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St Joseph's Community

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The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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Collections:

St John's \$562 St Joseph's \$1.013

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 OLS C

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

February 15/16 2025

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For those whom we remember...

Mass Intentions: Nil.

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, particularly for Sr Margaret Kane RGS whose funeral was last Friday.

For prayers of healing

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

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

Sat 22 February Parish Games: St Joseph's Hall

Tuesday 4 March Shrove Tuesday: St Joseph's

Wed 5 March Ash Wednesday: Mass St John's 9.15am and 7pm; at St Joseph's 9am (English) and 7.30pm (Vietnamese)

15-16 March Tea and Coffee after Mass: St John's 9,11 & 5pm; St Joe's 6pm

Wednesday 19 March Feast of St Joseph

Weddings

We had three weddings at St John's: Sweta Prashad and Dwayne Rajaratnam from Noble Park; Magdalene de Rozario and Scott William Fincerski from Sunshine; and our own Lucy Cirona and Appudurai Natkunarajah.

We wish these three bridal couples every good wish on their faith journey with each other.

What is your happiest memory? What do you value most in life?

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				
Feb 16	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Michael B
Feb 23	John A	Anne/Peter	Bill	Margaret
March 2	Quoc N	Quyen PN	Lucy C	Gabrielle
March 9	Gabrielle	Hugh	Jeanette	Margaret
5 pm				
Feb 16	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	
Feb 23	Don Bosco Youth Feast Day			
March 2	Manickams	Manickams	Marie R	
March 9	Marita	Peter/Anne	Lucy C	

Parish Games

You're Invited! Come and join us for a fun-filled Games Night at St Joseph's Hall, 46 Otter Street, Collingwood on February 22nd for a 7:00 pm start.



Finger foods, soft drinks and water will be provided. Enjoy a night of laughter, friendly competition, prizes and great company! Need a lift? Let the office know and we will arrange transport for you. Looking forward to seeing you there! Bring your family and friends for what will be a most enjoyable evening of fun and games. More details to follow.

A Sunday to Celebrate

Don't forget ... today we will be celebrating our community at St John's after Mass with coffee/tea and a biscuit. And at St Joseph's at 6pm Mass. Please stay and join together in unity.

Youth Mass

Our Parish Youth Mass will again be held today (Sunday) at 5pm. Please join us to make this a very special mass for the kids.

Also, we are hosting the Salesian Youth Fest Mass next Sunday (23rd) and they are joining us for the 5pm mass. Please stay afterwards and help them enjoy the evening.

Where to now ??

The Synod and the Australian Church:

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You are invited to participate in a webinar that will discuss the global Synod 2021–2024 and its implications for the Australian Church.

Presenting are two Synod participants: Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Dr Sandie Cornish. Their presentations will focus on the final session of the universal Synod in October 2024 and its report For a Synodal Church. They will also highlight issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church, and the scope for local autonomy. A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address unresolved issues. Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. It is free. To register, please go to www.senseofthefaithful.org.au

Free from any form of obsessive possessiveness, we set God free to release his Kingdom-energy within us as proclaimers of the *human possibility for total and free availability to make the good gifts of God available to everybody*. And with God at work on our side, we are truly blessed in spite of poverty, hunger, suffering, or misunderstanding, and we can only be winners whatever life puts before us.

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Losers are Winners

Today's Gospel narrative is dramatically pivotal, challenging fundamental categories of life and human behaviour by reversing radically perceived human values and standards of faith. Carrying a strong political and social undertone, Jesus drives at the heart of the believing disciple by proclaiming a stirring and subversive message of *blessings* and *woes* that seem to defy human logic and run counter to the values we often consider most fulfilling and life giving.

Confronted with Jeremiah's positive attitude in the first reading (17:5-8), how would a destitute person react to words like poverty, hunger, suffering, sadness, and hatred being labelled *blessings*? Can we really rejoice in the face of claims that sound like the very antithesis of the longings of the human heart and rejoice in Jesus' severe condemnation and warning of dire consequences for those whose enterprises and dedicated endeavour have brought them achievement, joy, fulfilment, and happiness?

Jesus was not about economics, social revolutions, or psychological placebos, but about God's presence and action vitally intertwined in the world and human history. In this perspective, his strong words of condemnation of the longing for achievement or material securities are not a categorical denial of human search and need for them, but because we can become obsessed with them. Nobody wants to be a loser, but once we have control over everything, all our physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs satisfied and our futures secured, then we have no need of anything or anyone, least of all of others and of God. Obsessed with ourselves in blissful isolation, we can no longer trust anyone, and certainly there is no room for God who may even become an enemy to our assumed self. Conversely, for the person of faith, achievement of the yearnings of the human heart demands a commitment and trusting reliance on the power of God's active and living presence within self and the life and story of every person for all time. God is never extraneous to human reality and Gospel poverty is not a contemptuous rejection of the goods of the earth and the longings of the human heart, nor should we canonize hunger and suffering as blessings to be sought after, but a call to *total and radical insecurity dependent and trusting only on God* and God alone.

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