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 Principal: Catherine Mason

 St. Joseph's College 9758 2000
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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, 6th 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 4th 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 31st December, 2017 – 28th 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 2nd, 3rd and 5th January 2018.
 From 8th until 19th January, the office will open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 Normal offices hours resumes on 22nd January.
 Please note that as Friday 26th January is a public holiday, the office will be closed.
 For your information: the Parish Office will also be closed on Monday 29th 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, 6th 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 7th January – 25th 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:

- 8th to 11th January, 2018
- 15th to 18th January, 2018
- 22nd to 25th 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

Download flyer at this link:

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

ROSTERS...

Mon 25 th Dec to Sun 31 st 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 st Jan to Sun 7 th 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 th Jan to Sun 14 th 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 th Jan to Sun 21 st 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 nd Jan to Sun 28 th 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 25th Dec to Sat 30th Dec 2017

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

Mon 1st Jan to Sat 6th Jan 2018

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

Mon 8th Jan to Sat 13th Jan 2018

Mon 8th The Baptism of the Lord
Sat 13th St Hilary, bishop, doctor

Mon 15th Jan to Sat 20th Jan 2018

Wed 17th St Anthony, abbot
Sat 20th St Fabian, pope martyr
St Sebastian, martyr

Mon 22nd Jan to Sat 27th Jan 2018

Wed 24th St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Thu 25th The conversion of St Paul, apostle
Fri 26th Australia Day
Sat 27th 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

30th / 31st 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.

7th / 8th 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.

13th / 14th 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.

20th / 21st 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.

27th / 28th 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 30th/31st December, 2017 – 27th/28th January, 2018 (inclusive)



Normal weekday Mass schedule resumes with 7pm Mass on Tuesday 2nd 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.

30th / 31st 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, 1st January, 2018 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (11 am Mass)

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

7th / 8th January, 2018 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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

13th /14th January, 2018 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

20th / 21st January, 2018 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

27th / 28th January, 2018 – 4th 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)

