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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 to make an appointment.

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

Our Parish Office ...

Our Parish Office is again open for business, all-be-it on rather shortened hours ...

Tuesdays to Thursdays between 10am and 2pm
or send your query/comments via email ...

office@olsc.org.au or collclift@hotmail.com and we will get back to you.

At our Parish, 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 9th & 10th January, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

Returned to the Father ...

Condolences : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.

Anniversaries : Kate Hill, Maria Prezeli, William John O'Connor, Helen James, Noel John Berkley, Michael Murray, Donato Cornelio, Rosina Annetta, Sr Faye Turner RSC, Isabella Grande, Adalgisa Frascarelli, Garry Hall, Fausto Corelli, and Joe Trubiani.

For the sick and injured ...

Please remember the following in our prayers:
Greg Andrews (John Andrews' brother), Judy O'Leary Shepherd, John Vogels, Julia Rickard, Gabe Sullivan, Julia O'Malley, John Vo, Sr Valda, John and Teresa Boetti, Cecilia Nguyen, Ida Misurelli, Simon Fenelon, Joan Parr, and Michael Noone.

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 in our prayers.

Ordinary Time: Experience of Journey ...

To many of us, the word "ordinary" suggests dull and boring sameness. Nothing could be further from the truth in this Season. The origin of the Latin *tempus ordinarii* is **ordinal** or counted time. The numbering of the Sundays in Ordinary Time is simply the way in which the Church organises its year.

Sundays are the distinguishing mark of the Christian community. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Each Sunday of this Season acts as an echo of Easter Sunday. While each of the special Seasons of the year celebrates a particular aspect of the dying/rising of Christ, the Sundays in Ordinary Time celebrate the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

Ordinary Time is the period in which God reveals to us the face of Christ through the eyes of Matthew, Mark and Luke. In the 33 (sometimes 34) Sundays of Ordinary Time, some of which occur between Christmas and Lent (depending on the date set for Easter) and the remainder after Pentecost, we get on with the day-to-day faithful living of the Gospel.

The difference is that whereas the other Seasons of the Liturgy are focussed on one major faith event, Ordinary Time simply follows the Gospels. During this period, we hear a semi-continuous proclamation of the Scriptures over the 3-year cycle. It's as if the evangelists are our guides. Each year, one of them will lead us deeper into the mystery of the mission of Christ in the world. ...

In Year B [our current Church year] Mark shows us the mystery of Christ as truly divine and truly human – Son of God and Son of Man. Mark calls us into a response of faith by which we radically choose to leave all to follow Christ and become willing to share our conviction with others. ...

Ordinary Time is an excellent time for us to get our liturgical house in order. This is a time for listening, learning, and building up the skills of good liturgical practice in our school and parish communities. It's actually a 'growing time' for our people. Thus, the colour used in Ordinary Time is green – to remind us that we are tending new growth as we develop and equip [ourselves and] our community for its on-going mission.

<https://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/formationandleadership/prayer/Documents/Ordinary%20Time.pdf>

No peace without a 'culture of care' ...

In his message for the Catholic Church's World Day of Peace, Pope Francis appeals to the international community and every individual to foster a 'culture of care' by advancing on the 'path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations.'



'There can be no peace without a culture of care,' the Pope stresses in his message for the 54th World Day of Peace, held on 1 January 2021 ...

The Holy Father calls for 'a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance.' In this task, Pope Francis offers the principles of the Church's social doctrine as a compass on the path to peace....

'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace' is the theme of the Pope's message, addressed to heads of state and government, leaders of international organizations, spiritual leaders and followers of the different religions, and to men and women of goodwill.

Pope Francis begins his message noting how the 'massive Covid-19 health crisis' has aggravated deeply interrelated crises such as those of the climate, food, the economy and migration, causing great sorrow and suffering to many. He makes it an occasion to appeal to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and to the essential technologies needed to care for the sick, the poor and those who are most vulnerable.

Alongside the pandemic, the Pope also notes a surge in various forms of nationalism, racism and xenophobia, and wars and conflicts that bring only death and destruction in their wake. These and other events of 2020, he says, have underscored the importance of caring for one another and for creation in our efforts to build a more fraternal society. Hence, 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace' is a 'way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time,' he says.

To read the complete statement please see:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pope-world-day-of-peace-message-no-peace-without-a-culture-of-care>

Pope Francis says ... FROM CRADLE TO TOMB

"When we live in concrete communion with Jesus through the Eucharist, we have already begun our passing from death to life."



The three sacraments of initiation – baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist – all work together throughout our life. In each of them we join Christ in death so that we might rise to new life in him. We receive baptism and confirmation only once, but Eucharist we can receive again and again. That's a good thing, says Pope Francis, because, being human, we need reminders along the way that our life is to be lived for others – all the way up to that day when we waken after death and fully discover what this communion has been about all along.

A Message From Fr Martin ...

Greetings to all...

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and 2021 has started off on a good note. It has been a bit of a wet start to the year, but on a positive note I am sure your gardens are enjoying it.—I know I am enjoying the rain as I don't need to water the garden as much. This weekend we are celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. Even though the secular world may have taken down all the Christmas decorations, Christmas is not quite over yet on the church's calendar. This celebration completes the season of Christmas. We begin Ordinary time in the coming week. However, what is the significance of the Lord's Baptism?

The baptism of the Lord occurred in the river Jordan and Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. One could ask why did Jesus need to be baptised if he was the Son of God? Even John questioned Jesus about being baptised. However, Jesus saw a purpose in his baptism and asked John to leave things as they were. By accepting being baptised by John the Baptist, Jesus is showing his solidarity with all sinners. Even though he may be without sin, he had the ability to show empathy. His baptism also marks the beginning of his public ministry. Jesus was not baptised in the Synagogue or some special place. He was

baptised in the same river Jordan as everybody else. This could also be an example of Jesus' humility and his ministry to serve and not be served. Jesus is leading by example and receives blessings from God and the Holy Spirit.



The baptism of the Lord is depicted in stained glass at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Teresa of Calcutta in Baruipur, West Bengal, India. (Dreamstime/Zalietic)

As we end our days of Christmas, let us continue to pray for our state, country and world as the challenge of COVID-19 continues. This is something which won't simply go away and we can return to a normal life. Let us pray for our safety, for a vaccination, and to continue to keep ourselves and each other safe. As always, if you are unwell, please remain home and take care of yourselves. The need to wear a mask in the church is required again when attending Mass.

Finally, I would like to announce that Fr Phil Gleeson and Fr Bernie Graham, who are part of the Salesian community in Clifton Hill, will be moving this year. Fr Bernie will be moving to Tasmania and Fr Phil will be moving to Brunswick. We thank them both for their assistance in our parish over the years and we wish them the best of luck for the future. I would also like to welcome back Fr Peter Rankin, who will be the new leader for the Salesian community starting at the end of this month.

Have a great week, Fr. Martin.

Mass Times After Christmas (January)

St John's: Tuesday at 9.15am Thursday at 9.15am
Sunday at 9am (Italian), 11am and 5pm
St Joseph's: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9am
Saturday at 6:00pm Sunday at 9am (Vietnamese)
Good Shepherd: Sunday at 10am.

Entrance Antiphon ...

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am