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April 21 collection :

Combined Mass \$817.60

Sacramental Reception ...

Baptism : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (email the office to book)

Marriage: by appointment

Reconciliation: every Friday 7:15—8:00pm

First Communion and Confirmation: Preparation for this is conducted in our school at St Joseph's; we also offer this preparation to State School children. Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

Mass Times at OLSC

St John's:

Tuesday, Thursday at 9.15am, Saturday 8.30am, 6:00 pm
 Sunday at 9:00 am (Italian), 11:00am and 5:00pm

St Joseph's:

Monday to Saturday at 9am, Saturday 6:00pm (English)
 Sunday at 9:00am (Vietnamese)

Good Shepherd:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 9:30am

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

April 27/28, 2024 EASTER Year B

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intention: Joe Brancatella
Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently. Particularly for Patricia Wiltshire (teacher 1974-1985) whose funeral will be held at Monsalvat next Wednesday.
Anniversaries: Joe Brancatella, Judith O'Leary Shepherd, Nicholas Toner, Santo Romeo.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers: Mario Misurelli, Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Ian Armstrong, Sandra Winther and Teresa Boetti.
 If you hear of any of our parishioners who are not well or who have been injured, please email us at office@olsc.org so that we can remember them.

Our Special Day

Last Sunday the Installation of Fr Cassius was enthusiastically witnessed by the congregations of St John the Baptist and St Joseph. Bishop Terry Curtain's thoughtful homily on the gospel for Good Shepherd Sunday (John 10:11-18) touching upon unconditional love was fitting both to Fr Cassius as a man and for the day that installed him as shepherd to the flock of Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

The occurrence of a miracle must be recorded. Without us knowing, an angel had been seated in our very midst. Angels are like that; they don't interfere until asked. Thankfully Margaret Trubiano was asked, and she held us spellbound with the most beautiful Ave Maria. Thank you to everyone. It was a great start to the next six years during which we hope to grow together with Fr Cassius in the manner of John's Gospel, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine now me". *John Salamito*

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
11 am				
28 April	Bernadette	Quyen	Kevin	Jennifer J-V
5 May	Bill Fitz	Jeanette	Jan P	Margaret
12 May	Anne/Peter	Anne/Peter	Lucy	Bill Fitz
19 May	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
26 May	Combined Mass for Our Lady Feast Day			
5 pm				
28 April	Abigaëlle	Charlotte	Clotilde	
5 May	Lachlan	Daniel	Marita	
12 May	Akkermans	Akkermans	Marie Ryan	
19 May	Daniel	Mannickams	Berrymans	
26 May	NO 9AM MASS	Our Lady Feast Day		NO 5PM MASS

Thank you

My dear Parishioners, I express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for making 21st April 2024 a truly memorable and special day for the whole parish community. I am grateful to Bishop Terry who installed me as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish and for his inspiring reflection on unconditional love in relation to Jesus the Good Shepherd. I was also encouraged by the presence of my Salesian confreres and I thank them for their unwavering support, which is a source of strength to me.

My special appreciation goes: to the Parish Pastoral Council for their generosity and commitment in organising the entire day; to the choirs (St Cecilia Cung Chieu and Samoan) and Margaret Trubiano for their beautiful voices that lifted our spirits and added a profound sense of reverence to the Eucharist; to our young altar servers for their willingness to serve; to all those who played an active role in animating the Eucharistic celebration and preparing the fellowship meal; and to the youth who entertained us with their music.

Your willingness to volunteer your time and talents to support our community is a testament to the strength of our parish family. It is inspiring to see the incredible teamwork and camaraderie that exists among us, and I feel truly blessed to be part of such a vibrant and caring community. My heart overflows with praise and thanksgiving to our Triune God for bringing us together and for blessing us abundantly. With sincere appreciation,

Cassius Correya SDB

Today (Sunday) our 5pm Mass at St John's will again be in the hands of our young people. Please come and support them (and enjoy pizza afterwards). Many thanks to Julia and Clotilda for their organisational skills in co-ordinating this Mass. It is hoped that we will have this Mass every month.

It was with regret that we said goodbye to Thai Pham who resigned as of the end of this month. However, we warmly welcome Virginia Carter to take over his role in accounts and also formally welcome Rafelina de Donato as Sacristan (at long last) and hope these two ladies continue to enjoy life in our Parish.

Holy Hour: Adoration and Prayer for Vocations.

Friday 3 May 6pm-7pm at St John's Church. Prayer for personal discernment and praying for others who are discerning their way in life. All welcome.

A few words from Fr Nuku

Today's readings give us some important ideas of the nature of the Church. In the first reading, it reminds us of the fact that the Church is made up of people, humans, who are suspicious of others, yet with the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, they can change and live in peace. The psalm gives some important characteristics that relate to the Church. The second reading warns faithful people that having a relationship with Jesus is more than knowledgeable agreement to statements of faith. And in the gospel passage, we listen to Jesus' Last Supper Discourse, in which He speaks of Himself as the source of life and the strength for those who long to bear the fruits that God intends them to produce.

I believe that scripture refers to the Church as an edifice with Jesus as the cornerstone, the Apostles as the foundation, and each member as part of the structure. However, it is important to know that Church is not only a physical building but an edifice, a building of living, human beings. Jesus is not only the cornerstone but He is the life-sustaining vine through each of us (the branches) receive what we need to produce fruit. The living image of the Church is more important and powerful, since it speaks of the fruit that we are called to produce. This reminds us that we are called to be part of life-giving process that begins with our being joined to Jesus.

On the other hand, being religious is more than a personal relationship with God. That relationship with the Lord Jesus is unconditionally vital. As we re-bind ourselves to the Lord Jesus, however, we have to re-bind ourselves to all others who are linked with Jesus. We have no life without our relationship with Jesus, His Father, and the Holy Spirit. Yet, that leads to being united with others. We are challenged to gather together in the name of the Lord Jesus, to edify and build up each other as we praise God together. From the one vine, the branches must branch out and spread to the whole world, to all the families of the nations.

We are part of the living community of faith that stretches beyond time and physical space. We must continue to produce fruit so that others will join with us in the praise of the One who is the Vine Grower. By the Good News of our fruitful lives, people will want to be a part of the Assembly of God's people. Our actions should be so encouraging and inviting that others will want to be grafted onto the Vine and receive the same life-giving nourishment that leads to the praise of the Lord God. May we always echo today's psalm response and say, "I will praise You, LORD, in the assembly of your people." *Fr Nuku*

Vocation Reflection Day: 4th May at St Joseph's Hall, 10am to 3.30pm. Registration or further details email: vocinfo@salesians.org.au

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he
prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to
you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on
the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you
should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

28 APRIL 2024

'MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME'

The juxtaposition of the story of Saul (Paul) in the first reading from Acts with the image of Jesus as the vine in the Gospel speaks to the formation of disciples of Jesus. In Acts we have a glimpse into the beginnings of Saul's (not yet called Paul) ministry who, with all the zeal of his experience of the risen Christ, joins the believers. Barnabas takes him under his wing. Trouble erupts with the Hellenists and Paul is whisked away from Jerusalem to his hometown to where he contemplates his call.

When we then hear the Gospel's beautifully elegant description of the vine and the branches we can connect with the formation of the disciples and discern our own call. The clear instruction is 'to make your home in me', to make our home in Jesus. It is a symbiotic relationship just like the vine and its branches. We need to remain/abide in Jesus to bear fruit. No matter our zeal, our life of faith and ministry grows and flows from Jesus. This is further enriched by the words of the second reading from the First Letter of John where we hear that 'our love is not to be just words or mere talk but something real and active'. We are to live the life God wants, to love one another and live in God.

Vines and their fruit are no stranger to us here in Australia, so we take time to reflect on this image to see how closely we abide in Jesus the vine.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 9: 26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v. 26

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (or Alleluia!)

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. / The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. / They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. / May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, / all families of the nations worship before him. / They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; / before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. / They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, / declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: / 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! / Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; / my branches bear much fruit. / Alleluia!