

Our Lady of the Southern Cross

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Masses and Devotions 25 th February – 3 rd March 2019		
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Mass
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	9.00am	Mass
Saturday	6.00pm	Mass
Sunday	8.00am	Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR
Betty Peaker, Ellen Robinson,
Saba Rose Button,
Tracy Trew, Helen Miller,
Robert Clements

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
8th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C
Sirach 27: 4-7
1 Corinthians 15: 54-58
Luke 6: 39-45

CHURCH COLLECTIONS
Total for
16th and 17th February 2019
1st Collection: \$519.45
2nd Collection: \$294.95
Planned: \$155.00

From Fr. Ian

How rich indeed are the reading of our Masses of this weekend and how challenging! When I use the word challenging, I am not referring to the response of those who profess to have little faith practice, rather I use it to describe the response of those who profess to have a great deal of faith! Karl Rahner, quoted by Margaret Ghosn in her recent book, "The Miracle of Love", describes this reaction in these words, "How rarely does anyone want to confront the gift of your (God's) grace as it really is: tough, clear, not just for our consolation, but also your glory, pure and upright, silent and bold". A very clear example of this is to be found in the words of Jesus, in the Gospel of this Mass. They will test us to the very core of our being and will challenge so much of what we consider to be 'a fair thing' in our relationship with others. These words of Jesus do not provide an out. There is no alternative for us to default to. Yet amazingly, with God's grace, we can flourish, when we say to Jesus, "I am with you in this and together we can do it!"

How might this be possible? Pope Francis gives us an insight when he writes, "Effective Christian witness is not about bombarding people with religious messages, but about our willingness to be available to others". When we are available to others we are then open to the ways that God may choose to work in their lives. St. Paul in the second reading has a delightful contrasting of the first man, Adam, and the second man, Jesus. Paul then brings us into the picture when he writes, 'and we who have been modelled on the earthly man (Adam) will be modelled on the heavenly man (Jesus)'.

In that redeeming and transforming of our limitations, we are open to the richness of the grace and power that Jesus so wants so share with us. Fr. Byrne in his Reflections on the Gospel, however, has these cautionary words, "But God can only give us what we have the capacity to receive. The measure of that capacity is our own generosity towards others". Luke points to the importance of this in our Gospel of this Mass when he records Jesus as firstly saying, that we are neither to judge nor condemn, but concludes with the command to 'grant pardon'. Jesus is not content in saying what are to avoid doing, but rather what we are encouraged to do, namely to love one another. This generosity is a remarkable sign to a world that is desperately looking for those people who are capable of making Jesus real in our world.

Frank Lopez in his writing "Applied Pastoral Care: A Contextual Approach", is reflected upon by Margaret Ghosn when she provides the following insight into how this generosity and kindness of God is to be revealed in our lives to others, "According to Lopez, pastoral care is a ministry that involves our humanness/createdness and not just religious beliefs. It is a service that is personal, caring and compassionate". Thus pastoral care today places emphasis on meeting each person's needs, rather than the carer having a pre-determined agenda. This model stresses the characteristics of the pastoral relationship as non-judgemental, empathic, supportive and working toward the person taking greater responsibility. Ghosn concludes with these wonderfully uplifting and encouraging words, "Yet it still remains a ministry that arises from the conviction of faith within the carer to be a witness of Jesus' love for all people".

Mark in your Calendar

Please forward dates to Parish Office or
olotsc@westnet.com.au for inclusion in the calendar

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	9.00am – Rosary 6 th March – Ash Wednesday
Thursday	14 th March – Pastoral Council – 6.30pm
Friday	9.30am - Cenacle 15 th – 17 th March – Retreat at God's Farm
Saturday	16 th March – Family Mass Year 6
Sunday	17 th March – Teachers' Commissioning Mass

ROSTER 2nd and 3rd March 2019

	Saturday	Sunday
Commentator	Robyn	Angela
Readers	Kath	Carmen
Ministers of Communion	Amie and Sue	Loellen and Joan
Music	Richard	Richard
Acolyte	Michael	Michael
Collection Counting		Jim and Felicity

World Day of Prayer

Friday March 8th at 11am
at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Church.

Please bring a plate to share.

Ash Wednesday Masses



9 am at Our Lady of the
Cape School
Or
7pm at Church

Easter Special Rosters will apply from
13th – 21st April.

Last Wednesday afternoon, our parish hosted the monthly meeting of the leaders of the Combined Churches of Dunsborough. It was a happy and productive coming together and we were well nourished and cared for by both
Doris and Alice.

Many thanks to you both for your great kindness.

Can you help? – A BUSY BEE to take up the pavers at Our Lady's Grotto will take place at **9am on Saturday the 9th March**. With many hands it will only take a small amount of time.



Enjoy prayerful, quiet reflection time?
Then - Mediation Group in the demountable
at Church, each Monday 4.30pm

Farewell and thank you Molly!

After many years of being a delightful presence in our community, Molly Dick will be moving to Perth. From your parish family, our love and prayers go with you Molly. May the years ahead be kind to you and may you have many of them.

