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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:
Contact the parish office. for further information.

Mass Times at OLS

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 1-2 November 2025:

St John's: \$333.35

St Joseph's: \$726

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

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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 Gregorio Addamo and Francesco Tascone.

November for All Souls

During November, the month the Catholic Church dedicates to All Souls, our Parish will hold a memorial mass in memory of the recently deceased. Everyone is welcome to join the mass to pray for all the deceased.

This mass will be held at St John's on Friday 28 November at 7:30pm.

There will also be a shrine set up during the month at St John's and St Joseph's for deceased loved ones so please include photos of them if you wish.

Anyone wanting to offer a mass for deceased loved ones during this month are warmly welcomed to contact the parish office.

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.

Baptisms at St John's

Fr Cassius will today celebrate the Baptism of Lucia Mae Morandini, Alexander Salvatore Knight, and Chloe Summer Bischof.



Please pray that these children and their families are protected and guided by a deep faith in God.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Nov 9	<i>If a reader is not available, please step in if you can</i>			
11am	Michael Black	Chau Nguyen	Hugh McGinlay	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Manickham Familu	Manickham Familu	Giuliana Alviano
Nov 16	<i>If a reader is not available, please step in if you can</i>			
11am	Hugh McGinlay	Gabrielle McMullen	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Youth SYC	Youth SYC	Youth SYC	Salesian Brothers

Prayer Service of Lament, Wednesday

A reminder of the invitation from Archbishop Peter Comensoli to all who have been affected and impacted by abuse and violence across the Archdiocese, to join in a **Prayer Service of Lament** on Wednesday **12 November 2025 from 11:30am to 12pm**, in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. The daily mass follows at 1pm.

Eucharistic Adoration, Friday

Eucharistic Adoration at St John's this Friday 14 November at 7:15pm will be a *silent* adoration.

Mass Change and Diaconate, Saturday November 22 November

On Saturday 22 November there will be **no mass** at St Joseph's at 6pm, as the parish will come together at St John's for the Ordination into the Diaconate of Br Afia Enosa, one of the Salesians of Don Bosco Seminarians here at Clifton Hill.

Please join this special occasion if you can to witness Br Afia be ordained as Deacon, and to pray for him as he commits to liturgical and pastoral services as a minister of the Church.

Christmas Carols Dates

Please add these occasions to your diary if you can join the Parish celebration of Christmas songs:

*Parish Carols at St John's, Saturday 6 December at 7pm

*Nursing Home Carols at The Little Sisters of the Poor (Northcote), Saturday 13 December at 2:30pm (Call the Parish Office if you wish to sing for the elderly and sick).

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Emperor Constantine constructed a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I had dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324).

A chapel dedicated to St John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it (the Basilica) to St John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century.

Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica became the *Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran*, and we dedicate today to what is considered by many Christians as *the mother church of all churches in the world*.



God in His Temple

Confronted with the "sacred business" in the "sacred ground of the temple", Jesus is visibly angry and almost violent in words and action, shocking the champions and guardians of orthodoxy as much as for the simple folks for whom these customs were the very expressions of their faith. There is no doubt that the contemporaries of Jesus were deeply religious people, people of faith lived and expressed within a culture totally impregnated with rich prayer, ancient rituals, and deeply significant festivals.

Unfortunately, such was their devotion that the temple was not just the place of worship, but the focus of all their political, social, economic, cultural, and religious expression. With time the structural building itself with all its external paraphernalia of cult and ritual became identified with living and active faith, and their strong faith became a ritual of *doing something* sacred, rather than the rituals *being the channels* of a real, personal, and collective relationship with Yahweh.

Clearly, through this incident he challenges the human tendency to control God by personal endeavours and manipulations. Jesus is the living temple and the embodiment of God's active and living presence. Jesus makes it clear that any faith response must find its fundamental reference to his own *real active* physical presence. *He is of God with his people, and the temple rituals were only external means signifying and nourishing the relationship with Yahweh*. Consequently *faith consists in recognizing and embracing this presence* in a personal and communal relationship of heart and mind with the Father through him. Each of us, no doubt, has a personal image of God, a standpoint by which to gauge oneself in relation with this God, and each of us feels comfortable with this image. But, this "comfort" element is ambivalent, making both for growth and for destruction of the relationship.

In the context of the synagogal encounter (John 2:13-25), two contrasting "*Con*" words seem to express the response of the faith expression that the Christian Tradition invites us to embrace: *Convenience* and *Conviction*. Convenience is the process of using, misusing, and abusing God through external practices for one's own personal agenda and the satisfaction of individual whims. Conviction instead is the acceptance of God by deliberately choosing to enter into a personal relationship with each individual.

Convenience puts oneself and one's doing in control of God, and once the proper process is enacted we can then claim our rights and make demands of God. Conviction on the other hand stands with open hands before the God who is present in one's life, without personal security or a blueprint of where this God will take us. *Convenience relies on performance*, while *Conviction seeks, accepts, and enters into a personal relationship with God in control*. Convenience is security and personal safety, while conviction is pure faith and trust in the God one claims to follow and to worship.

As people of faith gathered at worship in community on which side of the duality do we stand: the expression of our faith and energy *Through Him, in Him and with Him*, or a routine personal devotional practice? Fr Peter Varengo sdb