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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 6th September, 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Returned to the Father ...

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, particularly for Luigi Vaiano whose funeral was held last Tuesday at St John's Church. The main celebrant was Fr Peter Varengo, with Fr Martin concelebrating. Luigi and her family have been with St John's community for many many years, with baptisms and weddings ... and funerals. We pay our condolences to Luigi's family.

Anniversaries: John Francis Kane, Krystal Lanza, Carmine De Donato, Santo Costanzo, Marino Di Tullio, Fr Bart San (former Asst Parish Priest at St Joey's Church), and Charles Utting.

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.

The force of inspirational thoughts

You see, the way you think and feel about yourself, including your beliefs and expectations about what is possible for you, determines everything that happens to you.

When you change the quality of your thinking, you change the quality of your life, sometimes instantly. Just as positive words can make someone smile or a well-timed humorous quote can make someone laugh, our thoughts react to the world in real-time.

You have complete control over only one thing in the universe — your thinking — and that's where motivational thoughts come in!

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

- Zig Ziglar
Husband & Wife

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

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.

This week's theme ...

I SHALL BE THERE WITH THEM

Every Christian community experiences difficulties in one form or another. Misunderstandings occur, divisions arise. Today's Gospel reminds us that Christ is present in our communities even when they are broken, when only two or three meet in his name. Healing occurs when we seek to embody in our communities the qualities of Christ, especially forgiveness and mutual love. *Taken from St Pauls Sunday Missal*

Reflection

The responsibility for maintaining right relationship in the community lies with the community members. If our personal efforts to resolve conflict are unsuccessful, we do well to seek the wisdom of others.

Jesus, God-with us, is present in the assembly. We have that assurance. We also have the assurance that our failure to deal with transgression can leave a person unreconciled. It is very easy to hold on to past hurts. We need to 'loose' the sins of those who acknowledge their offences. In other words, we need to forgive them and thus set them free from the burden of their sins against us.

Forgiveness is needed at personal, group, national and global levels if we are to be in right relationship in the Earth community. Most global tensions have their origin in the unresolved conflicts of the distant past.

Veronica Lawson RSM

STOP PRESS: JUST ONE DAD JOKE FOR FATHER'S DAY:

Why did the scarecrow win an award? A. Because he was outstanding in his field.

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 ...

LAYING THE FOUNDATION
The framework of peace is built by our acts of dialogue, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

A true builder of peace, says Pope Francis, is the one who first reaches out to another, who takes the first step in trust and hope. Sometimes the condition of the world seems overpoweringly difficult and peace an impossibility. But, the Pope reminds us, it's by settling small conflicts and creating oases of harmony that the message of peace begins to spread and networks begin to grow. Each of us has some quarrel to settle, some conflict to resolve. It is truly strength and not weakness to take that first step of reconciliation.



A message from Fr Martin ...

Dear Parishioners,

There are many challenges in our world today and we can only do our best to make things a little bit better for all of us – one step at a time. One of the many challenges is to help others who lack the bare essentials – like food. Currently there is no Government funding to help with this issue. In previous newsletters we have mentioned the program called Oz Harvest.

Jen Payne, one of our long-standing parishioners, (one talks about a project and Jen has already taken it on board!!) has been organising the delivery of food parcels with the help of volunteers. Recently, due to the lack of funding the Marist Brothers and St Vincent de Paul have been assisting. Talking to Jen this week she asked me if the parish could assist with donations of food. I am wondering if we are able to assist. Jen asked if we could provide items such as cans of tuna or vegetables, long life milk, cereal, pasta, rice and rolled oats. I would be happy to come by and pick up the donations to save people leaving their homes. Please don't feel compelled if you are unable due to COVID-19 and Stage Four restrictions. If you can help and you are happy for me to pick up the donations, please call the parish on (94817333) and leave your name and number and I will contact you.

As we begin the season of Spring, we will hopefully see more sunshine, warmer days, new life being born and new growth in our gardens. We leave behind the season of Winter in which we experienced the elements of coldness, rain, trees which have lost their leaves and lying dormant, and animals that go into hibernation. May this season of Spring give us hope, determination, strength and a positive outlook on life. As we hopefully come out of Stage Four lock down in the near future, let us continue to support and care for each other. Let us also remember to offer our prayers to God for our own personal needs and those around us.

TO ALL THE FATHERS IN OUR PARISH 'HAPPY FATHER'S DAY.' I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED DAY.

Have a great week. God bless.

Fr Martin



At Spring the equinox: days and nights are approximately twelve hours long and therefore equal, with daytime length increasing and nighttime length decreasing as the season progresses. Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection and regrowth.

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.