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September 7/8 Collection :

St John's \$380 St Joseph's \$1,209

Sacramental Reception ...

Baptism : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (book online ... olsc.org.au/baptisms)

Marriage: by appointment

Reconciliation: every Friday 7:15—8:00pm

Confirmation: 10th August at St Joseph's Church 6pm.

Reconciliation and Holy Communion: Preparation for these Sacraments will be conducted at John's for State School children. Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

Mass Times at OLSC

St John's:

Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am, Saturday 8.30am, 6:00 pm
 Sunday at 9:00 am (Italian), 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

St Joseph's:

Monday to Saturday at 8:30 am, Saturday 6:00 pm (English)
 Sunday at 9:00 am (Vietnamese)

Good Shepherd:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 9:30 am

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

14/15 September, 2024

Year B

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intention: .

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently. Particularly for Quang Nghia Joseph Truong whose funeral is scheduled for tomorrow (Monday) at St Joseph's.

Anniversaries: William Puli, Joan O'Donnell, Michele Marcantonio.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers: Mario Misurelli, Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, and Ian Armstrong.

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 21 September – **Food Night** at St Joseph's

Friday, 27 September – **Gioan Hoan Night** at St Joseph's (see below)

Sunday, 29 September – **'A Sunday to Celebrate'** at all masses at John's

October: **Month of the Holy Rosary**

Everyone is warmly invited to our **Gioan Hoan Night** at St Joseph's, Collingwood for a fun night including buffet dinner, karaoke, a prize filled raffle and much more! Friday, 27th September from 6.30 pm. RSVP by 15th to Anh on 0417 379 489 or nguyencaoanh2003@yahoo.com.au

Roster for Mass at St John's

Please Note: If unforeseen circumstances prevent you from taking part, please arrange a substitute.

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
11 am				
15 Sep	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
22 Sep	Hugh	Gabrielle	Bill/Jill	Margaret A
29 Sep	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
6 Oct	John A	Anne/Peter	Bill F	Margaret A
13 Oct	Michael/Anna	Lucy C	Susan S	John S
5 pm				
15 Sep	Manickams	Berrymans	Berrymans	
22 Sep	Marita	Anne/Peter	Anne/Peter	
29 Sep	Lachlan	Anne/Peter	Marita Q	
6 Oct	Akkermans	Akkermans	Akkermans	
13 Oct	Lachlan	Daniel R	Marita Q	

St John's School buildings

The Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to announce that, in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM), we have selected Teska Carson to manage our upcoming Expression of Interest (EOI) campaign to find a suitable tenant to lease the former St John's school premises.

The selection process was thorough, involving three other agents to ensure the best choice for our parish. The EOI campaign will run for 8 weeks, commencing after 23 September. This will involve advertising in front of the school and on commercial real estate websites.

Our mission is to attract potential tenants who align with our faith-based values, ensuring that our parish site continues to serve the community with purpose and integrity.

Please keep this initiative in your prayers as we seek to further our mission.

On behalf of the PPC – Quyen Pham-Nguyen

Welcome !!

St John's Church proudly announces two baptisms today (Sunday):

Rosie Grace, daughter of Sandon and Olivia James of East Melbourne; and Eden Saoirse, daughter of Joshua and Michelle Carollan of Doreen. We welcome both children into the Church and hope their journey of faith is most enjoyable.

Social Services Sunday

Today, 15 September 2024, is observed as Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The day is an opportunity to give thanks for the dedicated work of thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised.

At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society. *Catholic Social Services*

We say goodbye to Fr Marcello Baek who is returning to Korea this weekend to take up his role as Provincial of Korea. We wish him well.

URGENT PASTORAL NEED

Please call mobile: 0401 887 115

An Uncomfortable God

"Who do you say that I am?" With the hindsight of two thousand years, how do we answer the question about Jesus put to us today? A do-gooder or a wonder worker, a political moral teacher or a revolutionary religious zealot, a harsh judge or a pious but deluded Jew of long ago, up there or down here? Like for Jesus' disciples, many of us would readily relegate God up there or out there, a slot machine exterior to our life and personal experience, busily keeping tabs on human behaviour to distribute rewards or punishment. The disciples in today's narrative identified Jesus as the re-incarnation of an undefined mythological figure (Elijah) or a ghost lost in some tradition hovering between recently executed (John the Baptist) or long lost in a dead past (one of the prophets). However, contrary to the flow of this out there scenario, Peter's response is surprising. Unreflectively, Peter proclaims the fundamental truth of Jesus as Messiah. Giving expression to a powerful intuition that could only well up from the heart of a child in response to daddy's love, the rough fisherman blurts out: "You are the Christ!". No sophisticated theological jargon Jesus is the living and active presence of God in the reality of our daily life, sharing twists and turns in the humdrum of personal experience not in the clouds, very much down here.

Yet, in spite of Jesus praising Peter's insightful and faith-filled acknowledgement, those words about God-with-us quickly turn into bitter irony, with Jesus firstly enjoining on his disciples not to divulge his identity to anyone, and then calling Peter a stumbling block ("Satan"), ordering him to get behind him and stay out of his way. Confronted with Jesus' self-revelation of sharing the same mortal destiny of suffering and dying, Peter could not accept a God so deeply immersed in the human story as to be our journeyman, carrying our crosses with us, enmeshed in our human frailty and sinfulness. For the Peters in us, God down here caught up in our experience as to live, suffer and die like every human being, relegated up there or out there outside human reality, certainly not here in our human story. is uncomfortably painful. If God is so close as to be intertwined with our daily experiences then God becomes uncomfortable, because concrete daily life becomes a revelation of God, and relationship with each other is the channel of transmission of this God-presence in the here and now. Either God is totally caught up in our lives, or he is forever relegated out there, or up there. The God Jesus came to reveal is not a silent spectator satisfied and aloof in his heaven, but demanding nothing from us beyond accepting that he loves us unreservedly as we are, human, frail, and sinful.

Let us ask ourselves the question of who God really is in our lives, have the courage to confront and own this uncomfortable God right here, where we are.