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The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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At the Parish of 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.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people>

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:

Sunday at 9:30am

Collections & EFTPOS 4-5 October 2025:

St John's: \$376.10

St Joseph's: \$796.75

Thank you to our parishioners and visitors.

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12 October 2025, Year C

For All Those We Remember

Condolences: We pray for the souls and families of all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: We pray for the souls of Gavan Amarant, Charles Utting and Pietro Varengo.

Month of Remembrance

If you wish to, please bring photos of your deceased loved ones for our shrine at St John's and at St Joseph's, to honour all Holy Souls during November.



Prayers of Healing

Please remember the following in your prayers: Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Aldo Costanzo, Teresa Boetti, Ruzica Coric, Fr Frank Moloney, Minh Ho and Greg Andrews.

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

Reflection from a Pilgrim of Hope

Please see the attached leaflet for a touching reflection on the Parish Pilgrim Day from parishioner Chau Nguyen from St John's.

'Thank you Chau, for being a faithful pilgrim and opening your heart to the parish.'

Baptism at St John's

Fr Cassius will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism at St John's this Sunday for Rae Duvnjak-Sweeney.



Please pray for Rae, as we welcome her into the Catholic Church, that she and her family may have a life of deep faith and spiritual nourishment.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Oct 12	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	Quyen Pham-Nguyen	Michael Black	Sue Smith	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Manickam Family	Manickam Family	Manickam Family	Rafelina De Donato
Oct 19	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	Nicholas Luhrs	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Youth (SYC)	Youth (SYC)	Marita Quinn

Rosary for Peace

Our parish will continue to hold a rosary on the remaining Fridays this month—October 17 & 24, at St John's Clifton Hill at 7pm.

As the rosary and prayer for peace are intrinsically connected for Catholics, Pope Leo XIV has asked we dedicate the Rosary this month to peace in war-torn places.

Fr Cassius would be grateful for your presence if you are able to join.

Following our Rosary, you are warmly welcomed to stay on for the Eucharistic Adoration from 7.15pm to 8.00pm. This is a special time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also an opportune time to pray for our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Join us if you can to experience the peace and grace that comes from this encounter with Mary and the Lord.



Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025

Registrations for the Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Melbourne from 30 November—2 December close at the end of this month.

The festival brings together thousands of young Catholics from Year 9 to 25 years of age from across Australia, as an experience to express and grow their faith.

'It is an opportunity for current leaders of the Church to listen to emerging leaders of the Church,' said Archbishop of Perth Tim Costelloe SDB, president of the Australian Catholics Bishops Conference (ACBC), and a former Parish Priest of our parish.

For more details see the poster at the back of the church, contact the parish office or visit—<http://acyf.org.au>.

Introducing the Parish SYC

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Salesian Youth Club (SYC)! This is open to all young people in our parish.

Our mission is to build a vibrant, faith-filled youth community inspired by the Salesian spirituality, where young people grow to become "good Christians and upright citizens."

We also hope to accompany young people in their journey of faith.

This experience will provide a safe and joyful space for youth to gather and grow. More details to come.

Br Foua Teapeato, Salesian of Don Bosco Seminarian

The Grace of Gratitude

Over the past couple of months, our parish office has received heart-warming messages of gratitude. These notes remind us of the deep joy and connection that come from serving one another in faith.

Here are just a few:

Dear Father, Virginia and Rafelina, I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful Baptism for our daughter Maximilia... Thank you all.

Thank you Father and St John's Church for celebrating with me my Holy Communion.

Thank you... for welcoming me and my mother to your community. I'm excited to continue my journey with Jesus. Thank you.

God bless Fr Cassius and all our dear Salesians. We thank God for you and appreciate your time and kindness.

These expressions of gratitude uplift our hearts and inspire us to give even more generously. They also remind us that *every opportunity to serve is a gift from God*. This is what the prophet Elisha teaches us in his encounter with Naaman.

When Naaman is healed of leprosy, he returns to offer Elisha a gift. Elisha refuses, making it clear that the healing was not his doing; *it was God's*. Naaman responds with faith, declaring, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel." Like Elisha, we are not the source of healing or help, but vessels through which God's mercy flows.

In the Gospel story of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11–19), all ten encounter the source of healing, yet only one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks. In doing so, he receives not only physical healing but also the gift of spiritual wholeness. Jesus affirms this by saying, "Your faith has saved you."

These biblical narratives remind us that *gratitude completes the miracle*. It transforms a moment of mercy into a relationship of faith. When we receive thanks, we are reminded to pass it on – to the One who makes all things new and whose healing and love extend beyond boundaries.

Gratitude, whether received or offered, is a sacred exchange. It reminds us that we are part of something greater – a divine movement of love, healing, and grace. And at the heart of it all is our loving Lord, who rejoices with us, hears our cries, heals our wounds, and deserves our deepest thanks.

Fr Cassius Correya SDB

'We are deeply grateful for your words of appreciation and for your continued support in the life of our parish. Your kindness uplifts us, strengthens our mission, and reminds us that we walk this journey of faith together.'

Priests and Parish Office Staff of the Parish of OLSC