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Current weekend Mass times:

St Joseph's: Sunday 9 am [Vietnamese—streaming]
St John's: Sunday 11 am [English—streaming]
Good Shepherd Chapel: nil

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 on 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 ...

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

13th September, 2020 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Returned to the Father ...

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

Anniversaries: Sam Golino, William Puli, Joan O'Donnell, Eileen Bennett.

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 on office@olsc.org so that we can all remember them in our prayers.

An Act of Spiritual Communion:

The simple and loving act of Spiritual Communion (written by St Alphonsus Liguori) can be made when we are unable to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist.

Pray these words:

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

"BE HELPFUL
WHEN YOU SEE
A PERSON
WITHOUT A SMILE,
GIVE HIM YOURS."

- Zig Ziglar
HoustonTX.com

Marriage Encounter

ONLINE WEEKEND

If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you ...

A great opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication in the comfort of your own home.

This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Couples from regional areas may find this option ideal.

Next weekend is on **9-11th October 2020.**

Information/Bookings: **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: **vicbookings@wwme.org.au** Website: **wwme.org.au**

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.

Reflection

NOT SEVEN TIMES BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES

Both the words of Jesus and the parable linked with them throw us back to the Lord's Prayer as it is presented in the Sermon on the Mount. In the 'Our Father' which we recite together in every Eucharist, we say: "Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us." Further commenting on these words, Matthew has Jesus say, "If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. But, if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done." (Matthew 6: 12,14-15). There are two very clear messages from both the parable and the words from the Sermon on the Mount:

- The first is that we dare not hold back forgiveness from those God forgives. And we know, from the Gospel, God's attitude towards wrongdoers and his penchant for forgiveness.

- But the second message is that the divine patience is not infinite. God, as Jesus tells us to do, is ready to forgive 77 times. And, when it comes to the forgiveness of our own sins, we take this for granted.... At the same time, there is a limit to the extent of God's forgiveness in the sense that it is conditional. That condition is determined first, by our readiness to respond to his forgiveness through our repentance and conversion, and second, by our willingness to imitate him in practising forgiveness of those we feel have offended or hurt us.

Strange as it may seem, the all-powerful God cannot fully forgive the person to whom pardon is offered but who refuses it. Because ultimately, the problem is not just one of 'forgiveness' but also of 'reconciliation'. And where there is no reconciliation or at least hope of reconciliation there cannot be forgiveness in the full sense....

<https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/oa241g/>

If you wish to assist in "keeping the parish afloat" we offer different ways of giving ... direct debit, credit card or sacrificial envelopes. Email the office on office@olsc.org.au or collclift@hotmail.com. 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.

Pope Francis says ...

"It's all about mercy. Jesus' healing is personal. We always have to see the person that God sees."

Pope Francis is no stranger to provocative questions. In his papacy he continually takes sensitive issues and reminds us that Jesus came to save everyone. There is no one unworthy of God's care and attention. This means that, in our own efforts to reach out to others, we have to see the person God sees - someone loveable and valuable, no matter what we think of their sins and failings. We have no greater model than Jesus himself. Jesus, Pope Francis says, "saves us with tenderness, he saves us with caresses, he saves us with his life given for us."



A message from Fr Martin ...

Dear Parishioners

Let me begin my article by thanking those who were able to donate food for those who are struggling. When I delivered the goods to Jen Payne she was very appreciative for your generosity. This act of charity is one way of putting into action the words we hear in scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself." This sentence may seem like a simple and basic idea, but at times we may find it hard to put into action. With all that is going on in our world and here in our own backyard, it could be difficult to have the energy to help others. Personally, I would like to thank those who were able to support this venture and if others are about to donate, even a small token, I am sure it will go far.

This coming week is the last week of Term 3 and I would like to thank the staff and teachers at both St Joseph's and St John's Primary Schools who have worked so hard during this unusual time. Online teaching is not always easy and at times a great deal of motivation is required from the children. I have had the privilege of talking to the children from St John's on Google and sharing a bit about the Sacrament of Confirmation. I hope to do the same with the children from St Joseph's in Term 4. Everything being well, I hope we may have the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year when the restrictions are relaxed. At St Joseph's, the new playground is slowly taking shape and I am sure the children will be excited to use it in Term 4. A well-earned rest will do wonders for the spirits of both the staff and children. May the break be a time of stillness, catch up and a bit of personal rejuvenation.

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge those who are getting together on a Tuesday night on Zoom to reflect on the Sunday gospel. It is a time to stop, interact with others in the parish, listen to scripture and share your own personal reflection. If anybody else would like to join the group, please contact the office via email or leave a message on the answering machine if the office is not attended.

Have a great week. Stay safe. Mary of the Southern Cross protect us.

Fr Martin

Life is too short to wake up with regrets.
So love the people who love you.
Right & Forget ones don't.
Believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it.
Nobody said it would be easy... They just said that it would be worth it.

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.