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The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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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, please call the parish office on 9481 7333 or email office@olsc.org.au.

For Urgent Pastoral Need Call: 0401 887 115

Sacramental Reception

Baptism:

St John's: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 12pm:

Booking form: olsc.org.au/baptisms.

St Joseph's Contact the parish office.

Marriage: Booking form: olsc.org.au/weddings.

Reconciliation: Fridays 7:15pm—8:00pm

(excluding 1st Friday of the month)

Holy Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation:

These are held at St John's. Contact the parish office.

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

Collections & EFTPOS Donations—16-17 Aug 2025:

St John the Baptist Church: \$413.30

EFTPOS 9-10 Aug: \$100

St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$554.90

Thank you to all parishioners and visitors

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24 August 2025, Year C

For All Those We Remember

Condolences: We pray for the soul and family of all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: We pray for the souls of Maureen D'Cruz and Theresa Patrick.

Prayers of Healing

Please remember the following in your prayers: Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Aldo Costanzo, Teresa Boetti, Ruzica Coric, Fr Frank Moloney sdb and Rita Alviano.

If you are in need, or you know of fellow parishioners who are in need, and wish to be included in our prayers, please contact the parish office.

Baptisms at St John's

The parish is delighted to welcome young Charli Ann Montebello into the Catholic Church on Sunday at St John's.



We pray for a faith-filled life for Charli and her family, and the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit.

No 6pm mass Saturday 6 September at St John's

Due to the Perpetual Profession of our Salesian Brother Carlos Gusmao at St Joseph's at 6pm on 6 September, there will be no mass at St John's that evening.

Please join this special occasion at St Joseph's to support Br Carlos in his lifelong commitment.

Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Aug 24				
11am	Hugh McGinlay	Quyen Pham-Nguyen	John Andrews	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Rafelina D or Daniel R
Aug 31				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Akkerman Family	Akkerman Family	Akkerman Family	Rafelina D or Daniel R

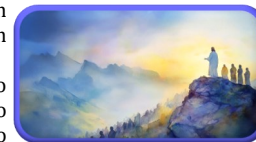
Archbishop's Campaign

Every year the archdiocese asks parishes to support their vital ministries.

This weekend and next weekend the parish collections will go to this unified campaign that will bring God's love to our communities.

For more information please see the poster on the notice board.

You are also welcome to call the parish office to find out more about who this initiative hopes to reach and help, or visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign>.



Parish Pilgrim Day-Register Today

You can still register for the Parish Pilgrim Day during this Jubilee Year of Hope, to be held on Friday 26 September.

The group will be visiting St Mary Magdalen in Trentham, stop for lunch at Lakes Daylesford, and then journey back to Melbourne to visit St Mary Star of the Sea in West Melbourne.

You can find forms at the back of the church. Payment is \$15 for a provided lunch and water. Please return form and payment to Fr Cassius or Rafelina De Donato if you see them, or call the parish office to make an arrangement.

Artwork Restoration

A big thank you to those generous donors who have been able to ensure that our painting 'Madonna della Sedia' will be restored.

Our target of \$4,000 has been reached over time and restoration will be undertaken in the final quarter of 2025 by Helen Gill.

John Andrews, parishioner

Youth Mass at St John's Today

Today is our next Youth mass and refreshments at St John's at the 5pm mass.

This is a special time for the teens to share their faith in a safe, accepting and convivial space.

If you are a teen please come along, and other Catholic teens outside the parish are also welcome.



A reminder about the Catholic Youth Festival—30 Nov-2 Dec, Melbourne.
<https://acyf.org.au>

"Sir, will only a few be saved?"

The question, "Sir, will only a few be saved?" (Luke 13:23), touches a deep chord in the human heart. However, Jesus doesn't answer the question directly, instead, he shifts the focus from curiosity about others to personal responsibility: "Try your best to enter by the narrow door" (Luke 13:24). In doing so, Jesus invites us not to speculate, but to act with intent. In other words, salvation requires effort, commitment, and perseverance. It is not a passive journey but an active pursuit. As the American educator Hamilton Holt once said, "Nothing worthwhile comes easily. Work, continuous work and hard work, is the only way to accomplish results that last."

And while the door may be narrow, Jesus reminds us that salvation is open to all who seek God with genuine hearts: "People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God" (Luke 13:29). In this, Jesus echoes the words of Yahweh spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "I am coming to gather the nations of every language" (Isaiah 66:18). This reveals that God desires the salvation of all.

But what is salvation? It is a return to God. It is a return to paradise, where perfect harmony once existed between God and His creation. Salvation is about entering into communion with God, the origin of all that is. Yet it is not only a vertical relationship; it also calls us to build communion with our brothers and sisters here and now. When we live in unity with God and with one another, we begin to embody our true nature – not just as human beings, but as spiritual beings fully alive.

Fr Cassius Correya SDB

General Audience – A Summary

Dear brothers and sisters, in our catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Christ our Hope," we continue to reflect on Jesus' passion, death and resurrection by considering his forgiving love. Despite his betrayal, Jesus loves his disciples until the end: he washes their feet, and even offers a morsel of bread to his betrayer in one last attempt to demonstrate that love. This morsel, in fact, signifies that God does everything possible to reach us in order to offer his love and forgiveness. While never denying that evil exists or acting as if bad things do not happen in this world, the example of Jesus shows us that true forgiveness does not wait for contrition but is offered first as a gift. When we experience wounds and betrayal, let us ask for the grace to offer true forgiveness, even when we feel misunderstood and abandoned, or even when it seems to be in vain. In this way, may we know the freedom and peace that comes from a loving and forgiving heart.

*Pope Leo XIV, 20 August 2025
 Official website of the Holy See*