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**SCHOOLS:**

St John the Baptist 9758 1013  
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St. Joseph's College 9758 2000  
 Principal: Catherine Livingston

Mater Christi College 9754 6611  
 Principal: Mary Fitz-Gerald

**MASS TIMES:**

Saturday 6:00 pm  
 Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
 Tuesday 7.00 pm  
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am  
 Friday 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays at 5.15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

**WEDDINGS:**

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**CHURCH GROUPS:****CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group will take a break during January 2018 and resume their meeting on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 10.15 am in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986 or Andrew 9755 2443.

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING**

The Friendship Group will resume their weekly gatherings from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January between 10 am and 1 pm for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while. Everyone is welcome.

**Sundays 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 – 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

(inclusive)

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All those who have died recently  
 and those whose anniversaries  
 occur around this time.*

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 25 Dec to Sun 31 Dec 2017**

Peter South, Maria Frederiks, Hans Hauer, Flora De Cristo, Giuseppina Di Donato (1 month)

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 1 Jan to Sun 7 Jan 2018**

Francis Breen, Roger Berriman, Anne Van Prooyen, Andrea Samtoy.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 8 Jan to Sun 14 Jan 2018**

Jonathan (Jon) Abraham, Carmel Dow, Linda Hughes, Frances Fenton, Peter Blackham, Gary Bailey, Giovanni Di Donato, Vito Teofilo.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 15 Jan to Sun 21 Jan 2018**

Irene Barron, Lily (Elizabeth) McNeill, Thomas McCristal, Riccardo Garbuio, Anthony (Tony) Gannan, Vito Teofilo

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 22 Jan to Sun 28 Jan 2018**

Jadwiga Godsmark, Giovanni (John) Cecchin, Mary Williams, Danny McNeill

**And all those who are sick:**

Catherine Turner, Therese Edmunds, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miop Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, Clive Geach.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS / JANUARY HOLIDAYS**

Open 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

From 8<sup>th</sup> until 19<sup>th</sup> January, the office will open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Normal offices hours resumes on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Please note that as Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January is a public holiday, the office will be closed.

For your information: the Parish Office will also be closed on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**BAPTISMS IN JANUARY 2018**

Congratulations to:

*Eric Antonio Johnson  
 Jaida Robyn Ouk*



The Church of God welcomes you with great joy

**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP:** will take a break in January 2018 and resume their meeting on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February from 9 am to 10 am at the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**DEACON PETER - PASTORAL VISITATION:**

Should you feel the need to reflect on, or pray about your experience in life or loss, then I wanted to let you know that I am available for pastoral visitation. I am a great respecter of privacy and confidentiality, so I will always await an invitation rather than approach unsolicited. Pastoral care is not a replacement for professional counselling, grief or otherwise, it is, rather, the mission of care to be exercised by all Christians in their love of God and neighbour.

- Deacon Peter Stringfellow

**LECTORS ROSTER** the new roster effective from 7<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 is now available for collection on the tables at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued commitment to this Ministry.

**FEAST OF HOLY INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE:**

**When: Sunday 14 January 2018, 1.50pm**

**Venue: Church of the Good Shepherd,  
 88 South Circular Road, Gladstone Park**

The 15th annual Feast of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague will be conducted at the Church of the Good Shepherd once again this January, with principal celebrant Most Reverend Michael McKenna, Bishop of Bathurst, assisted by parish priest Fr Anh Nguyen, and Deacon Pou'Kesi Vaka'uta. **Details:** Dalrene and Gary Pompeus on 9335 4742 or 0404 009 326

**HEARING HEALING HOPE: A CONFERENCE**

**When: Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 February, 2018**

**Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre,  
 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne**

Presented by Catholic Social Services Victoria, this conference is the national conference for all Catholic social services, with scores of illustrious presenters over the three days, from archbishops to priests, academics to leaders in the Church's delivery of social services. The event will address key issues facing our society and our sector, and at each stage looking at the implications for us as individuals, for our organisations and for our sector. **Cost:** Early bird for all conference sessions: \$385, plus \$75 for the conference dinner. Early bird closes Tuesday 19 December.

**Bookings:** www.css.org.au

**Details:** Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au.

**DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMPS 2018:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2018
- 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2018
- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

**Venue: 56–62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach**

Don Bosco Camps annual summer holiday camps offer a fun and exciting holiday for all young people, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. This summer there will be two camps for juniors aged 9 to 13 (8–11 January and 22–25 January) and another camp for seniors aged 13 to 16 (15–18 January). The camps are run completely by volunteer youth leaders. Transportation to Safety Beach is available from Sunbury, Essendon and Chadstone.

- Cost: \$160
- Bookings: <http://www.donboscocamp.org.au>
- Tel: 5987 2692 or Email: [dbc@donboscocamp.org.au](mailto:dbc@donboscocamp.org.au)

Download flyer at this link:

<http://www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2017/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU45/DonBoscoSummerCamps.pdf>

**ROSTERS...**

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2017	
Flowers	Sue N
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Sue O
Welcomers	6pm: Louis, Peter 9am: Sue, David, Thelma 11am: Kath, Andrew, Maria
Lectors	6pm: Louise 9am: Pamela 11am: Kath
Counters	Bryon, Ruby, Stephanie
Gardening	Patrick, Harry

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan to Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	
Flowers	Marg, Judy
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm: Jayne, Myra 9am: Marg, Adrian, Anastasia 11am: Patrick, Angie, Coral
Lectors	6pm: Rosina 9am: Tony D 11am: Peter J
Counters	Peter, Dawn, George, Genevieve
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	
Flowers	Ann, Connie
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Alvi
Welcomers	6pm: Sue, Anna 9am: Rosa, Terry, Laurel 11am: Gina, Pat
Lectors	6pm: Jenny 9am: Gordon 11am: Stephanie
Counters	Peter, Dawn, George, Genevieve
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2018	
Flowers	Marg, Ange
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Jean
Welcomers	6pm: Queenie J 9am: Peter, Neil, Lorraine, Joanna 11am: Tony, Christine
Lectors	6pm: Louise 9am: Peter F 11am: Kath
Counters	Tony, Stephanie
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan to Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	
Flowers	Sue, Lynne
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Sue O
Welcomers	6pm: Louise, Peter 9am: Sue, David, Thelma 11am: Kath, Andrew, Maria
Lectors	6pm: Phuong 9am: Pamela 11am: Sue
Counters	Tony, Stephanie
Gardening	Tom, Chris

**FEAST DAYS:**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec to Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Lord  
Tue 26<sup>th</sup> St Stephen, the first martyr  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> St John, apostle, evangelist  
Thu 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents, martyrs  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> St Basil the Great, bishop, doctor  
St Gregory Nazianzen, bishop, doctor

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of the Lord  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> St Hilary, bishop, doctor

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony, abbot  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> St Fabian, pope martyr  
St Sebastian, martyr

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan to Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor  
Thu 25<sup>th</sup> The conversion of St Paul, apostle  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> St Angela Merici, virgin  
Sts Timothy and Titus

May we live 2018:

Compassion of heart,  
Clear in word,  
Gracious in awareness,  
Courageous in thought,  
Generous in love,  
With Jesus at our side.

(Adapted from John O'Donohue, Benedictus, p.26)

**POST COMMUNION PRAYERS**

**30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 – Feast of the Holy Family**

God, our Father,  
You care for us and look out for us  
as a parent attends to their child's needs.  
Teach us to be kind and patient, honest and gentle,  
and, most of all,  
at peace with those with whom we live.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

**7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

God, our Father,  
You love all and want people of every nation  
to know Jesus Christ, Your Son.  
Help us know Him more profoundly,  
and that through our faithful discipleship,  
others will come to know Your redeeming grace.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

**13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lord God,  
You call us by name.  
Make our ears ever attentive to Your voice,  
our spirits eager to respond,  
and that, having heard You in Jesus,  
Your Anointed One,  
we may help others follow in His way.  
Who lives and reigns forever, and ever.  
Amen.

**20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2018 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God our Father,  
in the person of Jesus, Your Son,  
Your Word summons us to faithfulness and love.  
Empower us to hear His call  
and resolutely follow in His way.  
Who lives and reigns forever, and ever.  
Amen.

**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Loving Father,  
Through the healing presence of Your Son,  
drive far from us all that is unholy,  
so that through our words and our deeds  
we may proclaim Him Messiah and Lord.  
Who lives and reigns forever, and ever.  
Amen.



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**Weekends of 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 – 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 (inclusive)**



*Normal weekday Mass schedule resumes with 7pm Mass on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018*

**Readings for this year are from Year B**

Should you wish to view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:

<http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.htm>

Navigate the texts of the week ahead via the right-hand column index.

**30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.**

*Readings: - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40*

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (11 am Mass)**

*Readings - Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21.*

**7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.*

**13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42.*

**20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20.*

**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28*

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full*

*(John 10:10)*

