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If you wish to assist in "keeping the parish afloat" we offer different ways of giving ... direct debit, credit card or sacrificial envelopes. Ring the office on 9481 7333. Remember ... 25% of your commitment is returned in the form of a tax deductible receipt at the end of the year.

Our Parish bank account details are:
BSB 083-347 account: 16647 1224.

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.

atholic Care Vic is dedicated to strengthening families and communities, and is shining a light on

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

June 19, 2022 Corpus Christi Sunday Year C

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intentions: John and Shirley Ryan.
Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.
Anniversaries: Daminh Nguyen Van Pham, Phaoilo Nguyen Thanh Duong, Giovanni Tieri, Shaun Sullivan, Ralph Tudball, Mabel Jackson, Robert Chisholm, Lesley Liston, John Bills, Joseph Collins, Dick Watts, Bartolin Ziino, Jack O'Brian, Eileen Curley, Fr Peter Cross, Luciano Pretotto, Vinhson Nguyen Van Hoi, Maria Vu Thi Nhai, Gladys (Carmel) Kane, Irene Carroll, Maria Taranto, Gerald O'Donnell, Sr Catherine Skehan, Rosa De Iacovo, Shirley and John Ryan, Lina Di Marzio, Terenzio Rampa, Anna Caruso, Guilia Patane, Robyn Coote, and Maria Buttigieg.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:
Ian Armstrong, Julia Rickard, Cecily Hollingworth, Fr Chris Riley, Teresa Boetti, Ida Misurelli, Mat Kennedy, Betty Croker, Julia O'Malley, Tony Addamo, Lorena Ferri, Terry Whelan, and Robert Hescroff.

Please let us know if the office can help in any way.

World Refugee Day, June 20

Each year on June 20 is *World Refugee Day (UN)*. An online prayer service is being hosted by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, on Monday June 20, at 6pm. To register and for further details on refugee week, visit:

www.melbournecatholic.org/events/online-prayer-service-for-refugee-week



Reading/special minister roster

Date	11.00 am Sunday		5 pm Sunday
	Readers	Special Ministers	Readers
June 19th	Gabrielle Samoans		Michael Black Siena Black
June 26th	Bernadette Daniel Nellor	Margaret	Diana Xiomara

World Meeting of Families

22 - 26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world.

The idea this year is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness." You can discover local Australian events or explore the resources with your own family by visiting: www.family.catholic.org.au

Catholic Mission Appeal

This year, we invite parishioners to support families from disadvantaged backgrounds through programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Ethiopia. Due to

ongoing droughts and failed harvests, many families in the rural township of Emdibir are unable to provide enough food for their loved ones. In collaboration with the local community, Fr Habtesilassie Antuan and the Church dream of building a goat rearing centre, which will provide nourishing goats' milk for families in need and nutrition programs at local health clinics.

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emdibir.

This work simply will not be possible without your support - we hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296

www.catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



Food From The Poor

The miracle of the multiplication of bread and fishes must have held a very particular significance for the early Christians, considering that the four gospels retell the same event six times, with varying details but the same intent. Jesus and the disciples have a problem, but the nature of the problem and the solution run in opposite to each other. For Jesus starvation and abandonment arouses compassion and demands personal self-giving. For the disciples, instead, that same situation is someone else's social problem better dismissed before it becomes a personal problem.

While the disciples choose the practical solution by dismissing the crowds as it is late and in a desert place, Jesus is not that 'worldly wise'. He is the compassionate one, and he immediately challenges his followers to compassion and service in their turn. "Give them something to eat yourself".

From the very beginning, we are confronted with an illustration of the distance that can exist between our declaration of faith and the concrete lived response of each day. The disciples have nothing and are nothing and yet they are called to feed thousands in the deserts of life. It is all right to follow the Master when he works spectacular miracles, speaks affirming parables, our hearts warmed as the special ones on the mountain of personal devotion and fervour. But Jesus' call to his followers then and God's injunction to us now may sometime sound devoid of rationality and of immediate solutions.

Would we have reacted in any other way? The same challenge confronts us each time we gather at Eucharist; a group of followers nourished by his words and sharing the same food. God is the compassionate One who provides us with rich life-giving gifts. However, God's gracious abundance relies on human intervention and insufficiency of the very ones who have nothing and are nothing. A child's readiness to make available the poverty of five loaves and two fish became a God-enriched feast for thousands of hungry and tired people.

In the end, Jesus enjoins on the very disciples who claimed destitution to be instruments of God's giftedness by distributing the new abundance to the hungry and lonely.

The same claim is made of us when we gather at Eucharist. Hearing the Word and sharing at the Lord's table, we must allow ourselves to be challenged and energized into action on behalf of others, and become *food from the poor for the poor in a God-enriched world*. Failing to accept the challenge is to make a mockery of the Eucharist, because then we would conveniently ignore the injunction to "Do this in memory of me". Fr Peter Varengo SDB

