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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 11-12 October 2025:

St Johns: \$465.80

St Joseph's: \$961.10

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19 October 2025, Year C

For All Those We Remember

We pray for the soul of Minh Canh Ho, a beloved parishioner at St Joseph's who passed away last weekend. Fr Anthony Quang and Fr Cassius concelebrated the requiem mass for Minh during the week. We pray for his eternal rest, and we pray for comfort for his loved ones.

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



During November **Month of Remembrance**, please bring photos of your deceased loved ones if you wish to for our shrines at St John's and St Joseph's to honour all Holy Souls.

Prayers of Healing

Please pray for Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Aldo Costanzo, Teresa Boetti, Ruzica Coric, Fr Frank Moloney, 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.

Rosary for Peace

Our rosary will continue during this month of the Holy Rosary, on 24 & 31 October at St John's Clifton Hill at 7pm. Following our Rosary, you are warmly welcomed to stay on for the Eucharistic Adoration from 7.15pm to 8.00pm on 24 October. Join us if you can to experience the peace and grace that comes from this encounter with Mary and the Lord.

Wedding at St John's



On Saturday at St John's, Fr Cassius will unite Sabrina Galloro and Paul Bernardi in the sacrament of marriage.

We pray that faith may guide and nourish this couple throughout their life together.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
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	Marita Quinn	Abigail Berryman	Br Foua
Oct 26	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	Nadia Batticotto	Chau Nguyen	Michael Black	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Youth	Youth	Youth	Br Foua

Mass Time Change on 1 November

On All Souls Day on 1 November the morning mass at St Joseph's will be held at **9am**, not the usual time of 8:30am. Thank you for your understanding.

A Brother's Pilgrim Reflection

I had the wonderful opportunity to join my parishioners from St John and St. Joseph on a special pilgrimage visit. We travelled together to St. Mary Magdalene's Parish in Trentham and later to St. Mary Star of the Sea in West Melbourne. It was a beautiful experience that reminded me of the importance of vocation and faith. The day started with a sense of excitement and anticipation. As we set out, I felt a deep sense of unity among us, all eager to grow in our spiritual journey, especially the senior members who had gone. The roads were filled with cheerful conversations and excitement.

Our first stop was St. Mary Magdalene's Parish in Trentham. We were warmly welcomed by the parish priest and the community there. We shared the Eucharistic celebration with those who went with us, and it was a moment of renewal and reflection on our journey of hope. It was inspiring to see how faith connects us beyond our own parish boundaries. After mass, we managed to take group photos and visit the internal parts of the church before departing for lunch at one of the nearby parks. The refreshment was provided by one of the parish benefactors who donated to us.

Later, we travelled to St. Mary Star of the Sea in West Melbourne. The visit was equally uplifting. There, we concluded our pilgrimage with a prayer and silent reflection. I want to sincerely thank the Parish Pastoral Council for organising the pilgrimage. They arranged our transportation, provided delicious food, and created a warm and spiritual experience. Most of all, I am thankful for the good company of all the parishioners who managed to participate, and all the fun we shared. This pilgrimage has strengthened my commitment as a Salesian to the Church and the faithful people of our parish. I left both parishes (St Magdalene and St Mary Star of the Sea) with a full heart, grateful for the opportunity to walk together in those churches for the very first time. It might not have happened again, but I'm grateful to say now: "I was there, in the presence of God, with my own people".

May God continue to bless our parish and guide us on our faith journey. I look forward to more experiences like this in the future.

Br Afio, Salesian of Don Bosco Seminarian

Pray for Help

There is a story: A child wrote a letter which was sent to the post office, and the address was God. The post officer was surprised and opened it to read. The letter said: "Dear God, I am Tommy, I am six years old. My father died and my mother must work hard to raise six children. Please send us 300 dollars."

After reading the letter, the post officer was moved and showed it to his colleagues. They decided to contribute to help the boy's family. The total amount of 100 dollars was raised and was sent it to the boy's address.

A few weeks later, they received a second letter. They also opened it to read, the letter said: "Next time, God please send it directly to my family, because when sending it through the post, they keep 200 dollars!"

After reading the story, we all laugh at the boy's naivety, but if we think deeply we feel ashamed because like the boy we pray and want God to answer immediately according to our requests, if He is slow to respond or does not meet the "target" we set, then we feel upset, and do not even thank Him.

This Sunday Gospel teaches the disciples: "We must always pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus wants us to pray constantly and persistently. Like Moses who knelt with his arms outstretched all day long praying for the Jewish people to win the battle, like the widow who prayed for days and months to the judge to give her justice, like Saint Monica who prayed for 30 years for her son Augustine to convert, let us pray continuously and persistently, without ever getting bored, even when it seems that God is turning away.

We should not seek immediate results. God will answer us when and in the way that is most beneficial for us, according to His mysterious will. The time it takes for God to answer may be longer than we think, the way He grants grace may be different from our wishes, but it is always the most appropriate time for our soul, always the most effective way for each person's eternal happiness.

We often mistakenly think that we, more than anyone else, know what we need to ask for. But St. Paul teaches: "We do not know how to pray as we ought; it is the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us according to the will of God" (Rom 8:21-27). Therefore, Archbishop Fulton Sheen writes: "Pythagoras forbade his disciples to pray for themselves because they did not know what was profitable." More wisely, Socrates taught his disciples to ask only for good things, because God knew exactly what was profitable. Because we are ignorant and weak, we must ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us so that we can please God in times of peace as well as in times of turmoil.

Thus, prayer is not a matter of asking for this or that grace, according to our selfish mind, prayer is not a matter of listing our wishes and waiting for God to fulfill them. But true prayer is the practice of Faith, lifting our souls to God to dialogue with Him, begging Him to continue to give us grace so that we have the strength to carry out His will.

Lord, we are weak and impatient people, not knowing how to pray properly. Please help us to be humble, to obey the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, so that we can live according to Your will, to persevere in the Faith and be faithful to You until the end. Amen.

Fr Anthony Quang SDB