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St Joseph's Community

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December 1 Collection :

St John's \$701 St Joseph's \$899

Sacramental Reception ...

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

Marriage: (book online ... olsc.org.au/weddings)

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

Confirmation, 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.

Normal 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

December 7/8, 2024

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For those whom we remember...

Mass Intentions: Rosina and Francesco Muzzi.

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

Anniversaries: Leo Kosta, Mary-Anne Balmer. It's been ten years since Mary-Anne passed away. She was an awesome person, loved bright colours, and had a wonderful sense of humour.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers: Mario Misurelli, Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Annette Baker, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo. 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.

Weddings

Next Saturday we have a wedding—at St Joseph's: the wedding of Thi Thuy Nga Hoang and Ngoc Son Dang of Greta NSW. We wish them well and hope their journey of faith together will be enjoyable.

Baptism

We have a baptism at St John's of Harrison John Robert, son of Samuel and Alexandria Kirby of Clifton Hill. We warmly welcome Harrison into the Catholic Church and hope he enjoys his faith journey.

If we don't try, we won't know. Ellen MacArthur

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				
8 Dec	Michael B	Michael/Anna	John S	
15 Dec	Jeanette	John S	Susan S	Margaret
22 Dec	Hugh	Gabrielle	Lucy	Margaret
25 Dec	John A	Gabrielle	Jill	
29 Dec				
5 pm				
8 Dec			Diana A	
15 Dec	Anne/Peter	Manickams	Manickams	
22 Dec	Lachlan	Lucy	Lachlan	
25 Dec			NO MASS	
29 Dec				

Upcoming Events

December: Advent and Christmas

Friday, 6—Reflection and Reconciliation St John's 7pm

Saturday, 7—Christmas Carols in nursing homes

Sunday, 8—Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, 9—Immaculate Conception Mass at St John's

9:15am; St Joseph's 7:30pm

Tuesday, 10—Hugh McGinlay 11am Parish Centre

Saturday, 14—Parish Christmas Carols, St John's.

Tuesday, 24—Christmas Eve services:

Family Mass at St John's 6pm (English) and St Joseph's 6pm (English)

Vietnamese Mass at St Joseph's 8:30pm

Carols at St John's 11:30pm

Midnight Mass at St John's; Midnight Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday, 25—Christmas Day services

Mass at St John's 9am (Italian); 11am (English)

Mass at St Joseph's 10am (Vietnamese)

January, 2025: New Year's Day

Mass at 9:15am at St John's

Exploring Christmas Gospels

Hugh McGinlay, Editor of Coventry Press, will continue his talk on the infancy gospels of Matthew and Luke - how they complement one another and how they differ from one another; and what the stories teach us about the development of the Jesus tradition within the community.

Coventry Press is an independent Christian publishing house and its philosophy is "We believe that good books should be available to everyone". Hugh's sessions will conclude on Tuesday, 10th December, starting at 11am in St John's Parish Centre.

Back when ...

John Andrews, our Parish Archivist, has been 'cleaning up' the Archives Room and found a treasure. Unfortunately it is not dated. However ...

- We only had masses on Sunday, but we had six
- We had masses for everything, from First Fridays to weekdays to days of obligation
- We had a library open five nights of the week where one could borrow a book at 3d per book, per fortnight
- St John's School had 388 kids, and ...

We had 6,000 parishioners !!!

Your strengths far outweigh your weaknesses. Unknown

URGENT PASTORAL NEED

Please call mobile: 0401 887 115

Faith and Hope in Advent

The first reading from the book of Baruch speaks of a joyful return to God. Baruch invites the people to take off their garments of sorrow and put on the beauty of God's glory. This symbolizes a transformation from despair to hope. It reminds us that God is always ready to restore us, no matter how far we've strayed.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to make our paths straight, which means removing anything that stands between us and God. We all face different challenges, such as pride or comfort, which can hinder our spiritual journey. This Advent, we are called to address these obstacles and make room for the Lord.

John the Baptist's message was compelling because he offered them hope by announcing that change was coming and they needed to be ready. John's call to baptism was a call to leave behind old habits and prepare for something new.

The reflections for the 2nd Sunday encourage us to prepare for Christ's coming with joyful hearts, mutual support, and clear paths. Each reading brings a unique perspective, reminding us of God's faithfulness, the importance of community, and the need for personal transformation.

Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Monday, 9th December. Mass will be held at 7:30pm, St Joseph's Collingwood with Celebrants Bishop-elect Think Nguyen and Fr Cassius, PP. Mass will also be held at St John the Baptist Church commencing at 9:15am.

Christmas and Calendar 2025

You can find out about events and activities between now and Christmas on the notice at the back of each church.

To help you plan your activities as a member of our parish, a 2025 calendar will be distributed at Mass on 7 and 8 December. If you miss out, please contact the office for your copy. A large A3 copy will be placed on a noticeboard in each church.

Housesitting offer

Australian family returning from overseas seeking house sitting opportunity in the area in January 2025 while finalising permanent housing. Enquires to Gabrielle via the parish office, office@olsc.org.au

What is a segment of garlic called?
 Which composer wrote the water music?
 Which country does Edam cheese come from?
 In music what are the horizontal lines called?
 In computers what does RAM mean?
 Answers next week