



Congratulations Father Victor Vella - Parish Priest 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood 28th June 2011



*“Come and serve your Lord, do please heed My call.
As shepherd of My children, love and care for all.
Teach them of My scriptures, explain to them My Word.
Guide them in their worship;” ...Victor listened and he heard.*

Forsaking other choices, he accepted his vocation,
and went where he was bid, and served with dedication.

To Orpington he came, in the year two thousand and eight,
Holy Innocents' the parish, where the people did await.
Without Parish Priest to guide them, many felt insecure
as if wandering in a circle, of direction so unsure.

Father Victor took the helm, parishioners' confidence grew,
encouraged by his support, many their faith he'd renew.
A Biblical Hebrew scholar, Old Testament explained,
making homilies so inspiring, much insight all then gained.

We learned how Jesus lived, when in Israel He trod,
and the customs of the day, for He the Son of God.
To follow in His footsteps, Father Victor has long planned.
Metaphorically this he's doing, but now in the Holy Land.
Furthering his Hebrew studies, getting closer to our Lord,
absent from our presence, but returningwe're assured.

This man of great compassion, sincerity and prayer,
portrays a sense of humour, so in merriment he'll share.

So thank you for your Ministry, in caring for our souls.
Since Jesus made you fisherman, your catch it must be shoals!
Celebrate in homeland Malta, in your studies please do well,
and bring us back more insights, from 'Eretz Yisrael.' Cjs.

A Tribute from Bob and Cecilia Skudder (Cjs)

