

The constellation of the Southern Cross indicates our geographical location in the southern

of our rich and precious Aboriginal and Torres Strait heritage.

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hemisphere. This constellation of stars relate to the various indigenous legends and remind us

FEELING SICK? PLEASE STAY HOME

Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell. There are no numbers restrictions on attendees at church. Face masks are no longer mandatory inside the church. Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

# **PARISH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY 28 JANUARY** Altar Society Collection

MONDAY 29 JANUARY School Term 1 commences

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY St John Bosco

**THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY** 7:30pm The Religious Sense—Parish Centre

#### **FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY** Presentation of the Lord 9:00am—Mass with blessing of candles—St Joseph's Church

**SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY** St Blaise 9:00am—Mass with blessing of throats—St Joseph's Church

Thank

you

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP Weekly Pledge \$ 2,934 Weekly average \$ 2,670.36

### **The Religious Sense**

"It is not only a fact, an event, but the most ineradicable fact in human history" "What is the ultimate meaning of existence ? Why is life worth living? The religious sense lies within the reality of our self at the level of these questions" *Fr Luigi Giussani* 

You are warmly invited to join "The Religious Sense" meetings - School of Community

Every first and third Thursday of the month 7:30pm starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at St Joseph's Parish Centre Info / registrations raffymazzeo@gmail.com



Thank you Peter for the wonderful care and upkeep of the Church garden. The flowers and plants look stunning!



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God and Beer February Topic: Catholicism at the Movies Speaker: Jeremy Ambrose Date: Monday 12th February Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk Cost: Free (donations gratefully accepted) Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC Register: Godandbeer.com.au

# Catholicism at the Movies

with Jeremy Ambrose

Join us for an entertaining and inspiring look at some of the great films where art and evangelisation have come together on the silver screen.

Jeremy Ambrose has completed a Master of Arts in Theological Studies at the University of Notre Dame Australia and is the Pastoral Associate for Staff at Australian Catholic University's Melbourne Campus. He is passionate about the Arts, especially movies, books and Elvis Presley music. He curates monthly film screenings for the Melbourne Catholic Cinephiles community.



## ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024



For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have

the possibility of visiting Lourdes. The Mass will take place again on *Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral,* with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

#### Altar Society Collection This monthly collection, taken up on the final Sunday of the month, provides for flowers, upkeep of altar linens and vestments, church cleaning, provision of bread, wine, candles, etc for the celebration of Mass.

## From front page....

The Crosses

The three crosses, St George, St Andrew and St Patrick serve to represent the principles and ideals on which our nation was founded and is based on today; including parliamentary democracy, the rule of law, freedom of speech and the rights and responsibilities of citizens.



### St Vincent de Paul Society Week 2

- Breakfast cereals, long-life milk, Vegemite, jams, tomato sauce etc. Please leave your donations in the Vinnies bin in the Church narthex.

St Vincent De Paul urgently need more volunteers. If you can help, please phone Carole on 0404 335 419.

Fr Richard Rosse would like to invite you for an 14-day pilgrimage departing on 21st May 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Siena, Rotondo and Rome for all-inclusive price of \$8190.The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au



Cross of St George, the Flag of England or Union Flag

Cross of St Andrew, the Flag of Scotland

Cross of St Patrick, the Flag of St Patrick or the island of Ireland

https://www.flagdayaustralia.com.au/symbols-and-meaning/#:~:text=The%20Crosses,rights%20and%20responsibilities%20of%20citizens