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Current Mass times:

St Joseph's: Sunday 9 am [Vietnamese—streaming]
St John's: Sunday 11 am [English—streaming]
Wednesday 9.15 am

Good Shepherd Chapel : nil

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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

Due to Covid-19, our Parish Office is now closed until further notice. To make connection with our Parish Secretary please 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 ...

To you I call: for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

18th October, 2020 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Returned to the Father ...

Condolences : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, especially for Dennis Hines whose funeral will be held tomorrow (Monday) at Lonergan's Funerals at 11.30am.

Anniversaries : Robert Taylor, Simmaco Golino, Joan Lacey, Vincenzo Carnovale.

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.

Month of the Rosary

All are welcome to pray a community Rosary each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm during the month of October via zoom. We had our second rosary last Wednesday, which again was well attended and a lovely way of seeing each other briefly and sharing a quiet time of prayer. To attend, please go to the following link, or email Jennifer at <jennifer.jacobs@utoronto.ca> God bless!
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83454834567
pwd=SVgwT1EzTXRnZEZyZWVBRmVBBNktpdz09
Meeting ID: 834 5483 4567 Passcode: nda5av

St John's Mango fundraiser

If you love mangoes, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive for St John's Primary School. We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the harvest. Cost per tray is \$25.

Orders are due by Friday 29th October. Delivery is expected the first week of December and we are happy to provide contactless delivery to your home. For further information contact: Julia 0407343637 or the school office 94891346.

Thank you in advance for your support.



World Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday, which we celebrate this weekend, is a reminder that we are all mission. Catholic Mission's focus this year draws on the message of Pope Francis, in which he says, 'Every man and woman is a mission. That is the reason for our life on this earth.' Further, from the National Director of Catholic Mission, Fr. Brian Lucas, World Mission Sunday is the ultimate global celebration of mission. It is a special day where, as Christians, we are called to reflect on how we can be a part of bringing about the Reign of God and continuing Jesus' mission in the world. Let us bring this to our reflection on this day and into the week... how are we living out our call to mission? For more information about World Mission Sunday and the Catholic Mission agency go to www.catholicmission.org.au.

Gospel Reflection

PUT GOD FIRST

Have you ever had one of those days when you needed to be in two places at one time? Let me rephrase that: Have you ever had one of those days when you didn't need to be in two places at one time? Say, you've got a big meeting to get ready for at work, you've got a sick child at home, and your best friend is on the phone saying she really needs to talk, and can you have lunch today? We've all been there, haven't we? More often than we care to admit.

We're committed to a lot of different people and a lot of different entities – family, friends, vocation, community, civic clubs, fraternal organizations, the church ... not to mention taking care of ourselves. It's a juggling act. And when two or more demand our attention at one time, we're torn. That's the essence of stress: Being pulled in two or more directions at the same time. Like a rubber band, being stretched to the limit.

And that's the topic of the (gospel) this morning – the way in which competing forces lay claim to our time, talent, money and energy. And what I hope you'll get out of it is this: When you place God at the centre of your life and commit yourself, first and foremost, to doing God's will, everything else will fall into place. It's a matter of putting God first....

On the surface, the gospel lesson seems to address a legitimate question: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (Matthew 22:17). But then, we all know it's a ruse. 'Those who asked the question weren't seeking Jesus' counsel; they were trying to catch him off guard. Matthew writes: "Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how they might entrap him in his talk. They sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians." (Matthew 22:15-16)

Just so you know: The Herodians and the Pharisees were odd bedfellows at best. The Herodians were pro-Roman, the Pharisees were anti-Roman. No matter how Jesus answered the question, he was sure to offend one or the other. To side with the Herodians was to commit heresy in the eyes of the Pharisees, for to pay tribute to Caesar was, in effect, to bow down before other gods; but to side with the Pharisees was to commit treason in the eyes of the Herodians, for to refuse to pay tribute to Caesar was an act of sedition. And so, they flattered Jesus in an attempt to entrap him.

Here's the bottom line: Whether it's paying taxes to Caesar, or spending enough time with your loved ones, or doing a good job at work, or fulfilling all of your various commitments in and around the community, there are lots of competing claims on your life, and some days – if not most – you probably wonder whether there'll enough of you to go around. The secret is to put God first. Make your relationship to God the first and most important part of each day, and God will give you to capacity to do the rest.

Dr Philip W McLarty <https://sermonwriter.com/sermons/matthew-2215-22-put-god-first-mclarty/>

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 Parishioners,

Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter the current restrictions have been somewhat lifted. I am sure we are all looking forward to some kind of new normality in our everyday life, social life, church life and work life.

Recently, I watched the movie called 'Man of Steel' which is a version of the Superman films which you may have viewed in the past. While watching the movie, there was a scene when Lois Lane (newspaper reporter) was speaking to the Man of Steel. During their conversation Lois spoke about the symbol on the Man of Steel's suit. Lois' interpretation of the symbol was the letter 'S' for Superman. However, the Man of Steel corrected her and said that the 'S' was a symbol of HOPE. May mind automatically was drawn to the word HOPE. Why? I believe we all need some hope in our world today, particularly during the current situation.

We all need to have hope for the future, be hopeful for the months ahead and hopefully we can continue to work together and have a brighter future. Superman's or the Man of Steel's role was to protect help those who were in danger of the evil that lived amongst the people. We don't have the power of the Man of Steel, but hopefully we have the love of the Father, the sacrifice of Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit. Let us be superheroes by using these gifts to help others in need in small or big ways.

Finally, last week was the first week back for the children in both St Johns and St Joseph's primary schools. It was great to see the classrooms buzzing with activity and the voices of joy and play during the breaks. Let's continue to have hope for the days ahead.

Continue to stay safe and blessings for the week ahead.

Fr Martin



Hope is an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes with respect to events and circumstances in one's life or the world at large. As a verb, its definitions include: "expect with confidence" and "to cherish a desire with anticipation." *Wikipedia*

"The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof." *Barbara Kingsolver*

"Hope can be a powerful force. Maybe there's no actual magic in it, but when you know what you hope for most and hold it like a light within you, you can make things happen, almost like magic." *Laini Taylor*

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.

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.

