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If you would like to have a pastoral visit from the parish priest, or a priest, or a seminarian, or co-parishioner, kindly leave a message at the administration office on 9481 7333 or email to office@olsc.org.au

#### Last weekend's collections:

St John \$551.20; St Joseph \$1,093.90

### Sacramental Reception ...

**Baptism** : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (email the office to book)

**Marriage**: by appointment

**Reconciliation**: approach a priest before Mass

**First Communion and Confirmation**: Preparation for this is conducted in our school at St Joseph's; we also offer this preparation to State School children. Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

### Mass Times at OLSC

#### St John's:

Tuesday, Thursday at 9.15am, Saturday 8.30am, 6:00 pm  
Sunday at 9:00 am (Italian), 11:00am and 5:00pm

#### St Joseph's:

Monday to Saturday at 9am, Saturday 6:00pm (English)  
Sunday at 9:00am (Vietnamese)

#### Good Shepherd:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 9:30am

At Our Lady of the Southern Cross, we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.

# Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

March 9/10, 2024 Lent Year B

### For those whom we remember...

**Mass Intention:** Francesco Bernardo.

**Condolences:** We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.

**Anniversaries:** Frank Bernardo, Giovanni Misurelli, Marieta Scalzo, Jeremiah Purcell, Giulia Zampaglione.

### For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:

Ian Armstrong, Lorena Ferri, Tony Addamo,  
Teresa Boetti, Cecily Hollingworth, Pat Hearity,  
Mario Misurelli.

If you hear of any of our parishioners who are not well or who have been injured, please email us at office@olsc.org so that we can remember them.

### Project Compassion

Every Lent, through Project Compassion, Caritas Australia asks us to help bring light into the world and to make positive change. An example is presented to us this week in the story of Memory, a young woman from rural Malawi, the eldest child in a family living at poverty level. Memory, thanks to Project Compassion now is a very proud carpenter.

You can help women like Memory seize better job opportunities and thrive in their community by making a donation through the envelope or box system.

#### Roster for Mass at St John's

Please Note: If unforeseen circumstances prevent you from taking part, please arrange a substitute.

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
<b>11 am</b>				
10 Mar	John A	Anne	Peter C	Margaret
17 Mar	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
24 Mar	John S	Hugh	Gabrielle	Lucy C
31 Mar	Easter	Sunday		
7 April	Lucy C	Susan S	Stephen H	Margaret
14 April	John S	High	Gabrielle	Lucy
21 April	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
28 April	Susan S	John S	Hugh	Gabrielle
<b>5 pm</b>				
10 Mar	Marita Q	Anne/Peter	Manickams	??
17 Mar	Daniel R	Christina B	Marie R	??
24 Mar	Daniel R	Manickams	Marie Q	??
31 Mar	Easter	Sunday	NO MASS	
7 April	Marie R	Marita Q	Lucy C	??
14 April	Marie R	Akkermans	??	??

### A 'must read' ...

- St John's Church is now open 12-1pm weekdays to offer "time for quiet and reflection" to the general public.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered on Fridays during Lent from 7-8pm in St John's Church.
- This Sunday, 17 March, we are celebrating St Patrick's Day with a youth and family mass.
- Working bee at St John's Church, starting at 11am on Saturday, 23rd March. See Quyen for more details.
- Put Sunday, 21st April in your diary. The parish has the pleasure of witnessing the formal installation of our Parish Priest, Fr Cassius Correya. We need a 'full house' please.
- If you would like to join this liturgical ministry as one of our readers at mass email your availability to Joan on office@olsc.org.au. The commitment doesn't need to be big, ie: once every two months, or weekly ... whatever works for you.
- The Parish is offering mass intentions to those parishioners who may have a special occasion to celebrate. Please email Joan at office@OLSC.org.au if you would like a mass intention said at a particular mass on a particular weekend.
- Last Sunday a pair of sunglasses was left in the second row on the righthand side at our 11am Mass. Perhaps someone picked them up by mistake? Please hand them back next Sunday morning. Thanks.
- Help is wanted for Easter liturgies. Please add your name to the A3 sheets on the back table at St John's.

### St Patrick's Day Celebration

St John's is inviting everyone to join them to celebrate St Patrick's Day next Sunday, 17th March at the 5pm empowering youth and family. Let's involve our young people in the music and liturgy. And ... we will be having pizza and a social evening afterwards.

To volunteer our youth contact the parish office or Clotilde on 0401 502 290 or Julia on 0407 343 637.

*Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I'm possible. Audrey Hepburn*

*Life is too short to tread water. You have to swim ... forward. Unknown*

*What are you looking forward to today? Unknown*

### Reflection from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wish you and your family a blessed and happy Sunday.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

This Sunday's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.



In his conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament, that is, when the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of this Sunday's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

Dear brothers and sisters, at any rate, in John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. We have to be convinced that after everything is said and done, we are definitely loved by God.