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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. 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.

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

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 September 10/11, 2022 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intention: Chris English.
Condolences : We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, especially for Sr Mary Carroll GS (see below), and Vittorio Caruso whose funeral will be held at St John's next Tuesday, 13th September.
Anniversaries: Carmine De Donato, Sam Golino, William Puli.

For prayers of healing

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

Vale Sr Mary Carroll

Sr Mary Carroll was born in 1936, and at age 86, we are sad to announce her passing.

Sr Mary entered the Good Shepherd Sisters at the age of 20, and supported women in prison for over 30 years as a Prison Chaplain. She embodied our values of compassion, respect and inclusivity, and she believed in the inherent dignity of each and every individual she encountered.

"Pastoral care for me is to be present to the person I am with and to support and help to bring meaning and purpose to her life. It is to believe in the ultimate value of the human person before God."

Good Shepherd website.



Fr Vito Pegolo—50 years

Fr Vito Pegolo, together with his Scalabrinian confreres, warmly invites you to his 50th anniversary Priesthood celebrations on Saturday 24th September 2022 at St Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. A concelebrated thanksgiving mass will commence at 10.30am followed by lunch in the parish hall.

For catering purposes it would be appreciated to ring the parish office on 9489 6777 or Giovanna 0412 939030 if you are coming by 16/9/2022.

Thank you.

Gospel ...

The tax collectors and the sinners, meanwhile, were all seeking Jesus's company to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man', they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'Who among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Excerpt from "Australian Catholics"

Installation of our PP

On Sunday, 2nd October at our 11am Mass, Bishop Terry Curtin will formally install Fr Anthony Nguyen Ngoc Dung SDB as Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, encompassing St John's, St Joseph's and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.



All are warmly invited to this auspicious occasion and afterwards in the playground for delicious eats, particularly from our Vietnamese friends.

Reading / Special Ministers Roster			
	11.00 am Sunday		5 pm Sunday
Date	Readers	Special Ministers	Readers
Sep-11	Michael B Thomas B	Gabrielle	Michael T Anna T
Sep-18	Gabrielle Hugh	Samoans	Michael B Siena B
Sep-25	Bernadette Daniel N	Margaret	Diana Xiomara

The Grace of Self-Transformation

In the Book of Genesis, we read that "God created humankind in his image" (1:27) and Psalm 8 says that human beings were created "a little lower than God". It is true that as life unfolds we forget who we really are. Yet God has endowed every human being with the grace of realising one's true nature and transforming oneself into who one is called to be.

There is no doubt that today's Liturgy of the Word focuses on God's merciful love. In the reading from the book of Exodus, we note that when Moses intercedes on behalf of the people, God assures him not to destroy them. In his letter to Timothy, St Paul glorifies God for the mercy He has shown him through Jesus Christ. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus reveals that God is merciful and forgiving to those who repent.

The readings of today also highlight the gift of self-transformation. We notice that God (who seems to be impatient) promises Moses to make of him a great nation. At this point, Moses who himself is known for his impatience is offered a choice either to fulfil his vocation to lead God's people to the Promised Land or to just think about his future. Eventually, he chooses to be an unselfish leader and protector of those entrusted to him. He intercedes for them and thus is transformed into a patient leader and becomes faithful to his calling.

Paul too is a true example of how a person can transform himself/herself when he/she is open to the grace of God. He who was a blasphemer and persecutor of the disciples of Jesus becomes an Apostle of Christ. Transformed by the love of the Risen Lord, he reveals to people the merciful love of God.

While the forgiving love of the father is the highlight of the parable of the Prodigal Son, it is also a powerful story of self-transformation. Having squandered his inheritance in wanton indulgence and seeking worldly pleasures, the younger son finds himself in a situation where he has to fend for himself. And when he is not even offered the food of the pigs, he realises that he has lost his dignity as a son. He then humbles himself and returns to his father hoping to be accepted as a servant. Because he repented and was willingly to transform himself, the father restores to him a son's dignity. At the end of the parable, the elder son too is given an opportunity to transform himself and become like the father who loves unconditionally. In fact, this parable reminds all of us that we are offered the grace to be transformed into the likeness of the father (God).



Fr Cassius Correya