



# ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN *stepping out in faith and trust*

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C 23rd December 2018

### Getting our priorities right

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Alan Gibson CM

**PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER/SECRETARY:**  
Mrs Chris Earl, Monday—Thursday 8.30am—4.30pm  
Mr Hung Chau, Friday 9.00am—3.00pm

**JOCARE—COORDINATOR:**  
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**PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:**  
Mrs Michelle Moore 9597 6300

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### December:

Sunday 23 Family Mass Music Rehearsal @  
12noon-1.00pm  
Midnight Mass Music Rehearsal @  
1.00pm-2.00pm

*For Christmas Mass Times please see notice over  
the page.*

**Wednesday 26 NO MASS**

#### January:

Monday 7 Parish Office reopens @ 8.30am

#### Through Baptism, we congratulate:

JOHN DARRAGH FLANNERY, child of Darragh &  
Magdalen Flannery.  
ETIENNE GEORGE SIEW, child of Justin & Daniella  
Siew.



We thank them for bringing their children to  
Baptism and support them as they  
commences their journey of faith.

### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm (Cabrini Chapel)  
Sunday 10.00am and 6.00pm (St Joseph's Church)

#### Weekday Masses

Monday 6.00pm Family Mass  
Tuesday 12.00am, 8.30am (Cabrini Chapel)  
& 10.00am (St Joseph's)

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 12noon (Cabrini Chapel)  
Friday 9.15am



Today we hear the words from Elizabeth *"For the moment your greeting reached my ears the child inside of me leapt for joy."* Joy is a theme that runs very strongly through both Advent and Christmas. If we have joy then we will be able to live a tranquil peace filled life. The question is how do we live joy? The word itself gives the answer as it can help us get our priorities right.

**J – Jesus first.** Placing Jesus at the centre of our lives gives us a strong foundation for all of our relationships whether it be in marriage, relationships with children, parents and friends or in business.

**O – Others second.** The successful businesses are the ones who find out the needs of others and then fill that need. Find a need and fill it. Find a hurt and heal it. Find a problem and solve it. When I was working in the bank in another life over 30 years ago it was always "customer first." Any failure to do was quickly challenged by either supervisors or the manager. Any other work just had to wait. It could well be argued it is a principle that has been lost by many businesses today. The same principle applies in our personal relationships as well if we want them to be successful. If our spiritual life is strong then we will naturally think of others before ourselves.

**Y- You last.** I am not talking about self-annihilation. I believe that if God wants us to be generous towards others he also wants us to be generous towards ourselves. It is not a sin to take care of ourselves. The problem is if we get our priorities wrong and start placing ourselves first, others second and God last.

The most expensive gift is free. The most expensive gift took place when Jesus gave his life for us on the cross out of love for us. This act opened the way to salvation. This is why we call Jesus Christ our Saviour. The gift of salvation is free to anyone who chooses it. All we have to do is come to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel we hear the words of Jesus *"come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest."* When it comes to us our God will not be outdone in generosity.

Living a peace filled tranquil life does not mean we will be free from encountering difficulties but when problems arise we will have the spiritual strength to face them head on in a positive way.

As we approach Christmas we are invited to get our priorities right. The first thing Mary did was say yes to being the Mother of God. The second thing she did as highlighted in this Sunday's Gospel was go and visit her cousin Elizabeth to offer help. This was no token visit to be marked off a "to do list" to ease the conscience. Mary gave Elizabeth all the time she needed. Mary is the model of getting priorities right: God first, others second, you last.

Fr Alan

### ST JOSEPH'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*At St Joseph's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.*



*To all parishioners  
and your families,*

*May you have a blessed and peace filled Christmas.  
May 2019 bring you Christ's abundant blessings, good  
health, and peace.*

Fr Alan

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

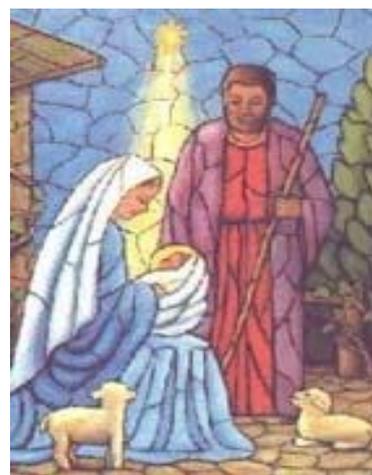
### Christmas Eve, Monday, 24th December

6.00pm Family Mass, preceded by carols at 5.30pm  
at St Joseph's Church

### Christmas Day, Tuesday, 25th December

Midnight Mass, preceded by carols at 11.30pm  
8.30am Mass—Cabrine Chapel  
10.00am Mass

**NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**



**PARISH OFFICE** will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.30am.

**JOCARE OFFICE** will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019 at 9.00am.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

There will be NO bulletin until the weekend of 26th/27th January 2019.

### PARISH CALENDAR FOR 2016

The Parish has once again published a Calendar for 2019, copies are available today. Please take one home.

### Christmas Masses Leaving Collection

At the end of each mass at Christmas there will be a leaving collection. This collection will be used to assist our **youth ministry, music ministry and JoCare (care for the aged) for 2019.**

**Fr. Alan Absence** Fr. Alan will be away on holidays from **9-16 January 2019**. We will welcome back Fr. Laurie who will celebrate mass over the weekend of 12-13 January. There will be no weekday Mass or Communion Services during this time.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**BAPTISMS:** John Flannery and Etienne Siew



**THE SICK:** Barbara Westcott, Brett Metcalf, Janet Murphy, Eileen Matthews, Deborah Johns, Br Julian Watson fsc, Br Paul Smith fsc

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Vincenzo Torcasio

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Una Horan, Rosa Cimino

### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 22 (Vigil)	Antonio Orlando & Giovanna Perri (dec)
Dec 23 10.00am	Una Horan (an)
Dec 23 6.00pm	People of the Parish
Dec 24	People of the Parish
Dec 25 12.00am	People of the Parish
Dec 25 8.30am	People of the Parish
Dec 25 10.00am	People of the Parish
Dec 26	NO MASS
Dec 28	Rosa Cimino (an)

### 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT—Year C

**FIRST READING:** Micah 5:1-4  
**PSALM:** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.  
**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 10:5-10  
**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:39-45

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
Psalm 83  
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52



### Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.*