

Our Lady of the Southern Cross

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Masses and Devotions 22 nd -28 th January 2018		
Monday		
Tuesday	No Mass	
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass
Thursday	9.00am	Mass
Friday	9.00am	Mass
Saturday	6.00pm	Mass
Sunday	8.00am	Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Betty Peaker, Ellen Robinson, Saba Rose Button, Ken Lynch, Tracy Trew, Robert Clements, John Emmerson, Helen Miller

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Corinthians 7:32-35
 Mark 1:21-28

CHURCH COLLECTIONS
 Total for weekend
 13th and 14th January 2018

1 st Collection	\$739.60
2 nd Collection	\$452.75
Planned	\$775.00

From Fr Ian

"God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented; He did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened." Thus does the author of the book of Jonah records the gracious action of forgiveness by God to the people of Nineveh. It is interesting to note that the Prophet Jonah is highly important in Islam. Jonah is mentioned four times by name in the Quran and is the only one of the twelve minor prophets to be mentioned by name. Thus the story of repentance and forgiveness is wonderfully revealed and shared within these two faith traditions.

Fr Brendan Byrne in his 'Reflections on the Gospel' within our bulletin shares a remarkable insight into what is repentance and how it is to be situated in the core of our being, if it is to be of any worth. He writes "The repentance that is called for is not simply repentance for sin, but a change of heart or mind, and openness to a whole new vision of God and God's actions in the world – something that will shake prevailing structures and thinking, to their foundations.

On Tuesday morning, the 16th January, Betty Annal made her journey from this world to her true home in heaven. Betty was ready for the journey as her life was lived with God and in the service of the Kingdom. With her husband Harold, they were a powerful combination who advanced the Kingdom of God within this region. Betty will be deeply missed, but her presence will remain as will her remarkable spirit of service. Our love prayers and condolences are extended to Janet and Gary and families on the death of their Mother. It was so fortunate that they had the time to spend with Betty prior to her death. As I write this, arrangements for her funeral have yet to be finalised. At her request the Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

I acknowledge the generosity of those who have supported the collection for our Parish Bursary Fund to support a family of a young person entering St Mary MacKillop Catholic College this year. So far an amount of \$844.80 has been contributed. This is a very fine response! May God continue to bless your generosity.

As I mentioned within our Mass of last Saturday evening our parish is seeking to find six people who would like to come onto Pastoral Council. Our purpose is to provide an opportunity for those who are currently on Pastoral Council to retire, having completed their allotted time of three years. There would be a transition period where present councillors would continue on until June and the new members would have the support of current members. This would enable the members to grow into their role. I am deeply appreciative of those who have already expressed an interest. This is a transition year and it is vitally important to have in place those structures which will underpin our moving forward as a parish family. I warmly encourage those who may have given some thought in the past to coming onto Parish Council or those who may never have given it a thought to do so. It would be a wonderful sign to have new members coming onto our Parish Pastoral Council.

Australia Day Mass will be celebrated at 9am. This is one way of asking God's blessing on our nation, Australia, and its people.

Mark your Calendar	
Please forward dates to Parish Office or olotsc@westnet.com.au for inclusion in the calendar	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	10.30am – Prayer Group
Thursday	
Friday	Australia Day
Saturday	
Sunday	



Thank you to all of you for the opportunity to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney in December. I wish I could share with all of you the amazing feeling of having close to 15,000 people of similar age to myself, in one place, at the same time with our shared faith!

From the Bunbury Diocese we had a total of 50 participants and leaders that made the pilgrimage to Sydney for ACYF 2017. As a group leader I was given a group of 8 excited and faith filled participants. Even though being a leader was exhausting it was rewarding and made me feel like I was giving back from when I went as a participant in 2017.

We stayed at Mary MacKillop Place which holds the museum about Mary Mackillop's life and the Chapel where her body is now rests. As a past student of St Mary MacKillop College it was interesting hearing about Mary's life and the people she cared for.

The festival plenary sessions were just as alive as ACYF 2015 and it really shows how the young people are embracing their faith, particularly through music and prayer. Each session was based on the festival theme of: Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy.

All the sessions were filmed, and you are very welcome to watch them: <http://www.xt3.com/acyf2017/live/>

We did a pilgrimage walk on the last night from our accommodation across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Domain Stadium for the final Mass which was attended by nearly 15,000 people! At this Mass, it was announced that Perth will be hosting ACYF 2019!

Thank you all once again for this incredible experience that will stick with me forever.

Darcy

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ROSTER 27 th and 28 th January 2018		
	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	Amie	Angela
Readers	Judy Kath	Molly Loellen
Ministers of Communion	Sue Denise	Joan Angela
Music	Richard	Richard
Acolyte		Tony
Collection Counting	Jim and Felicity	

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Prayer

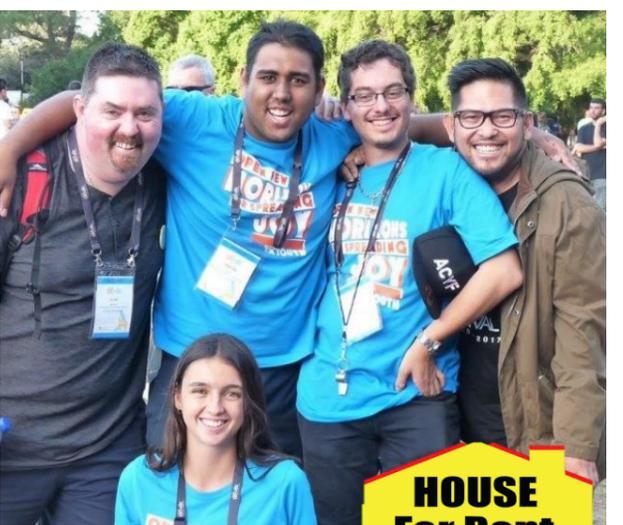
Loving God,
 You call us to embrace the joy born of your Son Jesus,
 May it well up in our hearts, and be lived through acts of mercy.

Help us resolve to trade in comfort, aspire to greatness,
 And follow the path of the Cross as a courageous generation.
 Inspire us to build upon the culture, tradition and beauty of the Church;
 Nourish us as we dare to blaze trails that open new horizons.
 Send us forth to be instruments of change and hope

In this great land of the Holy Spirit.
 Like Mary, may we discern your call with faith and love:
 Responding with great joy in our hearts.

In union with Jesus, our Saviour and friend,
 We pray to be filled with your Holy Spirit
 That we may be your witnesses
 Through the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.
 Amen.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Pray for us.
 Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Pray for us.



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