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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

August 5/6, 2023 Year A

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intention:

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, especially for (Enis) Dorina De Rango whose funeral is scheduled for tomorrow (Monday) at St John's starting at 10 am. Both Dorina and Attilio have been parishioners at St John's for many, many years. It is sad when we lose our dear friends.

Anniversaries: Pietro Tascone, Margaret Murphy.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:
Ian Armstrong, Matt Kennedy, Lorena Ferri, 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.

PHOTOGRAPHER(S) WANTED

Are there any budding photographers out there who would like to have their work immortalised? If so, could you please offer your services to record the Celebration of the Consecration of our church, St John the Baptist on Sunday 8 October. Digital images are fine. History will be indebted to you. Please let Joan at the parish office know.

John Andrews

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 !!

Date	Function	9am Mass	11am Mass	5pm Mass
August 6	1/Reader 2/Reader P of F Spec/Min BellRinger	Peter Edvige	Michael T Anna T Jeanette Margaret A	Marie R Kevin B Matt K Darcy
August 13	1/Reader 2/Reader P of F Spec/Min BellRinger	Peter Edvige Edvige	John Jen Bernadette Margaret A	Manickams 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 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

Parish Pastoral Council

Greetings and a quick update from the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

We have met twice this year and our initial focus was on how we work together as a new team and defining our operating model under the instruction "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church", of the Congregation for the Clergy, 20.07.2020, Rome.

Closer to home, we are excited about being involved in a number of upcoming activities, including:

- Working with the Planning Committee for the Parish Centenary Consecration and representatives across all community groups to make October a very special month of celebrations, particularly, our combined mass on 8 Oct. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the celebrations, including greeters, singers, musicians and readers. Please email the office if you would like to be involved.
- Working Bee on Sat 19 August from 10am - Please come and join us and the Samoan Community to spruce up our church and hall.
- Finalising the Vision and Mission Statement - many of you have been involved in the discussions and drafting of the Parish Vision & Mission Statement - coordinated by our very own John Andrews. There is a copy of the statement at the back of the church for your review before it goes live mid-August.

We will keep you posted with other Parish activities including the return of our Parish Fun Night!! We would also love to hear your ideas on how we could enrich our parish life.

Quyen Pham-Nguyen

NVAW Week - 6 August National Vocations

Awareness Week - Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

A Message from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I greet you with the peace and love from the Lord.

This Sunday's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew (17:1-9).

The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion and the cost of discipleship. In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery into Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Dear brothers and sisters, we may ask ourselves: What does this feast mean to me? I would propose the reaction of Peter for our reflection. Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him. He exclaimed: "It is good to be here with you, Jesus. It is good to be here not only with you, but also with Moses, Elijah and my companions." Will this be also our acclamation when we come to the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday?

A working Bee is being held on Saturday, 19th August starting at 10 am at St John's. Please help us clean the church.

A very warm thank you to Madeline and Barry again for their generous availability of a skip for St Joseph's working bee. Thank you most sincerely.

