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If you would like to have a pastoral visit from the parish priest, or a priest, or a seminarian, or a co-parishioner, kindly leave a message at the administration office on 9481 7333 or email to collclift@hotmail.com

Sacramental Reception ...

Baptism : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (email the office to book)

Marriage: by appointment

Reconciliation: approach a priest before Mass

First Communion and Confirmation: Preparation for this is conducted in our school at St Joseph's; we also offer this preparation to State School children. Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

Mass Times at OLSC

St John's:
Tuesday, Thursday at 9.15am, Saturday 8.30am, 6:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am (Italian), 11:00am and 5:00pm
St Joseph's:
Monday to Saturday at 9am, Saturday 6:00pm (English)
Sunday at 9:00am (Vietnamese)
Good Shepherd:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 9:30am

At Our Lady of the Southern Cross, we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross February 3/4, 2024 Ordinary Time Year B

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intention: Nil.

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, particularly for Terry Whelan and Giuseppe Misurelli, whose funerals have been held this past week.

Anniversaries: Mary Joseph Kane, Sebastiano Spampinato, Giuseppe Addamo.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:
Ian Armstrong, Lorena Ferri, Julia O'Malley, Tony Addamo, Betty Croker, Teresa Boetti, Fr Chris Riley, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli.

If you hear of any of our parishioners who are not well or who have been injured, please email us at office@olsc.org so that we can all remember them.

Goodbye turns to Hello !!!

It is with sadness that we have to say goodbye to Fr Peter Monaghan who is moving to Brunswick.

However, we say a warm welcome to Bro Dat who is returning to Clifton Hill as the Bursar to the Salesian community. We are very pleased to have you.

Mary MacKillop Oration

You are invited to attend the **Mary MacKillop Oration and Dinner** to be held on Wednesday 21 February Time: 7-9pm Location: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Tickets: \$110.

Love Your Enemies

Let's face it. We don't like everyone we meet and many people don't like us. It's the way of the world. But, as Christians, we are called to a higher code of conduct. While we have hurt or broken relationships, even people have to "love" from a distance, how we treat them speaks volumes about our faith and our character. Maybe, someday, there will be forgiveness and healing.

If we cannot give these people friendship, at least we can pray for them. If we must keep our distance for our own mental health, at least we can hope for a change of heart. Jesus spoke, not on the justice of retribution, but the justice of the Kingdom. Not an "eye for an eye" but a way to show others the path to God. *Larry Broding - Word-Sunday*

Housekeeping

HELPERS for January and February

If you would like to be a Meeter and Greeter, Reader (First, Second) and Prayers of the Faithful, Bell ringer, and/or Special Minister for any of the dates 28 January to 25 February, please add your name to the lists at the back of St John's church. They are on the table.

DIARY DATES FOR 2024: A draft copy of the Diary dates for 2024 is available in all churches. Please have a look and make any corrections or suggestions after Mass today. Copies to take home and add to your own diary will be available soon.

Date	Meeters and Greeters	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	Bell ringer	Special Minister
11 am						
28 Jan	Man-ickams	Man-ickams	Man-ickams	Darcy Manickam	Man-ickams	Daniel Ryan
4 Feb	Marie Ryan	Marita Quinn	Lucy Cirona	Darcy	Man-ickams	Daniel Ryan
11 Feb	Daniel Ryan	Man-ickams	Man-ickams	Darcy	Man-ickams	Daniel Ryan
18 Feb	Ann/Peter	Quyen	Ann/Peter	Darcy	Man-ickams	Daniel Ryan
25 Feb	Man-ickams	Lucy Cirona	Daniel Ryan	Darcy	Man-ickams	Daniel Ryan
5 pm						
28 Jan	John A	Lucy Cirona	Michael B			Margaret
4 Feb	Hugh	John A	Kevin B			Margaret
11 Feb	Ann/Peter	Susan S	John S			Gabrielle
18 Feb	John S	Susan S	Kevin B			Lucy C
25 Feb	Quyen	Hugh	Gabrielle			Margaret

The Penitential Act

At the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge our need for God's mercy and confess that we are all sinners in need of redemption. As we begin Mass, we acknowledge this, and humble ourselves before the Lord. This Act acknowledges our humble dependence upon God and upon His mercy. It reminds us that as creatures we are dependent upon the creator for all things.

A penitential act has existed in the liturgy since the earliest days of the Church. In The Didache from the second century, it states "Assemble on the Lord's Day, and break bread and offer the Eucharist; but first make confession of your faults, so that your sacrifice may be a pure one." *Thai Pham*

Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions. *Albert Einstein*
When you come to a road block, detour. *Mary Kay*

Presenting our new PP ...

Born on 26 May 1975 to Anthony and Sibil Correya in Trivandrum, India, I am one of seven children. I grew up in Chennai, where I received my primary education at St Anthony's School, administered by the Presentation Sisters, and my secondary education at St Mary's School, managed by the Salesians of Don Bosco. I was also fortunate to have belonged to a Salesian parish dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. As my parents were devout Catholics, they introduced my siblings and me to daily prayers and encouraged us to participate in the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and on solemnities. My mother had a great devotion to Our Blessed Virgin Mary and she inspired us by her prayer life. My father taught us discipline and he encouraged us to be involved with sports.



Already as a teenager, I felt God calling me to become a priest. With the encouragement of my grandmother and my parents and constant support of my siblings, on 8 June 1992, I entered the Salesian pre-novitiate and thus began my journey towards the priesthood. On 27 December 2004, I was ordained to the priesthood in Chennai, with "To Receive and to Reflect Your Light" as the motto of my priestly life.

I began my priestly ministry in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as an Assistant Priest at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ferrargunj. A year later (2006), I was appointed as the Youth Director of the Diocese of Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. After 3 years of youth ministry, God changed the direction of my life, when in 2009, I was asked by my Provincial to do a Licentiate in Sacred Theology with specialization in Dogmatic Theology at the Salesian University in Rome. I obtained my Licentiate in 2012 and was also awarded the Doctorate in Sacred Theology by the same University in 2018.

On 8 June 2022, thirty years after I first joined the Salesians, I was warmly welcomed by the Salesian community at Clifton Hill, Victoria. About 6 months later (November 2022), I became part of the Salesian and parish community at Engadine, NSW. Now, I am glad that God has brought me back to Clifton Hill to be a caring shepherd of the loving disciples of Jesus Christ of the Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

Kindness is contagious. If somebody is kind to you, it lifts your spirits and inspires you to be kind, too. And if you do something kind for another person, they may well pass it forward.

Demonstrate kindness today and you will likely feel better about yourself, as well as brightening the day for others. After all being kind costs nothing but creates a sense of immeasurable wealth.