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St Joseph's: Sunday 10:30am [Vietnamese]
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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 !! Albeit on a rather short-ened hours listing ... Tuesday 10-2; Wednesday 10-2; Friday 10-2; or send your query/comments via email ... office@olsc.org.au or collclift@hotmail.com and Joan will respond to you.

Response to the Prayers of the Faithful ...

Lord, hear our prayer

Entrance Antiphon ...

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. / You will call upon me, and I will answer you, / and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

15th November, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Returned to the Father ...

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, especially for Josefa Vilchez whose funeral was held at St John's last Thursday.

Anniversaries: Edward Vincent, Felicia Michelangeli.

For the sick and injured ...

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

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

Fourth World Day of the Poor

This 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time we celebrate the Fourth World Day of the Poor. In his message for this year's celebration, Pope Francis cites the wisdom found in the Old Testament book of Sirach. "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32).

From this inspiration, Pope Francis tells us, "Prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable. In order to perform an act of worship acceptable to the Lord, we have to recognize that each person, even the poorest and most contemptible, is made in the image of God.

From this awareness comes the gift of God's blessing, drawn by the generosity we show to the poor. Time devoted to prayer can never become an alibi for neglecting our neighbour in need. In fact the very opposite is true: the Lord's blessing descends upon us and prayer attains its goal when accompanied by service to the poor."

For the full message, go to... http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20200613_messaggio-iv-giornatamondiale-poveri-2020.html

Universal Children's Day 2020

This Sunday we pray for children, as Universal Children's Day is celebrated in the coming week (20th November). The goal of Universal Children's day is to improve child welfare worldwide, promote and celebrate children's rights and promote togetherness and awareness amongst all children. Initially launched in 1954, Universal Children's day has seen some milestone events in the field of child welfare.

The convention sets out a number of children's rights such as the rights to be protected from violence and discrimination and the rights to life, health and education.

More information about Universal Children's Day, including a downloadable information pack and a child-friendly version of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, can be found at www.un.org/events



What is servant leadership?

Servant leadership traces its origins to Robert Greenleaf. In his 1970 essay "The Servant as a Leader" he described servant leadership ...

"The servant-leader is servant first... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first."

Servant leadership flips the typical leadership script by putting people ahead of power. A servant leader prioritises (others') growth and well-being, letting their own needs and ambition take a backseat.

10 key principles of servant leadership ...

So what does it take to be a servant leader? Servant leaders share a common set of core characteristics. Follow these 10 principles to put servant leadership to work ...

1. **Listening:** Listening is at the heart of servant leadership. If (another is) talking, give them your full focus and attention—no interruption allowed! It's a simple way to make (them) feel valued so they know you care.

2. **Empathy:** A lot goes into empathy, but when it comes to servant leadership, it basically comes down to getting to know (others in the group). Find out what makes them tick, and learn their strengths and weaknesses. That way you can let (them) shine and maybe even help them turn their weaknesses into strengths.

3. **Healing:** Some (people) may come to you from a previous (experience) that had a really toxic ... environment – and you have the privilege to help them heal. Don't worry, it's not as hard as it sounds. Healing is as simple as creating a healthy ... environment that has ... balance built in. It's also about giving people the tools they need to succeed so they feel ... valued ...

4. **Self-awareness:** I've already mentioned the importance of understanding your (others') strengths and weaknesses. But it's just as important to do a little self-reflection of your own. Take inventory of your own strengths and weaknesses, and figure out how you fit into the overall (picture). Then use yourself in ways that benefit the team and the company. Recognising your own limitations can help you see opportunities to leverage (others') strengths more clearly ...

5. **Persuasion:** Servant leaders use persuasion to build consensus and get buy-in That way everyone feels like they have a stake ...

6. **Conceptualization:** You've got to know where you're going as a leader After all, how else will you carve a positive path for (others)?

7. **Foresight:** Another key characteristic of servant leadership is taking the knowledge you've learned in the past and applying it to the future so you and (others) can continue to grow.

8. **Stewardship:** Stewardship is simply leading by example. It's your job to set the tone for (others), so don't ask people to do things you wouldn't do yourself.

9. **Commitment to the growth of people:** If you want (others) to grow, you've got to invest (time, care and energy in them).

10. **Building community:** (Groups) who trust each other work together to get more done. That's why it's important to cultivate relationships among your (work, community, social, parish or family groups).

<https://www.teamgantt.com/blog/servant-leadership>

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.

A message from Fr Martin ...

Dear All

As we continue through the month of November we are already seeing signs that Christmas is on its way. With restrictions still part of our every day life, we are not sure what Christmas will look like in 2020. What determines our plans for Christmas masses will be the number of people allowed in the church and the seating arrangements to maintain social distancing. The process we have been following is to wait till the Archdiocese gives us guidelines to follow each time restrictions are lifted. As we get closer to this wonderful celebration I will let you know how the masses will be arranged.

Part of the history of 'Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish' has been the presence of St Joseph's Primary School Collingwood, which was established in 1860, and St John's Primary School Clifton Hill, which was established in 1886. Both schools have played a major part in the education and welfare of children for many years. Under the guidance of different religious orders, lay people and many Parish Priests, the children have benefited and moved forward in life. As we all know, change is part of our world and our lives. There is a significant change which will occur regarding the governance not only to our primary schools, but to all Catholic primary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne starting in 2021.

Currently, all Catholic primary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are under the governance of the parish priest. However, from the 1st January 2021, a new company called MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd) will take over the governance of these schools. Under the guidance of the Archbishop and a board of directors MACS will assume responsibility for the governance and operating of the school, which was the role of the Parish Priest. This change in governance, which will have some form in all four Victorian dioceses, is a direct result of recommendations handed down by the government. The change in governance does not affect the role of the Principal in schools, and his or her mission as leader of the school, and the Parish Priest will still be seen as a spiritual guide for the school and the whole school community. He still holds a real ministerial leadership in the primary school for all involved.

Let us pray that this change will further enhance our schools, our children's future education and holistic development. For me as parish priest, I still see my role as very much part of the school community, supporting the children, staff and parents in any way possible. Education is the future of all our children, but our faith in God is also part of our journey through life. Our spiritual nourishment can also play a major role in living a healthy and happy life.

God Bless,

Fr. Martin.

Mass Times

St John:	Tuesday at 9.15am	Thursday at 9.15am
	Sunday at 9 am (Italian)	11am and 5pm
St Joseph:	Tuesday at 9am	Wednesday at 9am
	Thursday at 9am	Friday at 9 am
	Saturday at 9am	Saturday at 6 pm
	Sunday at 10.30am	

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.