



# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, TORONTO

## Encounter Jesus

### ENCOUNTER JESUS

The call to 'Encounter Jesus' is both an invitation and a mission. We are an open, welcoming community that seeks to share the life and love of Jesus with every person we encounter. As a community, we strive to create those spaces where anyone can freely encounter the person of Jesus. We are further challenged to encounter Jesus in each other, in the world and in the life of the Church.

We acknowledge the Awabakal people as traditional owners of this land. As we journey in the footprints of those who walked the land before us, we are mindful of those in our community who carry the memories, culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia.

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#### MASS TIMES

**Sunday Mass Times** Saturday: 6.00 pm  
 Sunday: 8.00 am

Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion takes place on the first and third Sunday's of the month.

#### Reconciliation (when Mass is celebrated)

Saturday afternoon: 5.15pm

#### Weekday Mass & Liturgy of the Word

Monday	9.00am	Liturgy
Tuesday	9.00am	Liturgy
Wednesday	9.00am	Liturgy
Thursday	9.00 am	Liturgy
Friday	9.00 am	Liturgy



#### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Craft Group** on Monday, 18th February at 9.30am in the Conference Centre.

**Liturgy Team** on Tuesday, 19th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

**RCIA** on Wednesday, 20th February at 9.45am in the Parish Meeting Room.

**ALPHA Connect** on Wednesday, 20th February at 7.30pm in the Conference Centre.

**Funeral Ministry** on Thursday, 21st February at 2.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

### LIVING PRAYER - PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

One only has to look at left-hand side of the page to see all the different meetings and activities taking place in our community this week. There are many spaces where members of our community gather together to build relationships, to serve our community and to encounter Jesus through and with each other.

Let us pray that these ministries will continue to flourish and be a source of life and love for our parish family.

#### PRAYING AS A COMMUNITY

"Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I gathered in their midst." Matt. 18:20

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**When:** Friday mornings following the 9.00am Liturgy.

#### ROSARY

**When:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9.20am (in the chapel).



#### WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

**Baptisms this month:** Isaac and Elsie Ringrose  
 Ellie Henry

**Being received into the Church:** Jen Keegan

**Sick List:** Barbara Roberts, Joan Maher, Robert Apthorpe, Roslyn Cox, Sharon Jesudason, Silvi Bennett, Paul Bennett, Pat Bowden, Paul Kristofferson, Len Campbell, Louise Mahon, Julie Vane, Norm Maude, Bishop Bill Wright, Ann Richards, Leah Kelly, Pat Eddie Clarke, Peter Leighton, John Sheridan, Shane Quinn, Tony Peart, Marcia Rooney, Elizabeth Marshall, Mary Wilcox

(Names will appear on the sick list for eight weeks. Names may be relisted.)

**Deaths:** Antionetta Cento, Les Mason, Jacob Brogan, Mons. Allan Hart

**Anniversaries:** Terrence Normoyle, Brian Lee

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are \_\_\_\_\_.

His \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to you.



God will bless you \_\_\_\_\_ people.

You will have \_\_\_\_\_ to eat.

God will bless you people who are \_\_\_\_\_.

You will \_\_\_\_\_!



"They had come to hear Jesus..." - Lk 6.18

## ENCOUNTER JESUS - BREAKING OPEN THE VISION STATEMENT

Over the coming twelve months, we will continue our conversation around the invitation and mission to 'Encounter Jesus.' What does that mean for our community?

A vision statement doesn't change things overnight. It is the expression of a hope, a goal, something towards which we direct our energy and our activity. The vision statement will guide our pastoral planning and decision making now and into the future. But we take it one step at a time.

As a community, we will unwrap more of the vision statement through our reflections on the Word of God at our Sunday Celebrations, in our ministries and team meetings, and at other community gatherings. Like all communities in our country at this moment, we continue to discern, "What is God asking of us at this time?" And that is an ongoing journey.

This month, let us reflect on the invitation to 'Encounter Jesus in myself.' We each have a story of our own unique encounter with Jesus. What is my faith story? Each of these stories is worth sharing and celebrating. And each story continues... we continue to grow in our personal relationship with Jesus that is lived out in our families, our community and the world.

-Brendon

## CALLING ALL SINGERS!

One of the joys of St Joseph's is the many strong voices that lift our weekend celebrations. We need your help now!

In order to introduce new hymns to our parish, we need to learn to sing them. We no longer have a formal choir in our community to lead this process, so we would like to enlist the help of our many singers to learn the tune at home, and help to support the singing as the new hymns are introduced.

Could you be a "seed singer"? It's easy! All you need to do is provide your name and email address to Phil McWilliam (philmcwilliam@gmail.com), or at the parish office. We will email you links where you can listen to the new hymn (and see the lyrics). Please listen to the hymn a few times, and sing along. You would still sit in your usual seats at mass, but we will then have some singers who are at least a little familiar to help carry the new hymn.

You don't need to be able to read music or be a trained singer; just be enthusiastic and help our community refresh our hymn repertoire.

## MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our next Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Thursday, 28th February at 11.30am. This is a great opportunity for those of us who are sick or elderly to receive this sacrament of healing. A light luncheon will be served in the church courtyard after the Mass. There will be a charismatic prayer meeting in the chapel after lunch. All welcome.

## 100 CLUB LOTTERY

8 tickets to go.



## WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S MASS

On Saturday, 23rd February, our celebration of Mass will be a special occasion to welcome all new members of our community. We would especially like to invite any new parishioners that have joined our community in the past 12 months, families of the recently baptised and the new school families. A BBQ will be served after Mass.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Our parish is blessed this year to welcome Bev McWilliam to our Parish Team in the voluntary role of Community Engagement Coordinator. Bev has served our community in many ways over the years and in her new role will focus on Welcoming, ALPHA and the development of a food pantry with other local churches. We wish Bev well in this new endeavour.

## CLEANERS

Every Saturday morning, our dedicated volunteer cleaners prepare our church for the weekend celebrations. The cleaning ministry would like to invite anyone who wishes to join this team to contact Gisela Maude (nagm@bigpond.net.au) or the Parish Office. Training will be provided over the next roster period.

## NEW ALARM

A new 'NBN-compatible' alarm system was installed in the church during the week. If you currently hold a church key, please speak to Brendon about the new alarm procedures.

## VOCATION VIEW:

If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God's loving presence. Be open to the Holy Spirit. (John 14:23-29)

For more information regarding vocations contact [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

Donations to our parish can be made through our website at: [torontoparish.org/serve/donations-to-the-parish/](http://torontoparish.org/serve/donations-to-the-parish/)  
Any parishioner who would like to join our **Planned Giving** scheme is encouraged to contact the Parish Office.  
Contributions placed on the **second collection** support the mission of the Parish.