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Collections :

Dec 21/22 St John's \$656 St Joseph's \$843
Dec 24/25 St John's \$1,256 St Joseph's \$nil
Dec 28/29 St John's \$796 St Joseph's \$711
Jan 4/5 St John's \$511 St Joseph's \$860

Sacramental Reception ...

Baptism : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (book online ... olsc.org.au/baptisms)

Marriage: (book online ... olsc.org.au/weddings)

Reconciliation: every Friday 7:15—8:00pm

Confirmation, Reconciliation and Holy

Communion: Preparation for these Sacraments will be conducted at John's for State School children.

Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

Normal Mass Times at OLSC

St John's:

Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am, Saturday 8.30am, 6:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 am (Italian), 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

St Joseph's:

Monday to Saturday at 8:30 am Saturday 6:00 pm (English)
Sunday at 9:00 am (Vietnamese)

Good Shepherd:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 9:30 am

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

January 11/12 2025

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For those whom we remember...

Mass Intentions: Thomas Mathews.
Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.
Anniversaries: Maria Garasy, Terry Whelan, Lucia Ferrante, Lina Cosma, Kathleen Mason.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers: Mario Misurelli, Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Annette Baker, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo.
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 remember them.

Upcoming Events

2025 CALENDAR OF PARISH EVENTS

The parish 2025 calendar of major events is on display on the noticeboard to your left as you enter the church. If you would like your own digital or hard copy, please contact the office on 9481 7333. Hard copies will be available after the 11am and 5pm Mass for the next two Sundays at St John's and at the back of both churches. It will soon be placed on our parish website too.

2025 Enrolments are open

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Our nativity scene is now somewhat old and a tad less inspiring than it should be. Do we have a clever tradie/professional in our midst who could spot repair and repaint the plaster models where they need sprucing up a tad? It would be most appreciative if we could have help please? Contact Joan on office@olsc.org.au

There is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs. Zig Ziglar

A word from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings of peace and love from the Lord!

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In this Sunday's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

As we may have known, the baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father. This detail calls us to examine our prayer life, or better to say, our daily dialogue with the Lord. Do we spare a bit of our time to talk to God/ Jesus?

Dear brothers and sisters, the baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son.

In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism. Let us rejoice in our dignity as children of God!

Pope ponderings ...

In his letter, *The Role of Literature in Formation*, Pope Francis addresses the benefits of reading novels and poems as part of one's path to personal maturity. Books open up new inner spaces, help us to face life, and understand others. Pope Francis emphasises that a good book, '...can provide an oasis that keeps us from other choices that are less wholesome.'



Likewise, in moments of weariness, anger, disappointment or failure, when prayer itself does not help us find inner serenity, a good book can help us weather the storm until we find peace of mind.'

Wedding

We are pleased to announce the wedding of Kimberlin D'Souza and Antonio Magno of Lalor, to be held at St John's this coming Saturday. Their celebrant will be Fr Samsonius Petrus Kono.

We wish the couple well and hope their future life together will be wonderful through their faith journey.

It's taking something that's a negative and turning it into a positive. Megan Giglia
You are the CEO of your own life. Unknown

Which element is used in computer chips?
What number does the Roman numeral stand for?
Which instrument measures a plane's height above sea level?
Which country changed its name from Siam?
Who is the only singer who had no: 1 hits in the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s?
Answers to previous questions:
Just in case you have forgotten what the questions were ...
What was the first novel to feature James Bond?
What is the acronym for paying goods electronically at point of sale?
Which aid organization's emblem is the Swiss flag reversed?
In which city is the Fanny Bay Jail?
Which musical starred Marcia Hines and Jon English in the early 1970's?
Casino Royale; EFTPOS; Red Cross; Darwin; Jesus Christ Super Star

Please note that we will not be celebrating Reconciliation during January. Please contact the office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

