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Ms Rachel Smith (St John's Primary)
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Streamed Mass

From St John the Baptist Church on Sundays at 11am
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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 open for business ...
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10am and 2pm
or send your query/comments via email ...
office@olsc.org.au 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

May 1-2 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Returned to the Father ...

Condolences : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently. We were very sad to hear of Parishioner Judy O'Leary's passing and we offer our most sincere condolences to Saul Shepherd her husband, and the three children, Sam, Arty and Julia. She has been an inspiration to everyone for her continual happy disposition. She will be sadly missed. Her funeral is at St John's Church next Thursday.
Anniversaries : Cristina Zanella, Anna Bongiorno.

For the sick and injured ...

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

Thank you

A big thank you to Barry Whelan for once again supplying a large skip to St John's Presbytery. We were able to dispose of quite a lot of stuff which had been lingering in the offices and cupboards for some time. It's good to have room to "swing the cat" now. Thank you so much, Barry.



St John's Outreach Program

Don't forget our outreach program and buy something extra for our outreach program next time you are shopping. Long life milk and cleaning products would be appreciated by our outreach team. Thank you.

Staying in bed shouting "Oh God!" does not constitute going to church.

Mass Times in OLSC Parish

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 Sunday at 9:00am and 10.30am(Vietnamese)

Good Shepherd: Sunday at 9:30am.

Parish Feast Day

Our Parish Feast Day... Feast of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, is coming up on the 24th of May. Mass celebrations will be held at each of our churches on the 23rd. At St. John's, we will have a morning tea following the 9am Italian Mass. After the 11am English Mass, we would like to gather at the Clifton Hill Pub for lunch. Please let us know if you are interested in this outing, as bookings are essential. Please contact
<jennifer.jacobs@utoronto.ca>

Faure Requiem Concert

Faure Requiem Concert on Saturday 22nd May. Please support our parishioners who are singing. The concert starts at 5pm at All Saints Church in St Kilda. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/BPUJQ

VICTORIA CHORALE

Art of Sound Chamber Orchestra

Conductor Mario Dobernig

This concert includes 3 wonderful works by Fauré.

- ◆ the sublime Fauré Requiem
- ◆ his exquisite *Cantique de Jean Racine*
- ◆ and the haunting, dance-like *Pavane*.

Haydn's delightful Symphony No 1 will also be performed.

Saturday 22 May 2021 - 5:00 PM to 6:20 PM

All Saints' Church, 2 Chapel St, East St Kilda, Vic 318

Shakespeare once said: I cried when I had no shoes, but I stopped crying when I saw a man without legs. Life is full of blessings, sometimes we don't value it.

Pope Francis says... GET IN THE GAME !!

"Today, make reality and carry it forward, make it bear fruit, render it fruitful."



When the world is divided by conflict, when insecurities are rampant, talk of hope can seem like a fairy tale. Not true, says Pope Francis. Talking of hope and living in hope in the midst of reality are what will carry the message forward. This is our call - to respond in hope wherever we find ourselves, with our eyes and hearts open to bringing hope to those who need it most. God is calling us to be fruitful, Pope Francis tells us. "God calls you to pass this life on. God calls you to create hope. God calls you to receive mercy and to give mercy. God calls you to be happy. Do not fear! Do not be afraid! Get in the game!" May hope be our guiding force always and in all ways!

A Message From Fr Martin ...

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to the *Month of May* and how fast time is going. How great it is to have these wonderful Autumn days with the cool morning and nights, and the sunny days. Hopefully, you are all able to get out in the sun during these days before winter comes upon us.

Last Thursday a number of children from St John's Primary School came to the church with their families to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a time for us to stop and reflect on our lives and our relationship with God. It is also a time for us to make up for those things that hurt not only God, but each other. The Children reflected on how God invites us to celebrate his loving forgiveness. How we may fail to make the right decisions, but God will not abandon us. This sacrament also allows us to offer up our mistakes, free us from the burden of our sins and live a life full of happiness and peace. Congratulations to those children who took up the courage to be humble before God and honest to themselves.



Yesterday we celebrated the memorial of St Joseph the Worker. We all know that part of our existence is that we need to work. We need to work to gain an income to buy the essential things, like: food, clothing, medicine, housing, entertainment, education, just to name a few. St Joseph, like us, are made in the image of God. St Joseph, in the church, is an image of somebody who worked for his family, but who also followed the path laid out for him by God. The work Joseph did or what we do in society needs to be respected, not taken for granted and paid a fair wage. We, as a people, are also called to use what we earn wisely. The temptation is to get caught up on material things. However, we are more than just the things we own. Like St Joseph, let us strive to follow the path that God would want us to follow and put our time and income into that which builds up our physical, emotional and spiritual lives.

Finally, this month is when we celebrate the Feast of our Parish - Our Lady of the Southern Cross. On Monday the 24th of May is the Feast of Mary Help of Christians and we offer up our Parish to Mary to be our mother and protector on this day. Due to Covid-19 we are unable to have a combined parish event so, on Sunday, the 23rd of May the parish invites parishioners to a morning tea at the Pub opposite the primary school after the 11am mass. **If you wish to attend please register your name after mass or call the office on 94817333 for catering.**

