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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.

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

September 4/5, 2021

Father's Day

Returned to the Father ...

Condolences : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.
Anniversaries : Mother Teresa, Eileen Bennett, John Francis Kane, Krystal Lanza, Carmine De Donato.

For those whom we remember...

Please remember the following in our prayers:
Julia Rickard, Gabe Sullivan, Julia O'Malley,
Vincenzo Loggia, Fr Chris Riley, Ida Misurelli,
Sr Valda Singleton, Anna Marinelli, Ian Armstrong,
John and Teresa Boetti.
Please let us know if the office can help in any way.

The Grace of St Joseph

Fathers are not born but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by caring for that child. When a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person. Sunday is Father's Day and Pope Francis speaks about the importance of fathers and his admiration for them.



Joseph witnessed the adoration of the shepherds and the Magi. Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave his name as revealed by the angel: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

In the Temple, forty days after Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary offered their child to the Lord. To protect Jesus from Herod, Joseph dwelt as a foreigner in Egypt. After returning to his own country, he led a hidden life in the tiny village of Nazareth in Galilee, far from his ancestral town.
Taken from Magellan Media



Birth of the Blessed Virgin

(This week the Church celebrates) the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.



These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary... An angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied, that all generations would honour their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

... Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said. The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/the-birth-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-357>



St John's Outreach Program

Don't forget our outreach program

Buy something extra for our outreach program next time you are shopping. Long life milk and cleaning products (including toothpaste and soap) would be appreciated by our outreach team. Thank you.

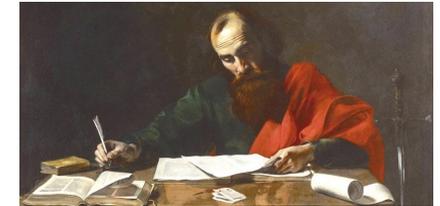
A Message From Fr Martin ...

Dear Parishioners,

Let me begin my newsletter this week citing the words from St Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6



I wish to thank God for all the parishioners in this parish who share our faith and try to put it into practice what they profess. The opening comments of Paul's letters often share with us an insight into of the ideas and issues into the life of the church to whom the letter are written for. In this case the opening verses of this letter highlight three key themes. First, that of sharing in the gospel, second the meaning of the gospel, and third, the "good work" that God does in the life of the disciples.



Paul is celebrating and rejoicing that he was able to share the Good News, the Gospel of Christ. Not only because it was his life's mission, but for the greater good of the Christian community. The gospel shares the wisdom of Christ and the love of God. If Paul was writing to us today, he would also be encouraging us to listen to Christ and seek to bring his teaching to life in today's world.

The meaning of the Gospels was also important for Paul. The Gospels are the teachings and revelations of Christ. The Church's mission is to spread the Good News, which is to love God and love neighbour as yourself. Finally, St Paul would be eternally grateful for those Christians who did good works in the name of Christ. In our simple but life changing actions this day, may we be an example of Paul's drive and passion to be Christlike. Amen.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers and those who are father figures to others in need.'

God Bless Fr. Martin.