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Pastoral Care

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

For urgent pastoral need call: 0401 887 115

Collections & Donations for 26-27 April 2025:
St John the Baptist Church: \$697.75 incl Easter EFTPOS
St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$975.95
Good Friday Holy Place (Peter Pence): \$492.05
Thank you to our parishioners and visitors.

Sacramental Reception ...

Baptism : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (book online at olsc.org.au/baptisms).
Marriage: (book online at olsc.org.au/weddings).
Reconciliation: every Friday 7:15—8:00pm.
Confirmation, Reconciliation and Holy Communion: Preparation for these Sacraments will be conducted at John's for State School children.
Email our parish office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

Normal Mass Times at OLSC

St John the Baptist
Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am, Saturday at 8.30am, 6:00pm
Sunday at 9:00am (Italian), 11:00am and 5:00pm
St Joseph's Catholic Church
Monday to Saturday at 8:30am Saturday at 6:00pm
Sunday at 9:00am (Vietnamese)
The Chapel of Good Shepherd:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday at 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

4 May, 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

For those we remember...

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.
Anniversaries: We pray for Giuseppe Amicucci and Francesca Cardamone .
Mass Intentions: Joe Brancatella.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in your prayers: Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Victoria and Aldo Costanzo, and Teresa Boetti.

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

CatholicCare Vic Sunday Appeal Today

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.
CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential.

Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community—those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised.

You can donate using the envelope available, by donating online at catholiccarevic.org.au or by calling (03) 9967 2515. Gifts \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
May 4				
11am	Susan Smith/ John Salamito	Hugh McGinlay	Bill Fitzsimons	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Rita Alviano	Vincent Alviano	Giuliana Alviano	Rafelina DeDonato
May 11				
11am	Anne & Peter Carpenter	Lucy Cirona	Michael Black	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Manickam Family	Manickam Family	Manickam Family	Daniel Ryan

A Heartfelt Thank You, Joan

On behalf of all the parishioners, I extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to Joan for her 20 years of faithful and dedicated service as our parish secretary.

Her unwavering commitment, kindness, and tireless efforts have been a true blessing to our parish community. She had been the heart of our parish office, always ready with a warm smile, a listening ear, and an encouraging word.

Her style of work had been a reflection of God's love in action. We thank God for her presence among us and the countless ways she had made a difference in the lives of so many.

May God bless her abundantly in the next chapter of her journey of life, and may she always know how much she is appreciated and cherished by our parish family. **Fr Cassius, Parish Priest**



Prayer for the Cardinals

The College of Cardinals has asked all Catholics to pray that they be guided by the Holy Spirit in their discernment in choosing our next pope.

The conclave begins this Wednesday 7 May.

“O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unflinching care,
grant to your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

Thank you to Fr Gersio

This week we farewell Fr Gersio who came to the parish from Timor Leste to support us the last few months.

We are grateful to Fr Gersio for his expression of faith, all the masses he celebrated, and for his gentle nature; and we pray for his pastoral service as he serves the Salesian Australia-Pacific province.

“I’m going fishing” ... “Follow me”

Coincidentally, as the Church is preparing for the conclave to elect the next Pope, the Bishop of Rome, the apostolic successor to St Peter, this Sunday’s Gospel reading focusses on Peter’s encounter with the risen Lord that becomes a moment of grace, deep transformation and commitment.

In the first scene of today’s Gospel passage, Peter tells his friends, “I am going fishing,” and thus, he goes back to his old way of life. Six of his friends join him. They return to fishing, but caught nothing. At dawn, Jesus meets Peter and the other disciples on the shore, miraculously providing a great catch of fish. This moment is more than just about fishing; it symbolizes *fruitfulness* that comes from following the Lord’s direction and trusting in his grace.

In the second scene, Jesus invites his disciples to breakfast. This simple yet profound gesture reveals Jesus’ deep care and love for his disciples. This moment reflects Jesus’ servant-hearted nature – the Son of God, risen in glory, still humbly prepares a meal for his friends. He meets their most basic human need and welcomes them into fellowship. It becomes a lesson in leadership for Peter. By serving his disciples, Jesus demonstrates that *true leadership is rooted in care, humility, and service.*

The third scene presents Jesus asking Peter three times, “Do you love me?” Each question mirrors Peter’s threefold denial, offering him the opportunity to reaffirm his love. Jesus then commands him to “Feed my lambs,” “Look after my sheep,” and “Feed my sheep” – an obvious call to lead and care for his people. This moment reminds Peter that *to love the Lord means to do his will and to be a shepherd after the Lord’s own heart.*

This whole encounter with the risen Lord becomes a turning point in Peter’s life. The risen Christ doesn’t just heal his past failures, but shapes him into the leader he is meant to be. He moves from confusion to clarity, fear to courage, denial to devotion, ultimately becoming the unwavering foundation of the early Church.

This experience of St Peter is a beautiful reminder to every leader of the Church and every disciple of Christ that *grace transforms* – Jesus meets us where we are, transforms us, and entrusts us with his mission. He redirects our path – from following our own plans (“I’m going fishing”) to embracing his will (“Follow me”).

May the next Pope be encouraged by St Peter’s experience of the transforming grace of the Lord!

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