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### Collections:

26 January St John's \$474 St Joseph's \$705

### 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 8:30am 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

## February 1/2 2025

## Year C

### For those whom we remember...

**Mass Intentions:**

**Condolences:** We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Joseph Kane, Giuseppe Addamo.

### 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.

### Baptisms

We welcome Eli David, son of Yousif Leo Corfiatis and Phuong Hoai Chau of Greenvale and Angelina, daughter of Van Dai and Cao Phuong Anh Nguyen of Reservoir, both into the Church at St Joseph's. We hope Eli and Angelina enjoy their unfolding journey with their faith.

### Welcome Fr Gersio

We are excited and blessed to welcome Fr Gersio Amaral to the Australia-Pacific Salesian Province and to our parish family.

Fr Gersio is from Timor Leste and he will spend some time in our parish. Let us support him in his ministry here and keep him in our prayers as he begins this new chapter among us.

### Roster for Mass at St John's

*Please Note: If unforeseen circumstances prevent you from taking part, please arrange a substitute.*

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
<b>11 am</b>				
Feb 2	Susan/John	John A	Lucy C	Gabrielle
Feb 9	Gabrielle	Hugh	Michael/Anna	Margaret
Feb 16	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
Feb 23	John A	Anne/Peter	Bill	Margaret
<b>5 pm</b>				
Feb 2	Daniel	Akkermans	Marie R	
Feb 9	Lachlan	Marita	Clotilde	
Feb 16	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	
Feb 23	Lachlan	Daniel	Giuliana	

### Congratulations !!

The Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Rene Ramirez and Most Reverend Think Nguyen, the two new auxiliary Bishops appointed for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, will take place on Saturday 1 February, 2025 at 10.00 am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Most Reverend Rene and Most Reverend Think on their ordination as bishops.

### Local Pilgrim Places

#### Local Pilgrim Places for Jubilee 2025

For locals wanting to participate in [this] year's Jubilee and unable to travel to Rome, we have good news. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has designated 13 churches and shrines within the Archdiocese as Pilgrim Places for the purposes of the 2025 Jubilee, with the majestic St Patrick's Cathedral serving as the principal Pilgrim Place.

The other designated pilgrim places are: St Mary Star of the Sea (Archdiocese Shrine of the Holy Family), West Melbourne; St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs; St Luke's, Lalor; St Mary Magdalene's, Trentham; Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie/Essendon; St Dominic's, Camberwell East; St Francis Xavier, Mansfield; Sacred Heart, Croydon; Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough; Our Lady of La Vang, Keysborough; St Patrick's, Mentone; and St Macartan's, Mornington.

### Plenary Indulgence

To receive a Jubilee plenary indulgence within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, individually or in a group, people can visit any Pilgrim Place, remain there for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, then conclude their time of prayer with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and the Hail Mary (or any other invocation to Mary the Mother of God).

By fulfilling these conditions while they are at a Pilgrim Place, the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence is granted.

*Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne  
17 December 2024*

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### A word from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
I wish you and your family a blessed Sunday and a beautiful week ahead.

This Sunday, instead of celebrating the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C), the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. This Feast is celebrated on the 2nd of February each year and this year it falls on this Sunday. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

We can see in this Sunday's gospel the fact that Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses: "You will dedicate to the Lord every newborn that opens the womb" (Exodus 13:12). This detail calls us to look at our own self and ask: "What can I dedicate to the Lord?" or "Do I have something to offer or to tell God each time I attend the mass or come to God in the moments of prayer?"

Dear brothers and sisters, present in the temple at the time Joseph and Mary presented Jesus in the Temple are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel. Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Lk 2:32). Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all. Let us join Simeon and Anna in recognizing Jesus as our Savior and as the revelation of God, who loves us unconditionally!

### Parish Games Night

Please keep Saturday night, 22 February free for our first Parish Games Night at St John's. Bring your family and friends for what will be a most enjoyable evening of fun and games. More details to follow.



### Holy Hour

#### Adoration and Prayer for Vocations

Friday 7th February 6pm-7pm at St John's. Prayer for personal discernment and praying for others who are discerning their way in life. All are welcome.