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Holy Easter Collection

(St John \$656.50; St Joseph \$2,166.50)

Sacramental Reception ...

Baptism : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (email the office to book)

Marriage: by appointment

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

First Communion and Confirmation Preparation for this is conducted in our school at St Joseph's; we also offer this preparation to State School children. Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

Mass Times at OLSC

St John's:

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

St Joseph's:

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

Good Shepherd:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 9:30am

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

April 6-7, 2024 EASTER Year B

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intention: .Silvino and Maria Ferrante.
Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.
Anniversaries: Silvino and Maria Ferrante, John Capicchiano, Sebastiana Faraci, Raffaella Brancatella, Guillermo Beecher Patricia Miller, Michael Chiodo.

For prayers of healing

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

Pope Francis says ...

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of April is that the dignity and worth of women be recognized throughout the world.

"In many parts of the world, women are treated like the first thing to get rid of," Pope Francis said in a video released April 2.

"There are countries where women are forbidden to access aid, open a business, or go to school," he said, adding: "In these places, they are subject to laws that make them dress a certain way. And in many countries, genital mutilation is still practiced."

He urged the world to "not deprive women of their voice. Let us not rob all these abused women of their voice. They are exploited, marginalized."



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				
7 April		Hugh	Stephen H	Margaret
14 April	John S	Susan	Gabrielle	Lucy
21 April	Installation of Fr Cassius Correya as Parish Priest			
28 April	Susan S	John S	Hugh	Gabrielle
5 pm				
7 April	Marie R	Marita Q	Lucy C	
14 April	Marie R	Akkermans		
21 April				
28 April				

A 'must read' ...

- St John's Church is now open 12-1pm weekdays to offer "time for quiet and reflection" to the general public.
- Put Sunday, 21st April in your diary. The parish has the pleasure of witnessing the formal installation of our Parish Priest, Fr Cassius Correya. With Bishop Terry Curtin presiding. We need a 'full house' please.
- If parishioners are interested ... and wish to have the Parish Priest visit your homes and bless the family during the Easter season, please contact the parish office on office@olsc.org.au

Welcome !

Congratulations to Lachlan John Kennedy on his baptism and confirmation. Welcome Lachlan! A warm welcome also to Jan Rose Gammon to our parish community who will be confirmed on Saturday, 18th May at St Joseph's Church.

Thank you !

A big thank you to everyone who helped out in the Holy Week celebrations both at Clifton Hill and Collingwood.

Project Compassion

Could you please make sure that you have returned your envelope. If you did not receive one then just pop your donation in an envelope and write "Project Compassion" on the front.

Do You See What I See?

Believing is seeing. We are taught it's the other way around: seeing is supposed to be believing. But we see a lot of things we don't believe.

We see how old we are in the mirror and pretend the truth away with hair colour and makeup. We see injustices and rationalise them into sound-ing all right.

So it seems the reverse is true: believing is seeing. Our beliefs tell us how to see. They tell us what to look for. Faith gives us eyes to see what others may be blind to.

Believers have hope, which is why, though we have not literally seen Jesus, we can believe in him, and in believing, we can truly see. *GPBS eNews*

Jesus transforms our life!

The Holy Week had been a grace-filled time for me and, I believe, for everyone who stepped into our churches in Clifton Hill and Collingwood. There were a few dedicated parishioners who chipped in to prepare the church and the liturgy for the four special days that helped others to participate meaningfully in the liturgical celebrations. The post-liturgical fellowship meals were also cherished moments. I thank and appreciate everyone who made these days an opportunity for others to encounter the Lord in our midst, which is truly our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

As a matter of fact, during the Easter week, we have been reflecting on what happened when the disciples encountered the Risen Lord. To Mary Magdalene who went to visit Jesus' tomb, the Risen Lord filled her heart with joy; to the disappointed and confused disciples – Cleopas and his friend – the Risen Lord made their hearts burn with hope; to the seven disciples who were discouraged after an unsuccessful night of fishing, the Risen Lord filled their boat with abundance of fish and their hearts with happiness; to the Eleven who were afraid of the Jews, the Risen Lord brought them peace.

Hence, we realise that the Risen Lord brought joy, hope, happiness and peace to the disappointed, frightened and discouraged disciples. At the same time, we note that Jesus wanted his disciples to share what he offered them. He commissioned them to "Go out to the whole world; [and to] proclaim the Good News to all creation" (Mark 16:15). He also gave his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit and send them out to use this power to forgive sins (John 20:22-23). In other words, he wanted them to bring peace to people by sharing with them the mercy of God.

The challenge of these disciples was to bring the love and mercy of God to people who did not see the Risen Lord! The fact that Thomas did not believe his companions reveals that it was difficult for one of the Lord's own close disciples to believe in the testimony of the other disciples. So, the disciples were entrusted with the difficult task of making people believe in what they have not seen. It wasn't easy! Yet, by God's grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit, these disciples were able to make others encounter the Lord. It was because they allowed the Lord to transform their lives. The life together of the early Christian community as described in the Acts of the Apostles demonstrates that the early Christians lived in harmony and were a joyful people. Moreover, they formed an attractive community that 'praised God' and was 'looked up to by everyone' (Acts 2:47).

Like Jesus' close disciples and the early Christians, we too have the same mission and this mission can be realised only when our lives are transformed and filled with 'an indescribable and glorious joy' (1 Pt 1:8)!