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St John the Baptist Community

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St Joseph's Catholic Church Community

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The Chapel of 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—2-3 August 2025:**

**St John the Baptist Church: \$372.20**

**St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$968.80**

*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

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17 August 2025, Year C**

## For All Those We Remember

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

**Anniversaries:** We pray for the souls of Virginia Misurelli and Luigia Vaiano.

**Mass Intentions:** We pray for the soul of Dianne Cilia.

## 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.

## Book Stall Today—St John's

Conventry Press are the publishers of books written by our own Fr Peter Varengo, our Salesian father Fr Frank Maloney, and the history of St John's book by parishioner John Andrews.

Michael Murphy from this publisher will be setting up a book stall before and after the masses today at 11am and 5pm.

The books are spiritual and inspirational reading.

## No mass Saturday 6pm mass 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 17				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Manickam Family	Manickam Family	Manickam Family	Marita Quinn
Aug 24				
11am	Quoc Pham-Nguyen	Quyen Pham-Nguyen	John Andrews	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Rafelina/Daniel

## Parish Pilgrimage-Register Today

From today you can register for the Parish Pilgrim Day during this Jubilee Year of Hope, to be held on Friday 26 September. See the back of the church.

## "We feed everyone"

"We feed everyone" is a quote from parishioner Wayne Matautia when he presented at the *Vibrant Parishes* forum run by the archdiocese, on Wednesday evening. This event was part of *Take the Way of the Gospel*, an archdiocese initiative in response to Pope Francis' call for Church life to move away from self-preservation, towards actively sharing the Gospel. This particular forum focused on helping parishes in reaching beyond the Church doors. As part of this, Wayne was invited to present the Parish Food Outreach Program that he and his family hold at St Joseph's monthly.

The other PPC members present at this event saw a touching and thoughtful account from Wayne, who showed compassion in feeding the hungry as Jesus did. Wayne believes God gave him and his family the skills to serve, so they can love through food. Thank you to Wayne and his family.

## Following Jesus is a Choice!

"Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." These words of Jesus in Luke 12:51 can feel unsettling. How can the one hailed as the "Prince of Peace" speak of bringing division? This paradox invites us into the deeper reality of discipleship: following Jesus is not a passive pursuit of comfort, but a radical reorientation of allegiance that often challenges the status quo.

Following Jesus and his teachings is a choice we make. Consequently, such a choice means embracing Jesus' way of living which often is not popular and sometimes countercultural. While choosing Jesus can transform one's personal life, it can also invite opposition from within one's family and society. The radical commitment to live the kingdom values taught by Jesus can cause tension when others don't share the same values. Hence, "division" isn't Jesus' goal, but a consequence of people choosing whether or not to follow him.

However, every follower of Jesus is not called to deepen the divide, but to bridge it. This means embodying the love that listens, the grace that forgives, and the truth that stands firm without arrogance. Let's be peacemakers.

Fr Cassius Correya sdb

## A Vocation Reflection

Hello everyone, my name is Afia Enosa from Samoa. I would like to share a brief story of what leads me in my vocational discernment today as a Salesian of Don Bosco. My vocation began with a profound sense of divine inspiration, guided by the Salesians of Don Bosco (Both Salesian Sisters and Fathers). Their steadfast commitment to serving the youth and embodying the love of Jesus helped me in my quest to understand the purpose of God in my life. Growing up at home was never easy. I faced many limitations in opportunities and resources, which often made me question my path and my future. Despite these challenges, I found strength and hope through my faith and the example of the Salesians, who consistently demonstrated in action the Article 2 of our Constitutions: "to be bearers of God's love for young people."

Throughout my journey, I have encountered numerous trials that tested my resilience, especially my faith as a Christian. It was in these moments of hardship that I truly encountered the living presence of God. I saw His truth reflected in the charism of Don Bosco, his solid dedication to the youth and his trust in divine providence. These experiences have deepened my understanding of vocation as a response to the call of God, and they continue to inspire me to serve others with humility and love.

I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to live my vocation alongside my Salesian confreres. Their support and example help me discern what God has planned for my life, and I pray for the grace to remain faithful to the call that I have been called. My journey is ongoing, but I am confident that God's guidance will lead me to fulfill His purpose.

Thank you.

Brother Afia Endosa

## Youth Mass at St John's 24 August 5pm

Our next Youth mass and refreshments at St John's will be next Sunday 24 August at the 5pm mass.

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

## Archbishop's Campaign

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

From next weekend for two weekends 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 for a chat about who this campaign hopes to reach and help.

