There was no rest for the youth group who again asked all the children to play games (this time outside as the rain had stopped). The children and their families enjoyed the variety of games and the enthusiasm of the youth group was evident to all present. Their efforts on the day were a credit to each one of them. Thank you!

The day was a great success. Thanks to all the Parish groups who assisted!!



RCIA

Sunday the 20th March 2011.

Today saw our group going to St Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne for the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Presentation of Baptised Candidates for communion. We got there early and got ourselves the fifth row bench where we could all be together. It gave us time to explore and take some photos of this wonderful Cathedral. Our Catechumen Candice arrived with her family and we saw her signing the scroll. The scroll was placed in a special basket which will later be presented to the Archbishop. The organ started playing as we all stood for the entrance song. We listened to the word of God and Archbishop Denis Hart explained the Gospel. He invited all the catechumens to move forward together with their godparents. Our parish name was called out and we watched proudly as Candice and her Godparent Carmen went up to the altar. Archbishop Hart asked the Godparents and the assembly whether these Catechumens are prepared to be enrolled among the elect for the coming celebration of Easter. He then asked the Catechumens if it was their wish to enter fully into the life of the church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. A huge applause followed as Archbishop Hart raised the Book of the Elect where their names will be listed.

We all stood for the prayer over the elect and candidates and were followed by a final Blessing and dismissal. The Catechumens and candidates followed Archbishop Denis Hart and meet him outside the Cathedral where we had a quick chat and photo. The afternoon was perfect, the sun was shining and we got to be together and talk and shared afternoon tea in the garden.

The members of the RCIA group are so proud to be part of Candice's journey. We look forward to our Easter celebrations and we ask you the parishioners of Resurrection to please keep Candice in your prayers so we can help her on this wonderful journey.

RITE OF ELECTION

By Candice Hebing

It was Sunday the 20th of March, my Rite of Election at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

I was stressed we would be late, as I usually am. I planned our day so we would arrive on time at St Patrick's Cathedral by 1:30 and we made it there on time as it started at 2:30.

As we arrived and walked through the gates, I took a brief moment to take it all in, I then felt the nerves coming on.

We met Noel Oliver out the front as Carmen Borg was minding our reserved seats in the church, we entered and I had to quickly sign the scroll before anything else. We then proceeded to our pew.

Once I sat down I had a good look around, it was amazing to say the very least, it was grand, beautiful and I felt I was where I should be. It made me keep thinking of what some people say to me while I was sitting in my pew waiting for it all to begin,

"This is a big decision" they say. I agree with them; It is but it is a big journey and one that I believe will last me a life.

Apart from my RCIA leaders, for support I had my sponsor Carmen Cutajar, my parents, my partner and my auntie who suprised me by attending at the last minute.



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About 10 minutes before it all began my nerves really set in. The choir was rehearsing and I couldn't sit still until I looked up at the roof of the cathedral, wow I said to myself, it felt amazing inside as there were angels above us carved in wood and seeing those angels made me calm, relaxed and ready to begin.

As it all began, we stood for the Archbishop as he made his way down towards the altar. The Cantor was singing, her voice was angelic and had given me goose bumps.

As the ceremony went on and had come time for the presentation of the Catechumens, I giggled with excitement and nerves as we stood with our sponsors.

We were soon invited up to the altar after our parish's name was announced, I was filled with so many emotions, I tried my best to contain them.

I was feeling a sense of pride standing up there and also honored to be there with my sponsor, be supported by some one I look up to and respect as a great person.

When the Archbishop said; " My brothers and sisters: I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be admitted into the sacred mysteries at the coming of Easter feast."

"Let your names be inscribed in to the book of the elect"

I then felt a great sence of relief, I felt different, accepted, fulfilled and relaxed , the nerves had disappeared.

We returned to our seats and I sat in awe till the end of the ceremony.

When it had finished, we proceeded to follow the Archbishop out of the church. I queued in the line to receive a blessing and have a photo opportunity with him.

Watching the people ahead of me receive their blessings I noticed some people were kissing his hand, this confused me and I didn't know what to do, soon enough it became my turn and I went with the hand shake. I had a few photos taken with the Archbishop also.

It was a beautiful day and I just want to say thank you to all who have supported me through it so far.

I also want to thank my leaders; Pauline, Carmen, Noel and David, who teach and guide me through my wonderful journey in to becoming a Catholic.



The Journey to Emmaus

That very same day a group of them were on their way to a common future, which lay just ahead, beyond what they could see.

As they walked into the future they talked about all the happenings among them. As they talked with one another God joined them and moved with them.

But something kept them from seeing and understanding what was REALLY happening.

So, God entered their hearts and asked, "What is it that troubles you? What are you wondering about? What questions unsettle you?"

The group stopped, full of fear and anxiety, and began to reflect, saying:

We thought it would be simpler.

We thought our choices would be clearer.

We thought our values and priorities would be more evident.

We thought there would be more uniformity.

We thought God would lead us more directly.

We thought that conflicts, doubts, and confusion would lessen.

We had hoped our future would be uncomplicated.

We had hoped things would not be so messy.

We had hoped our experiences would confirm what we knew, not change it again.

We had hoped our familiar theories would still fit.

We had hoped...

Now some are saying that the future continues to challenge us in different ways:

IS THIS OF GOD?

And God said, "How slow you are as a group!

How hard it is for you to trust!

Have I not promised from the beginning to be with you, to sustain you.

And God spent time going over history and showed the people God's own way of being with them.

Second Rite

Have you begun to think about God's merciful forgiveness that expresses itself in the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation? You have the opportunity during this Lent to amend your life and celebrate God's forgiveness on Tuesday 19 April at 7.15 pm. There will be 17 Priests offering the Lord's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ROSTERS for 2nd/3rd April 2011
4th Sunday of Lent

	6.00 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am
MASS OVERSEERS	Gwen Hammett	Mary Carabott	Yvonne Utoasega
HOSPITALITY	Joan Rodrigues Ishanka Fernando Malith Fenando Thilan Fenando Saila Kaminski Alina Kaminski	Judy Leckie Kathryn Leckie Lolita David Maryanne Psaila Mario Vella	Agnes Atonio Evelina, Steven & David Tuimauga Mary-Anne Lapid Peter Tauannu Patrick Atonio
Children's Liturgy	Ishanka Fernando, Nena Cabritit, Jessica D'Rosario Dwayne Hughes Natalie Ferlante Maria Mai Sariah Marmara Megan Polidano Cheyanne David	Rosario De Jesus Mariela Donaldson Margaret Bannerman	Gerald & Vivian Alamo Adao Lay Rlchelle Bunag Alice Amato Steven Tuimauga David Tuimauga
PROCLAIMERS 1st Response 2nd Intercessions	Gillian Rodrigues Indrajith Fernando Max Michel Anna Mai	Cherleen De Jesus Alysha Williamson Marian D'Rosario David Hein	Jane Inot Vivian Alamo Tony Tuimauga Korlu Subah
Emergencies	Maria Milevo	Julieta Basco	Gregg Soabas
COLLECTORS	Louis Camenzuli Imelda Abrenica Roberto Abrenica Jimmy Attard Colin D'Rosario Jordan D'Rosario Tyrone Tallent Ishanka Fernando Malith Fernando Thilan Fernando Napolean Serrano Juan Vincente Tony Zahra	Frank Gatt Ian McDonald Tony Renda Teresita Komorrow Lolita David Michael Donnolly	Johann Rausch Roberto Bracco Jim Calleja Tessie Ortigas Marian Bernardo Teddy Bernardo Oliver Zipagan Bobby Baltara Sydney Collard Teresita Danga Alberto Dimo Miranda Gale Kurt Glassup Juthika Glassup Angelina Atukdok
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Noel Virginia Snudden Elizabeth Osegueda Gillian Rodrigues Martess Borg Robert Abrenica Spira Attard Cathy Downing Dominic Boland Marlene Axiak	Fr Noel Kathy Wale Gordon Donaldson Dudi Nicart Minh-Tam Pham Thuy Thu Vo Rotillo Llovido Colleen Wolfe Cherleen De Jesus Marc Dicconson	Fr Noel Susanna Tienzo Enza Fatone Gharlie Gatt Francisco Inot Lilian Libang Resy Lim Atalina Sapau Aurora Asuncion Richard Marshall Yasna Matijas Josephine Medilo Jonathan Medilo Patricia Meyn David Tuimauga Patricia Meyn
Emergencies:	Yvonne Du'Pratt	Pauline Debrincat	Cecilia Navarro Michelle Netto
SACRISTY DUTY	Doris Oliver	Rosario De Jesus	Evelyn Tuimauga Dennis Roman Aurora Asuncion
COFFEE MAKERS	Charlie Galea Charlie Caruana	Tony Renda	Marcelino Libang, Maria Suter, Adao Lay Maria Mendoza, Azzerdeen Wates
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Michelle Polidano Martine Grech	Rosa Rumbiolo Lena Renda	Rachel Mendoza, Zenaida Magtoto, Azzeerdeen Wates Adao Lay
COUNTERS Sunday 3 April John Scalzo Adelina Borja Sunny Velcoso Manny Gerada Steven Lay Carmel Maisano Kristopher Obar	CHURCH CLEANERS: Friday 1st April: Akilisi & Gracie Kolo and Family	Saturday: 2nd April Parish Office Cleaning: Flowers: Altar Linen:	 Bobby Batara No flowers during Lent Spira Attard

ROSTERS for 9th/10th April 2011
5th Sunday of Lent

	6.00 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	
MASS OVERSEERS	Jane Caruana	Mani Gojevic	Marissa Medilo	
HOSPITALITY	Pat Marek Dominic Boland Charlie Grech Thanh Nguyen Lucas Borja Aaron Polidano	Ramona Caceras Rotillo Llovido Bernadette Azzopardi Ing Ing Po Beth Donaldson	Daniela Carapellotti Zita & Leanne Alderson Christina Suter Maria Mendoza James Muscat Jacqui Yuan Teresita Danga	
PROCLAIMERS	1st Response 2nd Intercessions	Gilbert Pinto Marc Dicconson Jessica Debrincat Julieta Basco	Gregg Soabas Kevin Singh Aurora Asuncion Fely Baltazar	
Emergencies	Carmen D'Rosario	Nadia Young	Vivian Alamo	
COLLECTORS	George Borg Jarrod Borja Willy Hudson John Vassallo Joseph Xerri Kevin Tedesco Jordan Tedesco Brandon Tedesco Pat Marek Dwayne Hughes Donovan Hughes Joseph Thompson	Martin Camilleri Paul Riny Imelda Dizon Raul Dizon Mario Vella Gigi Que Emanuel Galea	Mario Debono Peter Tauannu Jonathan Medilo Angel De Jesus Joshua Utoasega Wesley Yuan Mark Salvador Thomas Lapid	Trevinne Lawrence Joseph Lui Jomar Magnaye Patricio Magtoto Richard Marshall James Muscat Cleo Oliveria Jonathan Utoasega
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Noel Yvonne Du'Pratt Charlie Caruana Adelina Borja Blossom Tallent Geraldine Holt Colin D'Rosario Marlene Camenzuli Carol Tedesco Marie Gwynne	Fr Noel George Cini Marian D'Rosario Andrew Cassar Mary Carabott Rose Gaquit Rosario De Jesus Pauline Debrincat Ing Ing Po Gigi Que	Fr Noel Ann Newland Michelle Newland Cecilia Navarro Michelle Netto Eduardo Medilo Maria Lapid Susanna Tienzo	Yvonne Utoasega Nhuan Nguyen Cleo Oliveria Tessie Ortigas Kate Pedralvez Lynette Pirotta Angelita Ramat Ignatius Simoes
Emergencies:	Carmen D'Rosario	David Hein	Judeline Soares	Margaret Vilardo
SACRISTY DUTY	Spira Attard	Dudi Nicart	Lilian Libang Resy Llm	
COFFEE MAKERS	John Borja	Anthony Scerri Gordon Donaldson	Vicki Amato Yvonne Utoasega Agnes & Patrick Atonio	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Roberto & Imelda Abrenica	Anne Tanti Beth Donaldson	Zenaida Magtoto, Rachel Mendoza Evelina & David Tuimauga, Patrick Atonio	
COUNTERS: Sunday 10 April Jane Inot Marta De Jesus Willy De Jesus Lilian Libang Fely Baltazar Daisy Bunag Remy Libang	CHURCH CLEANERS: Friday 8 April Carmen Agius Lily Cauchi Maxine Sant Mary Zahra Josephine Xerri Catherine Muscat Angela Peacock Elvira Valkovic	Saturday 9 April: Parish Office Cleaning: Norma Rojas Flowers: No flowers during Lent Altar Linen: Lina Scicluna	Baptism Meeting 9 April Margaret Vilardo Katie Camilleri Cecilian Navarro	

ROSTERS for 16th/17th April 2011
Passion Sunday

	6.00 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Dudi Nicart	Veronica Santiago	
HOSPITALITY	Michelle Mercieca Sarah Mercieca Jamie Mercieca Tiana Marmara Donavan Hughes Michael Dutkowsky	Kathy Wale Mary Gatt Marina Roque Ramesh Krishnasamy Robert Dutt	Marissa Medilo Luisa Fletcher Zenaida, Charlene & Janey-Lee Magtoto Rianne Brizuela Josephine Medilo	
Children's Liturgy	No roster	No roster	Margaret Vilardo Geeta Seneviratne Josephine Medilo Himasha Fonseka	Juliana Tuiatua Julie Anne Sciberras Simon Matagi
PROCLAIMERS				
..... Procession	Carmen D'Rosario	Mary Carabott	Maria Lapid	
..... 1st Response	Connie Attard Megan Polidano	Kathy Wale Jessica Debrincat Pauline Debrincat Tina Nguyen	Ann Newland Michelle Newland Gerard Alamo Ramona Cazar	
..... 2nd Intercessions	Maria Mai Lewie Adie			
..... Gospel Narrator	Fr Noel John Borja Jackie David	Fr Noel Marc Dicconson Colleen Wolfe	Fr Noel Jane Inot Remy Libang	
..... Other Reader				
Emergencies	Yvonne Du'Pratt	Marian D'Rosario	Atalina Sapau	
COLLECTORS	Rocky Xuereb Charlie Grech Desmond Holt Croydon D'Costa Keston D'Costa Len Attard Julio Clara Michael Dutkowsky Mario Millevo Anthony Gerada Roseanne Darmanin Oliver D'Souza	Frank Gatt Ian McDonald Tony Renda Teresita Komorrow Lolita David Michael Donnolly	Andrew Morrison Ronnie Trance Jeffrey Suares Nicolas Nicart Nilo Lim Tony Tuimauga Steven Tuimauga Tilo Matagi	Mia Nguyen Kirsten Salalila Lorna Salalila Carlo Salalila Kevin Singh Sunil Singh Anh Tuan Trinh Juan Vincente
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Noel Martine Grech Robert Abrenica Spira Attard Cathy Downing Dominic Boland Marlene Axiak Virginia Snudden Charlie Caruana Adelina Borja	Fr Noel Liz Michaelson Joe Lomax Colleen Wolfe Rotillo Llovido Thuy Thu Vo Minh-Tam Vo Gordon Donaldson Kathy Wale Marc Dicconson	Fr Noel Judeline Suares Mador Thou Margaret Vilardo Sala Williams Jacqui Yuan Dolly Zipagan Peter Tauannu	Gerard Alamo Aurora Asuncion Fely Baltazar Marian Bernardo Teddy Bernardo Teresa Billon Daisy Bunag Ramona Cazar
Emergencies:	Geraldine Holt	Pauline Debrincat	Charles Gatt	Francisco Inot
SACRISTY DUTY	Mary Camenzuli	Pauline Debrincat	Cecilia Navarro & Tessie Ortigas	
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli Spira Attard	Liz Portelli	Jacqui & Wesley Yuan Daisy Bunag Richelle Bunag, Josephine Medilo	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Teresa Busuttill Noelyn Fitzgerald	Joe Lomax Val Stockbridge	Charles & Rita Gatt Azerdeen Wates	
COUNTERS: Sunday 17 April Marion Lyons Jane Dicconson Jeaneth Faile Yasna Matigas Paula Mobbs Margaret Busa Gina Dacmay	CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 16 April Evelina Tuimauga Agnes Atonio Jerry D'Silva Patsy D'Silva John Semwogere Sione Faalili	Saturday 16 April Parish Office Cleaning: Sylvia Kakinda Flowers: No flowers during Lent Altar Linen: Helen Gatt		

ROSTERS for 23rd /24th April 2011
Easter Sunday

	6 .00 pm		9.00 am	10.30 am	
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak		Mary Carabott	Aurora Asuncion	
HOSPITALITY	Joe Caruana Sumith Thejage Shireni Thejage Madelyn Ruel Amy Ruel Jessica Ruel Thanh Nguyen Tenique Borg Brandon Tedesco		Julieta Basco Gerard Anderson Anakin Anderson Carmen Cini George Cini	Richard Marshall Brenda Shafton Teresa Billon Gabrielle & Orita Tuileapa Sapau Family	
PROCLAIMERS 1st Response 2nd Intercessions	To be advised		Dudi Nicart Pat Meehan Cherleen De Jesus Linda Nguyen	Atalina Sapau Korlu Subah Dennis Roman Kevin Singh	
Emergencies			Colleen Wolfe	Deng Yong	
COLLECTORS	Louis Camenzuli Imelda Abrenica Roberto Abrenica Jimmy Attard Colin D’Rosario Jordan D’Rosario Tyrone Tallent Ishanka Fernando Malith Fernando Thilan Fernando Napolean Serrano Juan Vincente Tony Zahra		Martin Camilleri Paul Riny Imelda Dizon Raul Dizon Mario Vella Gigi Que Emanuel Galea	Johann Rausch Roberto Bracco Jim Calleja Tessie Ortigas Marian Bernardo Teddy Bernardo Oliver Zipagan Bobby Baltara	Sydney Collard Teresita Danga Alberto Dimo Miranda Gale Kurt Glassup Juthika Glassup Angelina Atukdok
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Noel Noel Oliver Doris Oliver David Hein Carmen Borg John Glavanic Joyce Zahra Mary Camenzuli	Fr Gary Joe Caruana Alina Kaminski Margarita Iturra Sabrina D’Costa Rocky Hughes Jacky David Phu Thang Le	Fr Noel Dudi Nicart Andrew Cassar Cherleen De Jesus Rosario De Jesus Rose Gaquit George Cini Gigi Que Ing Ing Po Marian D’Rosario	Fr Noel Vivian Alamo Charles Gatt Francisco Inot Jane Inot Maria Lapid Lilian Libang Resy Lim Richard Marshall	Yasna Matijas Josephine Medilo Eduardo Medilo Jonathan Medilo Marissa Medilo Patricia Meyn Enza Fatone
Emergencies:	Carmen Falzon		Gordon Donaldson	Michelle Netto	Cecilia Navarro
SACRISTY DUTY	Joyce Zahra		Kathy Wale	Veronica Santiago Lynette Pirotta	
COFFEE MAKERS	No roster		No roster	No roster	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	No roster		No roster	No roster	
COUNTERS: Sun 24 April (2 Teams) John Scalzo Terry Phelan Adelina Borja Len & Helen Gatt Sunny Velcoso Connie Attard Manny Gerada Patrica Meyn Steven Lay Mario Debono Carmel Maisano Patsy D’Silva Kristopher Obar		CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 23 April No roster		Saturday 23 April Parish Office Cleaning: No roster Flowers: No flowers during Lent Altar Linen: Joyce Zahra	

ROSTERS for 30th April / 1st May 2011
2nd Sunday of Easter

	6.00 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	
MASS OVERSEERS	Gwen Hammett	Mani Gojevic	Yvonne Utoasega	
HOSPITALITY	Joan Rodrigues Ishanka Fernando Malith Fenando Thilan Fenando Saila Kaminski Alina Kaminski	Ramona Caceras Rotillo Llovido Beth Donaldson Ing Ing Po Bernadette Azzopardi	Aurora Asuncion Flor Del Rosario Ramona Cazar Janina & Jackie Tuiatua Clevis Simoes Zeny Vella Paulette Desveaux	
Children's Liturgy	Ishanka Fernando, Nena Cabritit, Jessica D'Rosario Dwayne Hughes Natalie Ferlante Maria Mai Sariah Marmara Megan Polidano Cheyanne David	Rosario De Jesus Mariela Donaldson Margaret Bannerman	Gerald & Vivian Alamo Adao Lay Richelle Bunag Alice Amato Steven Tuimauga David Tuimauga	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Jacky David Jessica D'Rosario John Borja Marlene Axiak	Mary Carabott Tina Nguyen Pauline Debrincat Gilbert Pinto	Deng Yong Trevinne Lawrence Vesna Curmi Veronica Santiago	
Emergencies	Cathy Downing	Kathy Wale	Angelita Ramat	
COLLECTORS	George Borg Jarrod Borja Willy Hudson John Vassallo Joseph Xerri Kevin Tedesco Jordan Tedesco Brandon Tedesco Pat Marek Dwayne Hughes Donovan Hughes Joseph Thompson	Frank Gatt Ian McDonald Tony Renda Teresita Komorrow Lolita David Michael Donnolly	Mario Debono Peter Tauannu Jonathan Medilo Angel De Jesus Joshua Utoasega Wesley Yuan Mark Salvador Thomas Lapid	Trevinne Lawrence Joseph Lui Jomar Magnaye Patricio Magtoto Richard Marshall James Muscat Cleo Oliveria Jonathan Utoasega
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Noel Carmen Falzon Martine Grech Elizabeth Osegueda Gillian Rodrigues Martess Borg Marie Gwynne Robert Abrenica Spira Attard Cathy Downing	Fr Noel Kathy Wale Gordon Donaldson Minh-Tam Pham Rotillo Llovido Thuy Thu Vo Mary Carabott Joe Lomax Pauline Debrincat Colleen Wolfe	Fr Noel Vivian Alamo Nhuan Nguyen Cleo Oliveria Tessie Ortigas Kate Pedralvez Lynette Pirotta Ignatius Simoes Michelle Netto	Mador Thou Judeline Soares David Tuimauga Yvonne Utoasega Margaret Vilardo Sala Williams Jacqui Yuan
Emergencies:	Dominic Boland	David Hein	Peter Tauanuu	Dolly Zipagan
SACRISTY DUTY	Doris Oliver	Rosario De Jesus	Evelyn Tuimauga Aurora Asuncion Dennis Roman	
COFFEE MAKERS	Leon & Daniel D'Souza Carol Tedesco	Tony Renda	Veronica Santiago, Suzanna Tienzo, Gregg Soabas, Lorna Salalila Eshraga Barbari	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Tony & Joyce Zahra	Rosa Rumbiolo Lena Renda	Fely Baltazar, Luisa Fletcher, Erica Muscat	
COUNTERS: Monday 2 May Noel Oliver Doris Oliver Spira Attard Connie Lysaght Julie Sciberras Peter Tauanuu	CHURCH CLEANERS: Saturday 30 April Katie Camilleri Gwen Hammett Zeny Laderas Rosend Melo Arturo Mendoza Thong Tran		Saturday 30 April Parish Office Cleaning: Bobby Batara Flowers: Michelle Netto Altar Linen: Spira Attard	

policy of Paschal the nobles were successful in their attempt. They secured the consecration of Eugene, archpriest of S. Sabina on the Aventine, although by a decree of the Roman Council of 769, under Stephen IV, they had no right to a real share in a papal election. Their candidate is stated, in earlier editions of the "Liber Pontificalis" to have been the son of Boemund; but in the recent and better editions his father's name is not given.

Whilst archpriest of the Roman Church he is credited with having fulfilled most conscientiously the duties of his position and after he became pope he beautified his ancient church of S. Sabina with mosaics and with metal work bearing his name, which were intact in the sixteenth century. Eugene is described by his biographer as simple and humble, learned and eloquent, handsome and generous, a lover of peace, and wholly occupied with the thought of doing what was pleasing to God.

The election of Eugene II was a triumph for the Franks, and they resolved to improve the occasion. Emperor Louis the Pious accordingly sent his son Lothair to Rome to strengthen the Frankish influence. Those of the Roman nobles who had been banished during the preceding reign, and who had fled to Frankland (Francia), were recalled, and their property was restored to them.

A concordat or constitution was then agreed upon between the pope and the emperor (824). The "Constitutio Romana", in nine articles, was drawn up seemingly with a view of advancing the imperial pretensions in the city of Rome, but at the same time of checking the power of the nobles. It decreed that those who were under the special protection of the pope or emperor were to be inviolable, and that proper obedience be rendered to the pope and his officials; that church property be not plundered after the death of a pope; that only those to whom the right had been given by the deceased Stephen IV, in 769, should take part in papal elections; that two commissioners (*missi*) were to be appointed, the one by the pope and the other by the emperor, who should report to them how justice was administered, so that any failure in the administration might be corrected by the pope, or, in the event of his not doing so, by the emperor; that the people should be judged according to the law (Roman, Salic, or Lombard) they had elected to live under; that its property be restored to the Church; that robbery with violence be put down; that when the emperor was in Rome the chief officials should appear before him to be admonished to do their duty; and, finally, that all must obey the Roman pontiff.

By command of the pope and Lothair the people had to swear that, salving the fidelity they had promised the pope, they would obey the Emperors Louis and Lothair; would not allow a papal election to be made contrary to the canons; and would not suffer the pope-elect to be consecrated save in the presence of the emperor's envoys.

Seemingly before Lothair left Rome, there arrived ambassadors from Emperor Louis, and from the Greeks concerning the image-question. At first the Greek emperor, Michael II, showed himself tolerant towards the image-worshippers, and their great champion, Theodore the Studite, wrote to him to exhort him "to unite us [the Church of Constantinople] to the head of the Churches of God, viz. Rome, and through it with the three Patriarchs" (Epp., II, lxxiv); and in accordance with ancient custom to refer any doubtful points to the decision of Old Rome (II, lxxxvi; cf. II,

cxxix).

But Michael soon forgot his tolerance, bitterly persecuted the image-worshippers, and endeavoured to secure the co-operation of Louis the Pious. He also sent envoys to the pope to consult him on certain points connected with the worship of images (Einhard, *Annales*, 824). Before taking any steps to meet the wishes of Michael, Louis sent to ask the pope's permission for a number of his bishops to assemble, and make a selection of passages from the Fathers to elucidate the question the Greeks had put before them. The leave was granted, but the bishops who met at Paris (825) were incompetent for their work. Their collection of extracts from the Fathers was a mass of confused and ill-digested lore, and both their conclusions and the letters they wished the pope to forward to the Greeks were based on a complete misunderstanding of the decrees of the Second Council of Nicæa (cf. P.L., XCVIII, p. 1293 sqq.). Their labours do not appear to have accomplished much; nothing at any rate is known of their consequences.

In 826 Eugene held an important council at Rome of sixty-two bishops, in which thirty-eight disciplinary decrees were issued. One or two of its decrees are noteworthy as showing that Eugene had at heart the advance of learning. Not only were ignorant bishops and priests to be suspended till they had acquired sufficient learning to perform their sacred duties, but it was decreed that, as in some localities there were neither masters nor zeal for learning, masters were to be attached to the episcopal palaces, cathedral churches and other places, to give instruction in sacred and polite literature (can. xxxiv).

To help in the work of the conversion of the North, Eugene wrote commending St. Ansgar, the Apostle of the Scandinavians, and his companions "to all the sons of the Catholic Church".

Coins of this pope are extant bearing his name and that of Emperor Louis. It is supposed, for no document records the fact, that, in accordance with the custom of the time, he was buried in St. Peter's.

101. Valentine (827)

Date of birth unknown; died about October, 827. Valentine was by birth was Roman, belonging to the *Via Lata* district.

While still a youth he entered the service of the Church. His biographer in the "Liber pontificalis" (ed. Duchesne, II, 71-2) praises his piety and purity of morals, which won him the favour of Paschal I (817-24). Paschal ordained him at the Lateran palace, and placed him as archdeacon at the head of the Roman diaconate. Valentine retained his influential position during the pontificate of Eugene II (824-7), and after Eugene's death (27 August, 827) was unanimously elected his successor by the clergy, nobles, and people of Rome.

The election had taken place at the Lateran whence the entire company proceeded to Sancta Maria Maggiore, where Valentine was tarrying in prayer. He was led to the Lateran basilica and placed upon the papal throne. After this, probably on the succeeding Sunday, he was consecrated bishop at St. Peter's, and then enthroned as pope.

No information has been preserved of his brief reign, he died after he had occupied the papal see forty days according to the *Liber pontificalis*, and barely a month according to the testimony of the "Annales" of Einhard (ad an. 827).

The Saints XXIII: St. Rupert

Feast Day: March 27th



First Bishop of Salzburg, contemporary of Childebert III, king of the Franks (695-711), date of birth unknown; d. at Salzburg, Easter Sunday, 27 March, 718. According to an old tradition, he was a scion of the Frankish Merovingian family.

Rupert was noted for simplicity, prudence, and the fear of God; he was a lover of truth in his discourse, upright in opinion, cautious

in counsel, energetic in action, far-seeing in his charity, and in all his conduct a glorious model of rectitude.

While he was Bishop of Worms, the fame of his learning and piety drew many from far and wide. The report of the bishop's ability reached Duke Theodo II of Bavaria, who had placed himself at the head of the current ecclesiastical movement in Bavaria. Theodo sent Rupert messengers with the request that, he should come to Bavaria to revive, confirm, and propagate the spirit of Christianity there.

Despite the work of early missionaries, Bavaria was only superficially Christian; its very Christianity was indeed to some extent Arian, while heathen customs and views were most closely interwoven with the external Christianity which it had retained. St. Rupert acceded to Theodo's request, after he had by messengers made himself familiar with the land and people of Bavaria.

St. Rupert was received with great honour and ceremony by Theodo in the old residential town of Ratisbon (696). He entered immediately upon his apostolic labours, which extended from the territory of the Danube to the borders of Lower Pannonia, and upon his missionary journey came to Lorch. Thence he travelled to the lonely shores of the Wallersee, where he built a church in honour of Saint Peter, thereby laying the foundation of the present market-town of Seekirchen in the Newmarket district of Salzburg.

From the Roman colony there Rupert obtained an account of the ancient Roman town of Juvavum, upon the site of which there still remained many more or less dilapidated buildings, overgrown with briars and brushwood.

Having personally verified the accuracy of this account concerning the place and position, Rupert requested Theodo, in the interests of his apostolic mission to the country, to give him the territory of Juvavum (which was still a place of considerable commerce) for the erection of a monastery and an episcopal see. The duke granted this petition, bequeathing the territory of Juvavum (the modern Salzburg), two square miles in area, to St. Rupert and his successors.

At the foot of the precipice of the Monchberg, where once St. Maximus, a disciple of St. Severin, had suffered martyrdom with his companions (476), St. Rupert erected the first church in Salzburg, the Church of St. Peter, in honour of the Prince of the Apostles, as well as a monastery. Upon the lofty prominences (Nonnberg) to the southeast of the town, where the old Roman fortress once towered, he established a convent of nuns which,

like the monastery of the Mönchberg, he placed under the protection and Rule of St. Benedict.

To set his institutions upon a solid basis, Rupert repaired home, and returned with twelve companions besides his niece Ehrentraud (Erindruda), whom he made abbess over the Benedictine Convent of Nonnberg, while he with his twelve companions formed the first congregation of the famous Benedictine Monastery of St. Peter at Salzburg, which remains to the present day.

St. Rupert thenceforth devoted himself entirely to the work of salvation and conversion which he had already begun, founding in connection therewith many churches and monasteries — e.g., Maxglan, near Salzburg, Maximilianszelle (now Bischofshofen in Pongau), Altotting, and others. After a life of extraordinarily successful activity, he died at Salzburg, aided by the prayers of his brethren in the order; his body reposed in the St. Peterskirche until 24 Sept., 774, when his disciple and successor, Abbot-Bishop St. Virgil, had a portion of his remains removed to the cathedral. On 24 Sept., 1628, these relics were interred by Archbishop Paris von Ladron (1619-54) under the high altar of the new cathedral. Since then the town and district of Salzburg solemnize the feast of St. Rupert, Apostle of Bavaria and Carinthia, on 24 September.

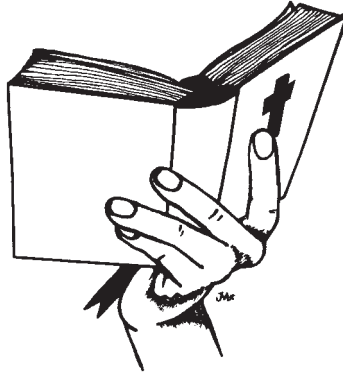
In Christian art St. Rupert is portrayed with a vessel of salt in his hand, symbolizing the universal tradition according to which Rupert inaugurated salt-mining at Salzburg; this portrayal of St. Rupert is generally found upon the coins of the Duchy of Salzburg and Carinthia. St. Rupert was the first Abbot-Bishop of Salzburg, for, as he established his foundations after the manner of the Irish monks, he combined in his own person the dignities of abbot and bishop. A similar combination of dignities existed also in Ratisbon and Freising. This twofold character of the bishop continued in Salzburg for nearly 300 years until the separation of the dignities was effected in 987 by Archbishop Friedrich I of Salzburg, Count of Chiemgau, the twenty-first Abbot of the Monastery of St. Peter.

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Proclaimer of the Word

Don't forget the meeting for all parishioners who committed to the Ministry Proclaimer of The Word are asked to attend a meeting this **Monday 28 March** in the church commencing at 7.00 pm.



STEWARDSHIP (THANKSGIVING)

PREPARING THE WAY

Our parish has decided to run our regular three yearly renewal for Thanksgiving. The program this year is titled "Stewardship".

" People must think of us as Christ's Servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one be found worthy of His Trust" (1 Corinthians 4: 1-4)

A large part of the success of this programme will depend on the support and commitment of parishioners. The Catholic Fundraising team will also be here to assist us with this program, so please make them welcome. The Thanksgiving and Finance Group will join together during the Stewardship Program to form the main Team to help run this program in our parish.

The program will have three stages

Preparation - involves Census update, publicity preparations and general administrative procedures

Appeal - conducted over three special Sundays, culminating with a Thanksgiving Sunday this involves a number of meetings to enlist, inform, train and motivate parishioners ending with a social night.

Continuation- or Follow up involves the detail follow up from the first two stages.

Please pray for the success of the Programme and ask others to do so too. Without the support of your prayers we cannot hope to succeed.

Marian D'Rosario
Office Manager
Resurrection Parish

STEWARDSHIP 2011

Resurrection Parish – Kings Park

CALENDAR OF DATES AND EVENTS		
Wednesday	4 May	Program Direction Meeting <i>Stewardship Program Planning</i>
Saturday and Sunday	14 May 15 May	STEWARDSHIP INTRODUCTION WEEKEND <i>Parishioner Awareness</i>
Tuesday	10 May	Formation Meeting <i>Stewardship Program Organization and Structure</i>
Saturday and Sunday	21 May 22 May	GOD'S CALL WEEKEND <i>(Parish Priest)</i> <i>Our Commissioning as Stewards</i>
Thursday	26 May	Parish Stewardship Information Meeting <i>Parish Finances/Achievements/Plans/Call for Support</i>
Saturday and Sunday	28 May 29 May	MY ACCEPTANCE WEEKEND <i>(Lay Speaker on sharing time and talents)</i>
Wednesday	1 June	Arrangements Meeting <i>Explaining Home Visiting/Response Weekend Procedures</i>
Saturday and Sunday	4 June 5 June	OUR RESPONSE WEEKEND <i>(Visiting Speaker)</i> <i>Our Practical Response</i>
Tuesday	7 June	Distribution Meeting <i>Home Visiting Begins</i>
Friday	10 June	First Card Report <i>Early Report of Home Visits</i>
Tuesday	14 June	Program Social Night <i>Final Return of Cards</i>
Saturday and Sunday	25 June 26 June	NEW COMMITMENT BEGINS:

The Popes of the Catholic Church – Part XXXVII

*For those interested in a more expansive knowledge of the Leaders of our Church, we would recommend that you visit www.newadvent.org/cathen/12272b.htm where you will find the list of Popes as listed in *The Catholic Encyclopaedia*, and from where the following extracts have been taken.*

Ninth Century

98. Stephen V (816-17)

Date of birth unknown; died 24 Jan., 817. Stephen, the son of Marinus, was of the same noble Roman family which gave two other popes to the Church.

During his youth he had been patronized by Hadrian I and Leo III, the latter of whom had ordained him deacon. His virtues were celebrated, and he was elected pope and consecrated immediately after Leo's death, about 22 June, 816. He at once caused the Romans to take an oath to the Emperor Louis the Pious as their suzerain, and he sent notice of his election to him. He then went to France and crowned Louis.

From that benevolent prince he received a number of splendid presents, and with him renewed the pact or agreement that had already existed for some time between the Franks and the papacy. Whilst still in Gaul he granted the pallium to Theodulf of Orléans, one of the emperor's chief advisers. When returning to Rome he visited Ravenna, there exposing the sandals of Christ to the veneration of the faithful, and he brought back with him a number of exiles whom political reasons had sent into exile during the pontificate of Leo III.

He was buried in St. Peter's.

99. St. Paschal I (817-24)

The date of his birth is unknown; he died in April, May, or June, 824. He was the son of a Roman named Bonosus.

While still young he joined the Roman clergy and was taken into the papal patriarchate (Lateran Palace) where he was instructed in the Divine Service and the Holy Scripture. Leo III having appointed him superior of the monastery of St. Stephen near the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican, he took care of the pilgrims who came to Rome.

On the death of Stephen IV (24 January, 817) Paschal was unanimously chosen as his successor. On the following day he was consecrated and enthroned. He entered into relations with Emperor Louis, sending him several ambassadors in rapid succession. In 817 he received from the emperor a document, "Pactum Ludovicianum", confirming the rights and possessions of the Holy See. This document with later amendments is still extant.

Paschal remained on friendly terms with the Frankish nobility and sent a special legation with rich gifts to the marriage of King Lothair I, son of Emperor Louis. In spring, 823, Lothair went to Rome and on 5 April he was solemnly crowned emperor by Paschal. Although the pope himself opposed the sovereignty of the Frankish emperors over Rome and Roman territory, high

officials in the papal palace, especially Primicerius Theodore and his son-in-law Leo Nomenclator, were at the head of the party which supported the Franks, and advocated the supremacy of the emperor. Shortly after the departure of King Lothair in 823, both these officials were blinded and killed by the pope's servants. Paschal himself was accused of being the originator of this deed, but he cleared himself of suspicion by an oath. The ambassadors sent to Rome by Emperor Louis to investigate the affair could not punish the perpetrators, as the pope declared the murdered officials guilty of treason.

Paschal supported new missionary expeditions which went out from the Frankish Empire. He sent a letter of introduction to Bishop Halitgar of Cambria, and appointed Archbishop Ebo of Rheims as papal legate to the pagan countries in Northern Europe.

In 814 under Leo the Armenian, the Iconoclastic controversy broke out with renewed violence in the Byzantine Empire. Theodore of Studium, the great champion of orthodoxy, wrote repeatedly to Pope Paschal, who encouraged him to persevere. At the same time Theodosius of Constantinople, unlawfully made patriarch by Emperor Leo, sent a legation to the pope. The latter, however, remained loyal to the cause of Theodore of Studium, and dispatched legates to Leo to win him from the Iconoclasts, but without success.

Numerous monks who had been driven out of Greece by Leo came to Rome where the pope received them kindly, assigning them places in the newly-erected monasteries, such as St. Praxedis, St. Cecilia, Sts. Sergius and Bacchus, near the Lateran Palace. Paschal was very active in completing, restoring, and beautifying churches and monasteries. The basilicas of St. Praxedis, St. Cecilia, and S. Maria in Dominica were completely rebuilt by him. The mosaics, which at that time ornamented the apses of these three churches as well as the chapel of St. Zeno in St. Praxedis, demonstrate today the deterioration of this art.

In St. Peter's he erected chapels and altars, in which the remains of martyrs from the Roman catacombs, especially those of Sts. Processus and Marinianus, were placed. He also placed the relics of many Roman martyrs in the church of St. Praxedis where their names are still legible. The discovery of the relics of St. Cecilia and companions, and their translation to the new church of St. Cecilia in Trastevere, are well described in "Liber Pontificalis". He made great improvements in the choir of the church of S. Maria Maggiore.

Paschal was interred in the church of St. Praxedis, and is honoured as a saint on 14 May.

100. Eugene II (824-27)

Elected 6 June, 824; died 27 Aug., 827. On the death of Paschal I (Feb.-May, 824) there took place a divided election.

The late pope had wisely endeavoured to curb the rapidly increasing power of the Roman nobility, who, to strengthen their positions against him, had turned for support to the Frankish power. When he died these nobles made strenuous efforts to replace him by a candidate of their own; and despite the fact that the clergy put forward a candidate likely to continue the

PASTORAL LETTER FOR LENT 2011
ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART

PILGRIMAGE TO CHRIST AND DISCOVERY OF WHO WE ARE

Dear brothers and sisters,

I invite you to join me in our annual Lenten pilgrimage to Jesus Christ from 9 March to 24 April when we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord in whom we were baptised.

Lent is the springtime of our life in the Spirit; a special gift of God to us, his people. We imitate Jesus, who fasted 40 days in the desert to prepare himself for the great work of redeeming humanity. We undertake prayer, accompanied by penance and works of love, to deepen our faith and focus authentically on who we are and what is our personal mission in community and family.

THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Benedict XVI invites us to reflect on the powerful Sunday Gospels of Lent, individually or together, so that we will remember the way God has led us (Deut 8:2). We see Jesus as teacher and healer as we examine our lives and take new steps as followers of Jesus.

BAPTISM AND INITIATION

In Lent the whole Church, together with the catechumens, prepares for baptism; they to enter the Church, we to recognise the full consequences of baptism and life in Christ with our renewal of baptismal promises at Easter and the living of a new life.

LENT AND THE CHURCH

Through prayer and discipline of our body by fasting and almsgiving we gradually recognise through this 'desert' how far we are from God and come to repent so as to remove ourselves from those things which are hindering the light of God from entering into our lives. Repentance is an abrupt turn around and a discovery of the joyful reality when God speaks to our heart. Through the stillness of prayer we know that God is near. Lent is also a time of faithfulness to what the Church teaches about relationships, family life, good and evil. As the Church is faithful to what Christ taught, and proclaims it to the world without adjusting it to modern convenience, so we take up an authentic existence, renewing our commitment in baptism.

FOR THIS YEAR

1. Renew our commitment to prayer at home with the family and in an atmosphere of silence in our church in preparation for the prayerful celebration of Mass as the Church intends.
2. Make an effort to discipline ourselves through fasting, accompanied by prayer, so God will allow us to see more clearly our need for forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance. Then we are able to turn away from self through charity to others – for example, Project Compassion, giving of our time and talent to fulfil the mission given us at baptism. We show the faith by word and example.

May this Lenten springtime of renewal be for each of us an opening flower of life as we prepare for Easter.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Denis J Hart
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



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Dear Parish Priest,

The Maltese Community Council of Victoria offers services to the Maltese in particular the elderly who are socially isolated.

We find that these are the ones that at most times are known to the parish they live in, as they are known to the priests and parish workers.

We offer various services and our workers speak Maltese. I am therefore asking if it would be possible to inform any elderly Maltese or their families, who live in your parish about our services. All I am asking is that you pass on our phone number as I realize that it would be a breach of privacy if you passed on their details to us unless you are specifically asked to.

May I ask you if in your parish have a visitation programme and if you do can you pass on to us some information or a contact person's details by fax or email; spo@vic.chariot.net.au ?

Kind regards,

Michael Caruana

who am I?
where am I going?
what am I called to be?

SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND | MATT 7:7

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

27 March

John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman in today's Gospel is part of a marginalised community – outcast and rejected by her neighbours. She is surprised when Jesus speaks to her, asking her for water to drink. He talks freely with her, listens to her and treats her in a manner in keeping with her dignity. Jesus challenges the rules and social structures of his time. He reveals – to a *Samaritan woman* and her community – that he is the Messiah, the gift of God that they have waited for. This knowledge empowers them and helps them to live differently.

In this week's Project Compassion story, we hear about Rosa, whose isolated Indigenous community in Bolivia experienced poverty and social inequality as a daily reality. They struggled to provide adequate health care, education, clothing and food and faced environmental challenges. Like many marginalised groups they were in danger of losing their cultural identity.

In partnership with Caritas Australia, Rosa and her people have established a tourism project. They are increasing their capacity to build a more secure future. They are working together to protect their environment. They are celebrating their identity, taking pride in their cultural heritage and sharing it with visitors.

Jesus teaches us that it is possible to break down barriers that separate and alienate people, to open up the possibilities of experiencing and sharing our gifts and knowledge.

We can live differently - in solidarity with marginalised communities, open to the stories of cultures different from our own and prepared to challenge unjust structures. We can work in partnership to make a difference.

Celebrating the Eucharist

The next two sessions of our 2011 series will be based on the section of the DVD: Become One Body One Spirit in Christ that looks at Celebrating the Eucharist. This will include discovering more about the structure of the Mass: The Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Concluding Rites. We can take part in the Mass almost on autopilot at times. Our responses can be automatic and we simply can follow the crowd in standing or sitting.

These sessions aim to help you to be more switched on and as adults reflect on how we as a faith community celebrate the Eucharist receiving the nourishment needed to go and serve the Lord in whatever the coming week will hold for us.

At the Annual Deanery Mass, certificates will be presented to those who attend most of the planned ten sessions on the Eucharist this year.

Presenters:

Fr Ivano Burdian M SSP, Parish Priest of North Sunshine Parish; Anne Dowling: Pastoral Associate at Braybrook Parish & Sunshine Deanery Resource Co-ordinator

Venue:

Our Lady's Lecture Theatre, 1st Floor of new building near the church, Monash St, Sunshine.

Time:

10.00—11.30 a.m. and repeated at 7.30 —9.00 p.m.

Dates: Tuesdays, 29th March and 5th April

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus teaches us to open up the possibilities of experiencing and sharing our gifts and knowledge.

In this week's Project Compassion story, we met Rosa, who lives in Bolivia's isolated Yuquí-Yuracaré Indigenous Community Lands. With Caritas Australia's support, these river communities have come together.

An innovative community tourism project was developed and is starting to generate profit, while asserting their culture and preserving their land. Transformation in the lives of these marginalised communities is assisted by your Project Compassion donation. Please donate today.



Sunday Mar 27 2011

Third Sunday of Lent

Reflection and Activities - Gregory Sunter

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is rich in historical and cultural nuance that enhances our understanding and interpretation of this passage. When he asks the woman for a drink, Jesus breaks two cultural taboos: firstly, for a man to speak directly to an unchaperoned woman was somewhat scandalous; secondly, as the woman points out, Jesus is a Jew and directly addresses a Samaritan – another scandal. Jesus successfully gains the woman’s attention by ignoring these social taboos but she fails to fully understand his reference to ‘living water’.

The reference to the woman’s five husbands has often been construed to suggest that she was either a prostitute or a serial widow. However, it may in fact be a reference to the Samaritans binding themselves (wedding themselves) to the five books of the Torah and ignoring the writings of the prophets and other later writings. This reference is followed by another fact that set Jews and Samaritans apart: the Samaritans worshipped God on a local mountain, Mt Gerazim, whilst the Jews held that true worship could only take place in Jerusalem. Jesus dismisses this major difference between Jews and Samaritans by declaring that soon ‘true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth’. He is indicating the much more personal relationship with God that he models; not bound up by ritual, place and law.

Having set the scene for breaking down the walls between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus then reveals to the woman unequivocally that he is the promised Messiah. The woman rushes back to the town to spread the good news about Jesus. She becomes a missionary for him; and a remarkably effective one. The people are convinced by her testimony and flock to Jesus where they have their own personal faith encounter with him.

Historical Context – Jews and Samaritans

Samaritans descended from one of the tribes of Israel. They held faithful to Mt Gerazim as the first place for the worship of God even when the prophet Elijah declared a new place for worship. In the 7th and 8th Centuries BCE, the Assyrians descended on the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel. The Samaritans in the north assimilated with the Assyrians, whilst the Jews were taken into exile in Babylon. When the Jews returned from exile, the Samaritans offered to assist in the reconstruction of the Temple. This infuriated the Jews and led to centuries of distrust and animosity.

Gospel Focus – Transformation

The woman has obviously come to the well to draw water for herself. Her encounter with Jesus is a moment of transformation for her. At first, she fails to comprehend his reference to ‘living water’ and never being thirsty again. However, in the end ‘the woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town.’ Leaving her water jar behind was a sign of the transformation that had taken place within her. She had indeed drunk of the living water of Jesus and no longer paid attention to the need for water that had brought her to the well.

Living the Gospel – Personal encounter

The Samaritan woman’s personal encounter with Jesus compels her to start spreading the good news about the amazing man she has met. She meets Jesus face to face and feels compelled to act on what she has felt. Lent is a time for each of us to again – or for the first time – seek out a face to face encounter with Jesus. Through prayer, contemplation on scripture or reflection on encountering Jesus in the face of others, we build a one to one relationship with Jesus. When we acknowledge this relationship, like the Samaritan woman, we are compelled to act on it.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, make 2011 the year that you prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend this year. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other.

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but you don’t need to be Catholic to attend. The next weekends will be held on 8-10 April, 3-5 June and 19-21 August. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Checkout the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au

‘An old man was walking along a beach at daybreak, when he noticed a girl ahead of him picking up starfish that had been cast ashore by a storm the night before. The old man hurried to catch up to her, and asked what she was doing. ‘Rescuing starfish,’ the young woman replied. ‘They’ll die if I leave them here when the sun comes out.’ ‘But this beach goes on for miles,’ argued the man, ‘and there are millions of starfish stranded here. How can your effort make any difference?’ The girl looked intently at the starfish in her hand, then threw it back to the safety of the sea and said, ‘It makes a difference for this one!’”

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



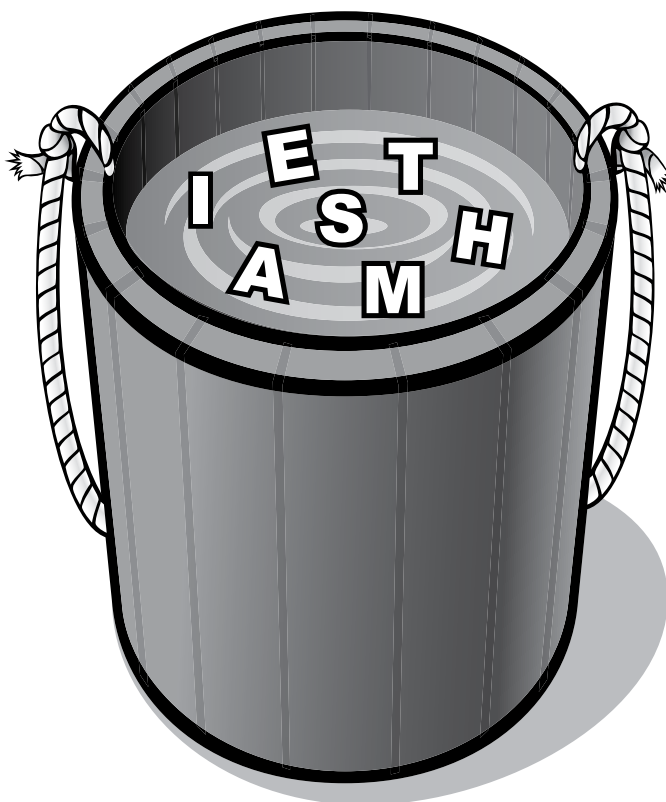
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- Jacob
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- Samaritan
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At the age of thirteen, Francis of Paola lived in a Franciscan friary and a year later, went on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. He returned home and lived as a hermit in a cave by the sea. Eventually Francis was joined by others and a chapel was built at the cave site. He built his new community around his one word motto; charity. He became famous for his prophecies and was said to be a miracle worker. In 1482 the Pope sent him to France, at the special request of King Louis XI who was dying and sought a cure. He spent his remaining 25 years in France helping to bring peace between France and Spain.

Unscramble the letters in the bucket to reveal who the Samaritan woman discovered Jesus to really be.



April 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Mass 8.30 am Stations of the Cross 9.00am Maltese Mass 7pm RCIC 4pm	2 Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00 pm	3 4th Sunday in Lent Mass 9am and 10.30am Baptisms 12.30pm Year 2 Mass 10.30 Ryders Fundraiser End of daylight savings
4 Mass 6.00 pm Pauline's RE Confirmation families meeting with Fr Noel 7pm	5 Mass 9.20 am Aerobics 7.00 pm	6 Parish Meeting 7.15pm Night Communion Service 9.30am Rosary 10.00 am	7 Playgroup 10.00 am RE Team Meeting 1.30pm RE - Bible Studies 4pm Mass 7.30 pm RCIA 7.30pm	8 Mass 8.30 am Stations of the Cross 9.00am Praise @ Resurrection 7.30 pm BB Deadline School Finishes 2.15pm	9 Reconciliation 9.30am Baptism Parent meeting 10.30am Mass 6.00 pm Wedding Social Group Movie Night Maltese Group Fundraiser	10 5th Sunday in Lent Mass 9am and 10.30am Baptism Welcome 10.30am Vietnamese Mass 12.30pm Maltese Group Fundraiser
11 Mass 6.00 pm	12 Mass 9.20 am Junior Youth Meeting (time to be advised) Aerobics 7.00 pm Senior's In House - Movie	13 Communion Service 9.30am Rosary 10.00 am Youth Group 7.15 pm	14 Mass 7.30 pm RCIA 7.30pm	15 Mass 8.30 am Stations of the Cross 9.00am Praise @ Resurrection 7.30 pm RCIC 4pm	16 Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00 pm 2nd Collection WYD	17 Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) Youth Sunday Mass 9am and 10.30am
18 Mass 6.00 pm	19 Mass 9.20 am 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 7.15pm Fr Noel & 17 Priests	20 Communion Service 9.30am Rosary 10.00 am	21 Holy Thursday Mass 7.30 pm	22 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.30am Passion of the Lord 3.00pm 2nd Collection Holy Places	23 Holy Saturday Reconciliation 9.30am Blessing of Food 10am Vigil 7pm	24 Easter Sunday Mass 9am and 10.30am Big Bulletin
25 Easter Monday	26 Anzac Day Holiday Mass 10am	27 Communion Service 9.30am Rosary 10.00 am Youth Group 7.15 pm	28 Playgroup 10.00 am Mass 7.30 pm RE - Reconciliation 4pm	29 Resurrection Day Mass 9.15 am Stations of the Cross 9.00am Grief Group 7pm Praise @ Resurrection 7.30 pm RCIC 4pm	30 Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00 pm First Communion presentations at all Masses 2nd Collection - Coffee	

Next Week's Readings

Sunday 3 April 2011 4th Week of Lent

Reading 1

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel:

“Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.

I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,

“Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.”

But the LORD said to Samuel:

“Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty
stature,

because I have rejected him.

Not as man sees does God see,

because man sees the appearance

but the LORD looks into the heart.”

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before
Samuel,

but Samuel said to Jesse,

“The LORD has not chosen any one of these.”

Then Samuel asked Jesse,

“Are these all the sons you have?”

Jesse replied,

“There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse,

“Send for him;

we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives
here.”

Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.

He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold

and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said,

“There—anoint him, for this is the one!”

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;

and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon

David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
want.**

Reading 2

Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness,

but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light,

for light produces every kind of goodness
and righteousness and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;

rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;

but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper,

and arise from the dead,

and Christ will give you light.”

Gospel

Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

His disciples asked him,

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents,
that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered,

“Neither he nor his parents sinned;

it is so that the works of God might be made visible
through him.

We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it
is day.

Night is coming when no one can work.

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, he spat on the ground

and made clay with the saliva,

and smeared the clay on his eyes,

and said to him,

“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means Sent—.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a
beggar said,

“Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”

Some said, “It is, “

but others said, “No, he just looks like him.”

He said, “I am.”

So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

He replied,

“The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes
and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’

So I went there and washed and was able to see.”

And they said to him, “Where is he?”

He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the
Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a
sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to
see.

He said to them,
 “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”
 So some of the Pharisees said,
 “This man is not from God,
 because he does not keep the sabbath.”
 But others said,
 “How can a sinful man do such signs?”
 And there was a division among them.
 So they said to the blind man again,
 “What do you have to say about him,
 since he opened your eyes?”
 He said, “He is a prophet.”
 Now the Jews did not believe
 that he had been blind and gained his sight
 until they summoned the parents of the one who had
 gained his sight.
 They asked them,
 “Is this your son, who you say was born blind?
 How does he now see?”
 His parents answered and said,
 “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.
 We do not know how he sees now,
 nor do we know who opened his eyes.
 Ask him, he is of age;
 he can speak for himself.”
 His parents said this because they were afraid
 of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed
 that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ,
 he would be expelled from the synagogue.
 For this reason his parents said,
 “He is of age; question him.”
 So a second time they called the man who had been blind
 and said to him, “Give God the praise!
 We know that this man is a sinner.”
 He replied,
 “If he is a sinner, I do not know.
 One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.”
 So they said to him,
 “What did he do to you?
 How did he open your eyes?”
 He answered them,
 “I told you already and you did not listen.
 Why do you want to hear it again?
 Do you want to become his disciples, too?”
 They ridiculed him and said,
 “You are that man’s disciple;
 we are disciples of Moses!
 We know that God spoke to Moses,
 but we do not know where this one is from.”
 The man answered and said to them,
 “This is what is so amazing,
 that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my
 eyes.
 We know that God does not listen to sinners,

but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him.
 It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a
 person born blind.
 If this man were not from God,
 he would not be able to do anything.”
 They answered and said to him,
 “You were born totally in sin,
 and are you trying to teach us?”
 Then they threw him out.
 When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
 he found him and said,
 “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
 He answered and said,
 “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”
 Jesus said to him,
 “You have seen him,
 the one speaking with you is he.”
 He said,
 “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.
 Then Jesus said,
 “I came into this world for judgment,
 so that those who do not see might see,
 and those who do see might become blind.”
 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this
 and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?”
 Jesus said to them,
 “If you were blind, you would have no sin;
 but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.

LIVING OF GOSPEL

Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.