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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

May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intention: Salvatore Giorgio, John Keating.
Condolences : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.
Anniversaries: Salvatore Giorgio, Carmelo Greco.

For prayers of healing

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

Vocations

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood. You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? The Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Housekeeping

- Due to unavailability of priests, there will be no 9.15am Mass at St John's Clifton Hill on Tuesday 10th May and Thursday 12th May.
- A **big thank you** to Barry Whelan for arranging a skip for us to remove superfluous furniture from the Parish Centre.

Date	11.00 am Sunday		5 pm Sunday
	Readers	Special Ministers	Readers
May 8th	John Andrews Jennifer	Quyen	Justin Xiomara
May 15th	Rachel Samoans	Samoans	Michael Taylor Anna Taylor
22-May	Bill Fitzsimons Jen P	Chris	Joseph J-V Daniel Ryan
May 29th	Gabrielle Daniel Nellor	Margaret	Jennifer Daniel Ryan

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

You are invited to make your contribution to the training of seminary students for the Catholic priesthood. The Bishops of Victoria and Tasmania have established an annual Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal and invite donations that will support the education of students at Corpus Christi College, Melbourne.

Corpus Christi College is the regional seminary of Victoria and Tasmania. Students come to the College from the dioceses of Victoria and Tasmania, and also from South Australia, Darwin and other parts of Australia. It is a thriving community of domestic and international students, discerning their call to a life of mission and service as Catholic priests.

You are invited to help meet the costs of training the priests for tomorrow's Church. Your donation will support the provision of living arrangements and education for the seminary students of Corpus Christi College.

You may donate online at the link below, or via post. <https://pay.divinity.edu.au/payments/donation/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



Parish Feast Day

Please join us for our parish feast day celebration! We will be celebrating Mass at St. Joseph's in Collingwood at 10am, followed by a reception in the hall. It is a blessing that after two years, we can come together again to pray to Our Lady of the Southern Cross, and to rejoice in the blessings of our parish. Please contact us if you would like to contribute to the liturgy or food for the reception. jacobsvandeger@gmail.com

Thank you! Blessings to you and yours. Jennifer

Catholic Theological College



Online unit via Zoom
 Teaching Meditation and Prayer
 Four Saturdays:
 18, 25 June; 8, 15 October

To enroll or for further information:
 Undergraduate: dean@ctc.edu.au
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A message from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
 I wish you a blessed Good Shepherd Sunday. Today, together with the whole Church we pray for Vocations to ministerial priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. We call today the Good Shepherd Sunday since it reminds us about our share in the responsibility of fostering these vocations. As I reflect on today's situation of vocations, my feeling is a mixture of sadness and hopefulness: sadness because of the worldwide vocation crisis caused mostly by the scandals in the Church; hopefulness because the Lord never leaves his flock unattended.

Today's Gospel is very brief. It only consists of four verses, but it contains a necessary message needed for our Christian life. I would like to focus only on verse 27: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." In this verse, we find three most important verbs, namely, "to hear," "to know," and "to follow." Among these three verbs, two verbs defining a good sheep are "to hear" and "to follow." In short, this is the attitude of complete trust. And a verb defining the Good Shepherd is "to know." What can we make out of this? It means that to be a good Christian, we need to possess two attitudes: "listening to God" and "following God" because God "knows everything." We know well that "to know," in the biblical sense, is not a product of an intellectual process, but a result of a "lived experience," a personal encounter [between God and I]. When this knowledge reaches its completion, it is love. The question is: Are we ready to let the Lord to lead and to love us?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, I would like to ask each one of you to say a prayer for vocation. I would like to ask parents (grand-parents) to encourage their children to participate actively in the children's and youth activities in the parish. I also ask you to encourage and support your children in becoming altar servers, gift-bearers, lectors and ministers of hospitality.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us begin, or continue, especially in these most stressful times in and for the Church, local and universal, to pray earnestly for continued conversion and perseverance in the Faith for our bishops, priests, deacons, those living a consecrated life, and all of the laity, for we are One Body and what one member suffers, all suffer.

