



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR A 2nd February 2020



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

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.

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

An old Rabbi once asked his students once asked his students how did they know when the night had ended, and the day had begun? The first student said, "could it be when you see an animal in the distance and can tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?" "No", said the Rabbi. A second student spoke up "Is it when you look at a tree in the distance and can tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree?" "No", the Rabbi answered. "Then when is it?" asked the students. The Rabbi answered, "It is when you look at the face of another man or woman and see that it is your sister or brother, because if you cannot do this, it is still night."

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Our Second Reading reminds us that Jesus fully took on flesh and blood. He did this because he wants us to understand that he considers us to be his brothers and sisters. This is what Simeon understood and this led to his proclamation in Sunday's Gospel, "...because my eyes have seen the

salvation of the Lord which you have prepared for all the nations to see..." Do we truly believe that too? Is Jesus the light of our lives? Both Simeon and Anna, who is also mentioned in the Gospel, felt truly blessed to meet the Saviour of the World. Do we seek the light Jesus offers particularly when our lives feel dark?

Jesus the compassionate one enters the Temple of our lives in a special way through the Eucharist. He calls us to a new way of seeing. We are called to see each other as brothers and sisters.

Lord, we pray that our eyes may be open to a new way of seeing, and that like Simeon and Anna we welcome Jesus into the Temple of our ordinary lives, the light of the nations, the salvation we have received. Amen.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

We are preparing young people for the Sacraments of:

First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in 2020.

For details see the Parish website—www.stjosephsmalvern.org.au and complete the registration form.

Enrolments for ALL Sacraments are NOW OPEN.



JoCare Monthly Social Gathering—*Everyone is welcome.*

Date: Tuesday 4 February

Place: Kildara Centre

Time: 10.00am-12noon

Sally our researcher will be joining us to provide information regarding the JoCare Evaluation. Come along and join us, hear about how you can contribute to the future of JoCare and how you can provide feedback on your experience so far. We need to hear your voice.

There will be time for our usual cuppa, chat and games.

If you require transport please contact the JoCare office on: **9401 6392**.

Please note new telephone number.

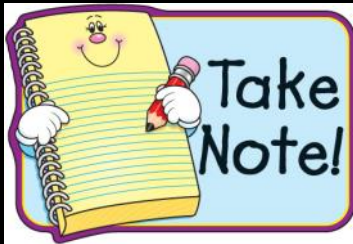


Volunteer Visitors—Mandarin speaking

JoCare has been approached by a local aged care residential facility regarding Mandarin speaking volunteer visitors. If you are able to assist please contact the JoCare office for further information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Parish Phone numbers have changed.
Please take note of the new numbers.



Parish Office	9401 6390
Parish Priest	9401 6391
JoCare Office	9401 6392

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR GERRY SCOTT CM

A Mass to celebrate the life of Fr Gerry Scott CM will take place this **Wednesday 5th February** at **5.00pm**. There will be no morning mass on that day. Fr Gerry was Parish Priest of Malvern in the 1990's.

PARISH MINISTRY GROUPS

Co-ordinators of all Parish Ministry are asked to please notify the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au, with details of any new members.

HOT BUTTON ISSURE: 'BECOMING AN ALIVE AND VIBRANT PARISH IN 2020'

Our first Hot Button issue for 2020 will take place on **Sunday 16th February 2020** after the 10.00am Mass from 11.15am-12.45pm in the Parish Hall. Our speaker is Lorraine McCarthy and she will speak on 'Becoming an alive and vibrant Parish in 2020'. Lorraine has worked as a Pastoral associate in a number of Melbourne Parishes since 1999. She has travelled to Canada and has seen the success of the work of Fr James Mallon who wrote the book *Divine Renovation*.



What can we do, here and now, to grow our Parish? These are not ordinary times in the Church.

Within a decade or two most of our current Churchgoers will no longer be with us.

What do we need to change in order to be an "attractive" Parish that is culturally relevant to emerging generations?

Is this even possible?

Come along and hear how Parishes both in Australia and globally are changing in order to grow.

Can we do it too?

Pope Francis, November 2019: "The Church is either on the move or she is not Church. Either she evangelizes or she is not Church. If the Church is not on the move, she decays, she becomes something else."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IN NEED OF COORDINATOR/S



For many years, St Joseph's has supported the World Day of Prayer, which is held annually on the first Friday of March. Our representatives on the Stonnington parishes committee have decided it is time for them to step down from the role. St Joseph's is seeking at least one if not two representatives to continue to support and assist with the World Day of Prayer in the Stonnington area. This involves attending a couple of meetings leading up to the Day and being present at the World Day of Prayer. If St Joseph's is the host parish the tasks will involve liaising and organising the morning with the support of the Parish Office. For further information contact Chris on 9401 6390 or email nfo@stjosephsmalvern.org.au.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer. Further information:

<https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/>

PLEASE NOTE! THIS IS A VOLUNTEER POSITION.

JOSEPH'S BOOKROOM

This month is the 7th birthday of **JOSEPH'S BOOKROOM**.

Fr Donald Calloway has just released his book called

"Consecration to St Joseph". It is a 33-day preparation and consecration to St Joseph. It also contains: Theology of St Joseph, Doctrinal issues, Devotions to St Joseph. What saints and popes have said about St Joseph, Apparitions of St Joseph, Religious communities founded on St Joseph, Shrines of St. Joseph, the Miracles of St Joseph, Artwork and Commissioned artwork on St Joseph.

Fr Donald Calloway is going to hand a copy of his book to Pope Francis personally and ask the Pope to declare a year of St Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church.

This book is not stocked in **JOSEPH'S BOOKROOM** but one that is recommended after whom our Church, school and Parish are named.

JOSEPH'S BOOKROOM is open before every Mass and it will be open on Saturday 15 February from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Come and browse or 'pay a visit.'

THEOLOGY AT THE PUB
Monday 3rd February
Archbishop Peter Comensoli
'Being a Catholic in 2020
Melbourne'



European Bier Café
Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

Doors open on Level 1 at 6.30pm
The talk will commence at 7.30pm

Audience: 18-35;
Visit us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/tapmelb/
Website: www.theologyatthepub.com.au

LIGHTING THE LAMP FOR BRIGID FOR 2020

**Monday 3rd February
11.00am—1.00pm**



This is a chance to come together to reflect on the year ahead, whilst celebrating St Brigid of Kildare, whose feast it is.

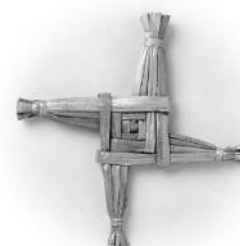
All are welcome to this gathering and the ritual will conclude with a light lunch.

Cost: suggested donation: \$10

For catering purposes, please contact Kildara Centre:
9509 7906 or email Kildara@netpace.net.au

BRIGID FEST 2020

**Sunday 9th February
12.30pm**



The Metropolitan Hotel
36 Courtney Street
North Melbourne

BRIGID, THE LAW & RESPONDING TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN TODAY'S WORLD

Speaker: Magistrate Fiona Hayes

Cost: \$52 (includes 2 course meal)
 drinks at bar prices

Book online at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/ZIML>
Or phone Anne on 03 9852 0074 or email
brigidfest@gmail.com

Proceeds to go to BASP (Brigidine Asylum Seekers
Project)



You are invited to join us for the



St Valentine's Day High Tea

Friday 14th February 2020 at Sofitel on Collins

Intense love does not measure. It just gives. - Mother Teresa

Venue: Fitzroy Ballroom
Sofitel Melbourne On Collins
25 Collins Street, Melbourne

Tickets: \$50
<https://www.trybookings.com/BHEDP>

For more information call 9412 8412 or
Lorraine.Valladares@cam.org.au

The Year of Matthew

A Retreat with
Fr Frank Moloney SDB
3 - 6 February 2020
Don Bosco Retreat Centre

Join Fr Frank Moloney SDB as we explore the Gospel of Matthew, which features in the 2020 "Year A" cycle of Sunday gospel readings. This retreat will combine presentations, discussion, reflection, communal liturgy and private prayer to explore the depth and beauty of Matthew's story of Jesus. We will become more aware of how the readings we hear Sunday by Sunday gather greater meaning when heard, read and interpreted as part of a greater whole. This retreat is an opportunity to refresh and enrich your spiritual life by delving deeply and prayerfully into the scriptures. Each participant should bring a personal copy of the New Testament, preferably the NRSV translation.

Cost: \$430 all inclusive
Retreat
Meals
Accommodation

Registration: via Don Bosco Retreat Centre
03 9752 2432
dbrclysterfield@gmail.com

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm (Cabrini Chapel)

Sunday 10.00am and 6.00pm (St Joseph's)

Weekday Masses

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 9.15am

Wednesday 5.00PM

Thursday 12noon (Cabrini Chapel)

Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.30pm (Cabrini Chapel)

or by appointment

February:

Sunday 2

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 10.00am

Mass followed by a cuppa

Tuesday 4**JoCare Gathering in the Kildara Centre @ 10.00am-12noon**

Wednesday 5

Baptism Preparation Meeting @ 7.30pm

Tuesday 11

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room

Thursday 13

St Joseph's Refugee Support Group

Sunday 16

Theatre Night

HOT BUTTON ISSUE #1—'Becoming an Alive and Vibrant Parish in 2020', 11.15am-12.45pm in the Parish Hall**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (A)P****FIRST READING:** Malachi 3:1-4**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 2:14-18**GOSPEL:** Luke 2:22-40**Next Sunday's Readings**

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:****PRESENTATIONS:** Lua Rodriguez, Adriana Prastalo, Clara Mayes**THE SICK:** John & Marie Horan, Mim Nerlich, Barbara Westcott, Janet Murphy, Mal Logan, Anne Peric, Br Paul Smith fsc**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Vincent Griffin

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rita & John Ring

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Feb 1 (Vigil)

People of the Parish

Feb 2 10.00am

Rita & John Ring (an)

Feb 2 6.00pm

Feb 4

Feb 5

Feb 7

Brigidine Sisters (Int)

If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention,
please call the Paris Office on 8508 7200 or
info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au

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.