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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 31, 2022 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### For those whom we remember...

**Mass Intention:** Joan Potter  
**Condolences** : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.  
**Anniversaries:** Joan Potter, Joe Addamo, Kathleen Sparks.

### For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:  
Ian Armstrong, Julia Rickard, Cecily Hollingworth,  
Fr Chris Riley, Mat Kennedy, Teresa Boetti,  
Ida Misurelli, 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.

### A note from Jennifer

Dear sisters and brothers,  
I read a quote awhile back that now seems entirely true for me today: 'Sometimes you feel sad even when you make the right decision.' It is with sadness that I announce my departure as Pastoral Associate for St. John's and OLSL Parish. My time serving you and our community has been so blessed. It is difficult to move on, and yet I am comforted by the love and support that I've already received, and in the simple reminder that all things in life change. It has been a privilege to serve you and walk with you. I've been humbled by your constant trust in me, and I feel so grateful for all the years of collaboration and time together in prayer and thanksgiving. Endless thanks to each and every one of you for your constant care and support over the years. I am a better person because of you! God bless you and our OSLC parish family.

*Yours in Christ, Jennifer*

### Reading/special minister roster

Date	11.00 am Sunday		5 pm Sunday
	Readers	Special	Readers
31/07/2022	Jill Fitzsimons	Bill Fitzsimons	Xiomara
	Jen P		Diana

### Normal Mass Times at OLSL

**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

### Fr Anthony's OutOfHours contact

Fr Anthony has offered an out-of-hours mobile number for parishioners to be able to contact him when the office is closed or in an emergency... 0424 376 193.

### Reflection ...

A man is asking Jesus to settle a dispute within his family. I pause. Can I see parallels between this situation and my own? Have I ever asked the Lord to take sides in a conflict around me? I speak to the Lord, honestly, telling him what is in my heart. I listen.

Perhaps I am drawn to reflect on the parable that follows. How much does wealth matter to me? What are my own riches, material and spiritual? How much do I share them with others? I consider how everything – wealth or poverty, success or failure – has the potential to lead me to respond more fully to God's love for me.

If it feels right, I ask for the grace to lead a life which will make me rich in the sight of God. When I am ready, I go forward 'In the name of the Father ...'

*Courtesy of St Bueno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK*

### Jennifer Jacobs-Vandegeer

A time where we need to join forces together, more than ever before, to say thank you and goodbye to Jennifer and her loving family, for all they have done for our community. Watch this space !!

### Fr Anthony continues ...

Once I have read these words: In life, there is someone who is so poor that the only thing he or she has is possession.

Reflecting on this Sunday's Gospel, St Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist of possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone. Let us share what we have this week with our brothers and sisters: a smile, a kind word, a glass of water, a compassionate look at the wrong.... Little thing done with love and humility is better than big thing done with pride!

### A message from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

I wish you a blessed Sunday and a happy week ahead. Last Sunday, we heard from the Gospel of Luke the prayer Jesus taught his disciples and how it is important to pray without ceasing. In his teaching on prayers, Jesus would like to tell his disciples that prayer is not something added to their life, but it is the core of their life. To be concrete, prayer helps the disciples realize what matters the most for one's life does not consist in possessions.

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd has gathered to hear Jesus. At first, he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man (see Lk 12:1-12). Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me" (Lk 12:13). He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead, he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of: "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions" (Lk 12:15).

In order to make clear his point, Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry. This point makes us ponder about the reality of life: We have been entrusted with many talents and gifts. What we have is more than what we really need. However, we sometimes think only of ourselves. Consequently, we close our hearts before our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Another point for us to reflect is what God said to the rich man: "You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

