



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

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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**7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME, YEAR A
23rd February 2020**



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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.

FR ALAN'S REFLECTION

FORGIVENESS

A couple of weeks ago there was a news story of a father by the name of Steve Ring whose son Corey was killed in a cliff crash in Western Australia. Steve Ring travelled across the country to stand by the driver in an extraordinary case of forgiveness.

The driver and his son had been friends since childhood but that all changed in August 2018 when the driver unknowingly drove over a cliff. The driver survived. The man's son did not. Steve Ring did what a lot of other grieving parents couldn't do, showing extraordinary compassion to support the man responsible for his son Corey's death. He explained that he wanted to stand by the driver as a good friend of his son and believed that this was what his son would have wanted too. Therefore, he never wanted him charged with dangerous driving. "He's got to live with this for the rest of his life," Mr Ring said. "And if there is a sentence that's required, that is more than enough".

Both the First Reading and the Gospel speak about the importance of forgiveness. Stories like this kind remind us that forgiveness sometimes requires an extraordinary act of courage and generosity. It means going the extra mile with someone and is the pathway to becoming children of our father in heaven.

THROUGH BAPTISM, WE CONGRATULATE:



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VICTOR JAMES WALL, child
of Marie-Lisa & James Wall

THEODORE MICHAEL BOWLY, child of
Emily & David Bowly

HAILEY ROSE MILLS, child of Lauren &
Trent Mills

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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

For details see the Parish website—

www.stjosephsmalvern.org.au and complete
the registration form.

**Enrolments for ALL Sacraments are NOW
OPEN.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY & MORNING TEA AFTERT MASS, Sunday 1st March

As it is the first Sunday of the month
Children's Liturgy will take place during the
10.00am Mass next Sunday 1st March. Also
morning tea will take place at the back of the
Church at the conclusion of Mass.



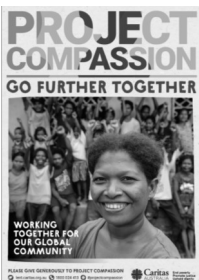
**ASH WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY –MASS AT 9.15AM
& 7.30PM**

**Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of
Fasting and Abstinence from meat.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY
23RD FEBRUARY 2020**



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed ***“GO FURTHER TOGETHER”***. Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we *Go Further Together* in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.



You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting the Caritas Australia website: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
2020**

This annual event will be hosted by St George's Anglican Church, 296 Glenferrie Road, MALVERN, on **Friday 6 March 2020 at 10.00am.**

Christians of all traditions come together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March in each year.

This year's service has been arranged by the **ZIMBABWE WDP COMMITTEE** and the theme is ***'Rise! Take your mat and talk!'***
ALL WELCOME ON FRIDAY 6 MARCH.



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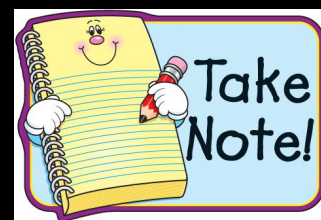
The Parish Phone numbers have changed.



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

There has been a diversion on all parish numbers since we changed over to our new numbers in January.

As of Friday 21st February this diversion has ceased.



So please make sure that you make a note of all the Parish new phone numbers.



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE
PHONE**

SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS **FORUM**

FREE EVENT

Date: Tuesday 31st March

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall
47 Stanhope St Malvern

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIAXI>



SPEAKERS

- **Dr Lidia Engel** Health Economist
- **Mr Geoff Sharp** Director Volunteering Victoria

Social Isolation and Loneliness are a growing concern with well documented direct and indirect effects on physical and mental health. Belonging to a community which provides meaning and support and being involved in local activities can be vital for personal and communal well-being.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #3 supports health and wellbeing for all at all ages and #11 is to make cities and communities, inclusive safe, resilient and sustainable. Let us make these goals the centre of our community.

Please join us on the 31st March 2020 to learn from experts in the field, and discuss how your organisation can contribute or benefit from initiatives, that can increase connectedness within our local community, making it more inclusive, welcoming and neighbourly. This forum aims to bring together local community groups to begin to work together on small community initiatives to decrease social isolation and loneliness in the local community.

JoCare is a free home and residential volunteer care visiting program, currently providing connection and companionship to Stonnington residents.

Call Kerri Anne on
Ph: 9401 6392 Mob: 0403 572 440
or email - jocare@stjosephsmalvern.org.au
<https://www.trybooking.com/BIAXI>

JoCare
Caring for neighbours

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The first meeting for the year of the **Parish Pastoral Council** was held on Tuesday, February 11. A big welcome to our new members - David Bare, Jordan Janssen, Pat Johnson, Nalis Miranda and Brian Regan.

Amongst the matters discussed:

1. Monthly updates for the **Plenary Council**. These will begin next month. (The first session of the Plenary Council will be held in October this year.)
2. The monthly **Youth Cooking Program** won't be running this year. We're organising a sub-committee to look at the youth program and we'll update the Parish after next month's meeting.
3. A report from the **Child Safety Committee**. It's already in place and it will work on updating the Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct. An online training module for first time volunteers, is coming soon. And all parishioners that wish to volunteer are required to get a **Working with Children Check**.
4. **Lenten Groups** will meet on four occasions in March using a booklet focusing on Mary Magdalene. Think about joining a group, either during the day or at night.

CAMPION CONVERSATION— SUMMER/AUTUMN 2020

Ignatian Women—Friday 13
March—Sunday 15 March

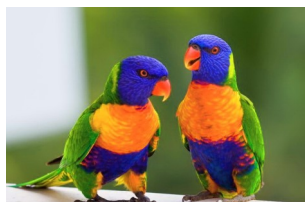
A weekend silent retreat, with optional spiritual direction, reflecting on *the feminine face of Ignatian Spirituality over 500 years*.

Walking With God in Nature—Saturday 14 March
Walking Prayer Day—Leongatha to Koonwarra,
approx. 17.5kms. Flat with a slight gradient.

Holy Week Three Day Silent Retreat—Sunday 5
April—Thursday 9 April

To deepen your relationship with God and to walk the path with the crucified Christ, we offer you silence, a spiritual director and ample time to prayer and reflection.

Campion Centre of Spirituality
99 Studley Park Road, Kew
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secretary@campion.asn.au
www.campion@asn.au



HEARING DEVICES IN THE CHURCH

In the Vestry as you enter the Church we have portable electronic devices that connect normal hearing aids to the Parish speaker system, in order that hard of hearing people can fully participate in Mass and other ceremonies.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact John Davies on 0418596983 or by email John@daviesfamily.com.au

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MALVERN



OPEN DAYS for
prospective families for 2021:

Tuesday 25th February
16th March
Monday 20th April

LENTEN CONVERSATION SMALL GROUPS

Day	Time	Facilitator
Monday	7.00pm—8.30pm	Fr Alan Gibson
Tuesday	10.30am—12.00pm	Maree Metcalfe
Wednesday	10.30am—12.00pm	Sr Helen Toohey
Thursday	11.30am—1.00pm	Sonia Rohan
Thursday	7.00pm—8.30pm	Bernard Metcalfe

The Parish invites you to deepen your faith and relationship with God this Lent by joining a weekly small group for prayer, reflection and sharing. Each group will meet for 90 minutes once a week, over 4 consecutive weeks, beginning the week of Sunday 1st March.

This Lent you are invited to the "Alive in the Word Series- Mary Magdalene Apostle to the Apostles" - the title for this year's Lenten program. What do the gospels tell us about Mary Magdalene? She was a committed disciple of Jesus during his public ministry and at the cross. She was the first to encounter the Risen Lord on Easter morning. And she received his commission to be the apostle to the apostles. Through Dinah Chapman Simmons' reflections on these experiences, Mary Magdalene invites us into a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus.

An opportunity to sign up for a group at a day and time of your choice will be given after all masses this weekend. All participants will receive a booklet, for which participants will be asked to contribute \$15.

For more information please email agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au

DON BOSCO RETREAT CENTRE LYSTERFIELD

THE GOSPELS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

A retreat with Fr Frank Moloney SDB. Monday 16th March—Thursday 19th March 2020

Cost \$430—all inclusive—Retreat, Meals & Accommodation

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

For further information see the noticeboard at the back of the Church

Thanks from De La Salle College — De La Salle College wishes to extend their thanks and gratitude to our parish in regards to donations from last year.

The donations from the end of last year were incredibly generous and went such a long way to support the community at De La Salle School in Papua New Guinea in Bomana. They were able to use the funds to help purchase the resources to knock down, rebuild and refurbish their school chapel and then additionally paint two classrooms and a science lab.

As a group, we witnessed and experienced some wonderful things with the community and the local De La Salle Brothers.

Once again, a sincere thanks from all of us here at De La Salle and we look forward to hopefully being invited back to speak at the end of the year.



BRIGID'S WELL

KILDARA CENTRE 2020

MONDAY BOOK GROUP

10.00am—12noon

Facilitator: Barbara Horrigan

NEWCOMERS ALWAYS

WELCOME

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP

10.00am—12noon

Facilitator: Catriona Devlin

NEWCOMERS ALWAYS WELCOME

MOVIES WITH MEANING

This is a group to join if you enjoy looking at movies with others, sharing a meal together and discussing some reflections about the particular movie viewed that evening.

Dates: Fridays 20 March, 22 May, 4 Sept, 6 Nov

Time: 6.00pm—9.00pm

Facilitators: Kathleen Murphy & Catriona Devlin

SCOTTISH GAELIC CHOIR

This is a group to join if you enjoy singing with others and especially enjoy singing Celtic airs.

Prior knowledge of Gaelic is not a prerequisite; only a love of Celtic music is essential. You will also need to become a member of the SGSV (Scottish Gaelic Society of Victoria).

Thursdays (during school terms): 7.00pm—9.00pm

Contact: Rachel Hay on rachel.hay@iinet.net.au or Maurice on moef53@yahoo.com.au

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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website: www.kildaracentre.net.au

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times



PARISH CALENDAR



February:

Wednesday 26 **ASH WEDNESDAY**, Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

Thursday 27 Finance Committee Meeting @ 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room

March:

Sunday 1 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10.00am
Tuesday 3 JoCare Gathering, 10.00am-12noon in the Kildara Centre

Wednesday 4 Baptism Preparation Meeting, 7.30pm
Friday 6 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**, 10.00am at St Georges Malvern
Monday 9 Parish Office closed

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 9.15am 7.30pm

Thursday 12noon (Cabrini Chapel)

Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation

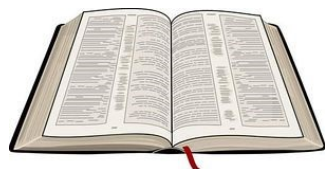
Saturday 5.30pm (Cabrini Chapel)
or by appointment

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48



Next Sunday's Readings

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

BAPTISM: Victor Wall, Theodore Bowly, Hailey Mills



THE SICK: John & Marie Horan, Mim Nerlich, Barbara Westcott, Janet Murphy, Mal Logan, Anne Peric, Br Paul Smith fsc, Murtagh Dempsey

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ursula Griffin

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 22 (Vigil) Nicola Bufalo (rec dec)

Feb 23 10.00am Ursula Griffin (an)
Feb 23 6.00pm People of the Parish

Feb 25

Feb 26

Feb 28

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.