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If you would like to have a pastoral visit from the parish priest, or a priest, or a seminarian, or a co-parishioner, kindly leave a message to the office or to parish priest's cell phone number: 0424 376 193.

Sacramental Reception ...

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

Marriage: by appointment

Reconciliation: approach a priest before Mass

First Communion and Confirmation: Preparation for this is conducted in our two schools; 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, 6:00pm
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.

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

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For those whom we remember...

Mass Intention: Elido (Enrico) Di Blasio
Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.
Anniversaries: Enrico Di Blasio.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:
Ian Armstrong, Matt Kennedy, Lorena Ferri,
Tony Addamo, Betty Croker, Attilio De Rango,
Teresa Boetti, Fr Chris Riley, Cecily Hollingworth,
Mario Misurelli, Julia O'Malley.
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 all remember them.

Fr Peter Varengo

Fr Peter Varengo will be celebrating his 50th year of priesthood on Sunday, 27th August at our 11am Mass. Please join us for Mass and refreshments afterwards. All welcome !!

National Vocations Awareness Week

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

Date	Function	9am Mass	11am Mass	5pm Mass
August 13	1/Reader 2/Reader P of F Spec/Min BellRinger	Peter Edvige Edvige	John Jen Bernadette Margaret A	Manickams Manickams Manickams
August 20	1/Reader 2/Reader P of F Spec/Min BellRinger	Peter Edvige Edvige	John Jen Payne Bernadette Margaret A	Manickams Manickams Manickams
August 27	1/Reader 2/Reader P of F Spec/Min BellRinger	Peter Edvige Peter	Bill Fitz Jill Fitz Hugh Jeanette Edith	Matt Daniel R Marita Darcy
Sept 3	1/Reader 2/Reader P of F Spec/Min BellRinger	Peter Edvige Edvige	Joseph Christiaan Luke Jennifer Edith	Christina B Michael B Thomas B Darcy

Visit to Mary Glowrey Museum

Following the recent article in the parish bulletin about the nearby Mary Glowrey Museum [<https://maryglowreymuseum.info/>], a number of parishioners have expressed interest in visiting the Museum and learning more about Sr Dr Mary Glowrey [MJ], whose cause for canonisation is being promoted.

The Museum is located at 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, on the second floor of Cathedral Hall. The planned visit is on Thursday, 17 August at 10 – 11.30am.

Those intending to participate are asked to advise the Parish office: colclift@hotmail.com The outing is no charge, but bookings are essential. Participants will gather to commence the Museum visit at 9.50am in front of Cathedral Hall. Trams 11 and 86 both stop on the corner of Brunswick and Gertrude Streets which is two minutes walk from the Museum.

Gabrielle

Readings ...

The Gospel follows on directly from the miraculous provision of food for the multitude, as described in last week's Gospel. Jesus sends his disciples off to cross the lake by boat while he disperses the crowd and goes up the mountain alone to pray. The disciples struggling to make headway in a boat out on the lake are symbolic of the later Church in a situation in which it so often finds itself. The scene of the disciples battling a head-wind and heavy seas while Jesus remains apart on the mountain evokes a sense of the Church struggling against forces that threaten to engulf it, keenly sensing all the while the physical absence of its Lord.

Eventually, of course, Jesus joins the disciples, walking on the sea. The phrase with which he identifies himself, "It is I", evokes the self-identification of God to Moses at the Burning Bush.

What prompts Peter's bid to come to Jesus across the sea? Love, boldness, bravado? Perhaps all three – but also a measure of faith. But his faith, like that of all disciples in Matthew's Gospel, is prone to doubt. Jesus' gentle word of remonstrance, after he has rescued Peter, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?', addresses all members of the Church. Peter 'models' the mixture of boldness and fear, strength and weakness, characteristic of us all. We can make our own his cry for rescue ('Lord, save me') and feel as he felt the Lord's strong hand of rescue reaching out to raise us from the deep. *Australian Catholic*

A Message from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters,
I wish you and your family a blessed Sunday.

Today is the final day of our National Vocations Awareness Week. It is providential that we hear the account of Jesus breaking five loaves [and two fish] and then giving them to his disciples, who in turn distributing to people. I believe this is the true meaning of all vocations in the Church, namely, we are called to give to one another what God has blessed and handed to us.

Allow me to firstly focus on Jesus, who, for the sake of the crowds, had postponed his time of solitude to feed them. Now, at last, when everything is done, he finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray. This calls us to pay attention to our time for quiet and prayer; to our time for being alone with ourselves and with God; to be alone with our loved ones and to what is most important in our life.

Dear brothers and sisters, time for quiet and prayer is important when we struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in our journey like the twelve. It is here that we are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost. While the disciples confused, Jesus calls them and calms their fears.

He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

In the last analysis, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to faith in Jesus. This is the faith that enables us to do the work that Jesus has done: to walk on water, to feed a multitude of people. However, we need to learn from Peter that when he fears and doubts the person of Jesus, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

