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If you wish to assist in "keeping the parish afloat" we offer different ways of giving ... direct debit, credit card or sacrificial envelopes. Ring the office on 9481 7333.

Remember ... 25% of your commitment is returned in the form of a tax deductible receipt at the end of the year.  
 Our Parish bank account details are:  
 BSB 083-347 account: 16647 1224.

### 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.



Normally our Office is open for business ...  
**Tuesday to Fridays 10am and 2pm**  
 or send your query/comments via email ...  
 office@olsc.org.au and we will get back to you.

*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

## July 24, 2022 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### For those whom we remember...

**Mass Intention:** Albert Jan Akkerman, Anders Valeur.  
**Condolences** : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.  
**Anniversaries:** Albert Jan Akkerman.

### For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:  
 Ian Armstrong, Julia Rickard, Cecily Hollingworth,  
 Fr Chris Riley, Teresa Boetti, Ida Misurelli,  
 Mat Kennedy, Betty Croker, Julia O'Malley, Tony Addamo, Lorena Ferri, Terry Whelan, Martha Xinh.  
 Please let us know if the office can help in any way.

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today. Today I choose life. Never give up. What you do today can improve all your tomorrows. Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. *Unknown*



**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

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### Reading/special minister roster

Date	11.00 am Sunday		5 pm Sunday
	Readers	Special Ministers	Readers
24/07/2022	Daniel Nellor Dierdre Mori	Margaret	Michael Black
31/07/2022	Jill Fitzsimons Jen P	Bill Fitzsimons	Xiomara Diana

### Normal Mass Times at OLSC

**St John's:**  
**Tuesday, Thursday** at 9.15am, **Saturday** 8.30am  
**Sunday** at 9:00 am (Italian), 11:00am and 5:00pm  
**St Joseph's:**  
**Tuesday to Saturday** at 9am, **Saturday** at 6:00pm (English)  
**Sunday** at 9:00am (Vietnamese)  
**Good Shepherd:**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday** 9:30am

### Holy Hour

Adoration and prayer for deepening vocations.  
 Friday 6th May 7.30pm—8.30pm at St John the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill. All welcome.

### In Old Age ...

On Sunday we celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme this year is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15).

It is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord - in the words of the Bible - has "filled with days". Let us celebrate it together!

Pope Francis asks the young amongst us to "seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!"

To the older person the pope asks this: "Cultivate your interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers."

This week let us celebrate grandparents and the elderly in prayer...  
 "Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents and the elderly. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them." *Majellan Media*



World Day  
 for Grandparents  
 and the Elderly  
 2022

### A message from Fr Anthony

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

Last week, we heard from the Gospel Jesus praised Mary for her way of being disciple, that is, sitting at the master's feet and listen attentively to him. We can translate this attitude into our modern language as "praying" - conversing with the Lord. Indeed, being a disciple is to immerse ourselves in the ocean of God's love and mercy through constant dialogue with him. Prayer is not something to be added, but the core of our discipleship. This is what we hear in this Sunday's readings.

In the first reading, we heard Abraham's "bargaining prayer." He stood before the Lord and bargained with him in order to save the people of Sodom. Reading the passage, we would ask ourselves: Did Abraham stopped too soon at 10? If he continued to bargain with God and low down the number to 1, would the Lord not listen to him? We believe that God would listen to him. This is what Jesus taught his disciples in the Gospel. He asks his disciples to persevere in their prayers. They have to pray until their prayers are heard. How about us? Do we persevere in our prayers even at time it seems that God does not listen to us?

Dear brothers and sisters,

Living in post-modern world, we all find ourselves living in a tension: the yearning for the primacy of God in our life and the pull of gravity of the secular world. This tension sometimes becomes so overwhelming that we are afraid of speaking about God and to God in our daily life. Even more, we sometimes do not know how to read the signs of the times. This leads us to tendency of grumbling or lacking compassion towards the Church or our brothers and sisters. People are looking at us, Catholics, and question us about what we do and who we are since what we do and who we are are not coherent.

Pope Francis warns us: There is time in which we become so worldly that there is not encounter with the Gospel because our hearts are closed or we may become indifferent to the Gospel values. Or sometimes it is due to the tiredness of missionary works, we become "lazy" with spiritual things. We find that who we are and what we do does not always appear rooted in faith, hope and charity, and does not clearly show that the initiative begins from God and always returns to Him. At times the Eucharist is not seen nor experienced as the source and support of our communion, and prayer in common, which builds and strengthens fraternal life, is too easily set aside.

We are all affected with the obsessive activism. We become workaholics. We often measure ourselves by the amount of work we do or by the position we hold in the world. Sometimes we let ourselves be deceived that our working presence is indispensable. It is only with prayers that we are able to find remedy for those aforementioned spiritual sickness.