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Normal weekend Mass times:

St Joseph's : Saturday 6 pm [English]
 Sunday 9 am [Vietnamese]

St John's : Saturday 6 pm [English]
 Sunday 9 am [Italian]

10.30 am [English]; 5 pm [English]

Good Shepherd Chapel : Weekdays/Sundays : 9.30 am

Sacramental Reception

Baptism : second and fourth Sundays at 12 noon

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. Ring our office on 9481 7333 for further information.

Our Parish Priest

Fr Martin Tanti, SDB PP is normally available at St John's on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 10am and 3pm. He is normally available at St Joseph's on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am and 4pm.

Response to the Prayers of the Faithful ...

Lord, hear our prayer

Entrance Antiphon ...

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

July 27/28, 2019

Returned to the Father ...

Condolences : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, especially for the family of William Poon, whose funeral was held last Thursday at St John's. You will remember Mary-Anne Balmer, our Vice Principal of St John's Primary who passed away nearly five years ago, leaving her husband Bill and two daughters, Mia and Tessa. The two girls have now lost their father as well. The Parish sends its heartfelt sorrow to the family.

Anniversaries : Joan Potter, Joe Addamo.

For the sick and injured ...

Please remember the following in our prayers:

Julia Rickard, Gabe Sullivan, John Vo, PhaoLo Nguyen, Simon Fenelon, Joseph Vodinh, Cecilia Nguyen, John and Teresa Boetti, Ida and Mario Misurelli, Enrico Giammaro.

If you hear of any of our parishioners who are not well or who have been injured, please let Joan know so that we can all remember them in our prayers.

Would you or someone you know enjoy having communion taken to your/their home? Please ring Joan with the details on 9481 7333.

Plenary Council 2020

In October 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council. In 2018, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God, by listening to one another's stories of faith. More than 222,000 people participated in listening and dialogue encounters and contributed 17,457 submissions during the first stage of preparation for the Australian Plenary Council.

In this 'Listening and Discernment' phase, the above submissions have been organized into six National Themes of Discernment. We have printed up reports summarizing the six themes of discernment and have organized them into folders for your viewing in the back of the church. We will also include a short summary of each of these themes in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

A comprehensive report of the findings from Phase I: Listening and Dialogue will be released on July 28th, 2019. This report, as well as the snapshot reports outlining the six National Themes of Discernment can all be found at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Calendar

- **July 28 :** "Propagation of the Faith" speaker
- **July 29—August 2 :** Parish office is closed
- **August 4 :** Family/School Mass at St John's 10.30 am
- **August 8 :** Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- **August 15 :** 9.15 am Mass for Feast of the Assumption
- **August 17 :** St John's School Comedy Night
- **September 7/8 :** First Communion
- **September 16-20 :** Our PP away at his conference

Prayer Evenings at St John's

Join us in prayer and spiritual conversation. We meet fortnightly in Aikenhead Hall from 7pm to 8.30pm. Our next meeting is this coming Monday, July 29. All are welcome.

Marriage Encounter

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2019 weekend dates: 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov.

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed for the week commencing 29th July. Joan will be disappearing to ride "The Ghan" (instead of her broomstick).

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.

Pope Francis says ...

"The Church is the people of God and the people of God welcome, love, forgive, and encourage others by how they live."

Caring for our children, caring for our aging parents, offering a helping hand to others—we do these things every day and probably don't think much about it.

Pope Francis asks us to look at this differently; our service to others is one of the ways we are being called and sent by the Lord to be proclaimers of the good news of salvation. Each of us, by virtue of our baptism, has the responsibility of making a difference in the lives of others.



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.

A Note from Fr Martin

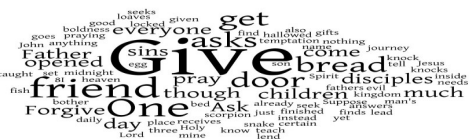
Dear Parishioners,
 As we come to the end of July, I hope the first half of 2019 has gone smoothly amongst the different challenges life may throw your way. Last Saturday, we had the 'Christmas in July' fun night in the hall at St Joseph's Collingwood. We had over 100pp present representing all the different groups and both schools from the parish. It was a wonderful night experienced by all, especially the food and those who had the energy to dance the night away. A night like this does not happen by itself and I would like to say big THANK YOU for all those involved in the organising, setting up, helping during the evening, the music, prizes, games and those who helped with the cleanup. I will not mention individuals - but you know who you are. I am also grateful for all those who could attend as it was because of you it was a successful night. It was also great to see that the parish could come together and share an evening of fun and socialising - of all ages. Have a fantastic week ahead and as always - keep warm during these cold days. God Bless.
 Fr Martin

Catholic Mission Appeal

This weekend our parish is holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. We are invited at this time to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children' and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life.

The Nazareth Home for God's Children is among the pioneers in this crucial mission. Today you have the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.



Roster

	27/28 July	6 pm Saturday	10.30 am Sunday	5 pm Sunday
Readers	Giovanna Vernon	Michael Thomas	Xiomara Justin	
Offertory	Parishioners	Parishioners	Parishioners	
Communion	Jennifer	Michael Jennifer	Michael T	
	3/4 August	6 pm Saturday	10.00 am Sunday	5.00 pm Sunday
Readers				
Offertory	Parishioners	Parishioners	Parishioners	
Communion	Vernon			