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Streamed Mass

From St John the Baptist Church on Sundays at 11am
<https://www.facebook.com/olscjoejohn.cliftcoll.7/videos/143554354029158>

TRY BOOKING FOR MASS at St John's Church:

11am Mass...
<https://www.trybooking.com/BSDVX>
5pm Mass...
<https://www.trybooking.com/BSEDF>

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 two schools; we also offer this preparation to State School children. Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

Normally our Office is open for business ...
Tuesday to Fridays 10am and 2pm
or send your query/comments via email ...
office@olsc.org.au and we will get back to you.



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

July 17/18, 2021

Returned to the Father ...

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

Anniversaries : Elisabeth Voucher, Angela Addamo, Thomas Doyle, Baby Pierluigi Cocola Vescio.

For those whom we remember...

Please remember the following in our prayers:
Julia Rickard, Gabe Sullivan, Julia O'Malley,
Fr Chris Riley, Ida Misurelli, Sr Valda Singleton,
Anna Marinelli, John and Teresa Boetti.
Please let us know if the office can help in any way.

Hope in the Midst of Life

Sun 25 July, 2-8:30pm; Mon 26 July, 9am-5pm
The Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia (JCMA) invites you to their 2021 conference: **"Hope in the Midst of Life"** at **St Paul's Retreat Centre** Norton's Lane, Wantirna South and on Zoom. This conference invites Jews, Christians and Muslims to think about the various ways in which our faiths understand hope. Together we will explore hope through our stories, scriptures and teachings, and through people who have inspired us. The keynote speaker Cathy Connelly, is author of *'Handbook Of Hope, Emerging Stories Beyond a Disintegrating World'*.

For program details and to register:

<https://jcmahopeinmidstlife.eventbrite.com.au>
Contact: secretary@jcma.org.au | T: 0419 687 593

Carmelite Centre - Lectio Divina

The Carmelite Centre Melbourne offers Lectio Divina sessions run by Fr David Hofman, OCarm each Friday morning from 10am to 11am each week.

These present an opportunity for you to experience being with a supportive community on the spiritual journey. Away from your normal activities you can:



- take time to be still and attentive
- enter into a quiet oasis of prayer
- open yourself to what God says to you
- experience God's transforming presence

For more information go to <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/the-carmelite-centre-melbourne-presents-lectio-divina>

Normal Mass Times at OLSC

St John's: Tuesday, Thursday at 9.15am, Saturday 8.30 am
Sunday at 9:00 am (Italian), 11:00am and 5:00pm
St Joseph's: Tuesday to Saturday at 9am
Saturday at 6:00pm (English) **Sunday** at 9:00am and 10.30am (Vietnamese)

Good Shepherd: Sunday at 9:30am.

Calling all Lectors ...

During Covid last year, when we had to cancel Masses or restrict attendance, we sort of dropped off on having a prepared roster of readers for each of our Masses at St John's. At this point, we ask folks to be readers when entering the doors of church, but it may be nice to have a little time to prepare. To that end, I'm wondering if there is anyone who would like to join this liturgical ministry as lector (reader) of Biblical text. The commitment doesn't need to be big ... ie: once every two months, or fortnightly ... whatever works for you. Once I put a roster together for a couple of months, I send it out and folks can then let me know if there are any changes needed. There is great flexibility. If you would like to join this ministry, then please email me at jjacobsvandegeer@gmail.com with your name, desired Mass time and frequency of reading. It would be great to have many voices on board. Thank you in advance for your generosity of time.

Peace, Jennifer

St Joseph's Primary

St Joseph's Primary School is hoping to get the chance to present to the STEM MAD (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Making a Difference) Showcase. The students will be working in small groups to create a prototype that can help make a difference to our environment. They will follow the design process and use our Computational Thinking Skills to program a digital component to their design. They will then submit their designs to the STEM MAD Showcase to get the chance to present their prototype to Catholic schools across Melbourne in October.

Good luck to you. Go get 'em !!

Way of the Gospel: together we pray

Our prayer sessions will occur via zoom for another week. Tuesdays, 8-8:45pm. All are welcome. To join the call just go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87825571854?pwd=aFVyMm1YN3FjN1dwbGZ0dlNpY1RCZz09> Meeting ID: 878 2557 1854
Passcode: c3HrQ8 Enquiries can be directed to jjacobsvandegeer@gmail.com

A Message From Fr Martin ...

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this newsletter article we have entered another lockdown due to the pandemic. I know this must be frustrating for so many people for so many different reasons. One reason would be the cancellation of celebrations; whether it be a wedding, baptism, birthday party or an outing plain a while ago.

For one couple whose wedding we were to celebrate yesterday, this lockdown was not welcomed at all. However, the bride and groom, after already trying twice to get married, did not let this lockdown ruin their wedding plans completely. On Thursday afternoon, the couple decided to be proactive and get married that night. So, at 10pm the bride and groom, the family and friends and myself gathered in the church at St Johns to celebrate the union of 2 people in love with God's blessing. It was great to see the family and friends support the couple and drop what they were doing and come to the church with such short notice. For me it was a privilege to give God's blessing on their marriage, but to be part of a memory which will last a life time. What can this event teach us all? Well, I guess in times of trial and tribulation may God give us the wisdom and strength to face these obstacles head on. To remain as positive as possible and support each other when things are challenging. We are all in this situation together and may our faith give us the endurance to soldier on.



Recently, I was listening to a song from Les Misérables called 'I Dreamed a Dream'. The song is a lament, and is by the character Fantine, who has just been fired from her job at the factory and thrown onto the streets. She is thinking back to happier days, and wonders how everything has gone wrong in her life. I wonder what dreams do we have in our lives? What dreams did have when we were younger? What dreams do we have today: for ourselves, our family, our church, our world and for the future? For me, I dream of a day when we live in harmony with each other. That we as a people are not governed by money, power, possessions, greed, or an attitude of not caring. My hope for our Church is to be a place of welcome, where we praise God for the gifts we have and the strength to endure whatever may come our way. Also, as Fantine dreams of a time long forgotten, when her life was easier, I also dream of the time when God played a bigger part in our world. I pray that our world will remember who God is and how Christ gave up his life for us. That even though we are broken people, God still loves us and calls us home into his loving arms.

Have a safe week.
God Bless. Fr. Martin.