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### Collections:

26 January St John's \$427 St Joseph's \$948

### 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

## February 8/9 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:** Michael Hudson, Josephine O'Donnell, Bernard Murphy, Sebastiana Spampinato.

### 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

**15-16 February** Tea and Coffee after Mass: St John's 9,11 & 5pm; St Joe's 6pm

**Sat 22 February** Parish Games: St Joseph's Hall

**Tuesday 4 March** Shrove Tuesday: St Joseph's

**Wed 5 March** Ash Wednesday: Mass St John's 9.15am and 7pm; at St Joseph's 9am (English) and 7.30pm (Vietnamese)

**15-16 March** Tea and Coffee after Mass: St John's 9,11 & 5pm; St Joe's 6pm

**Wednesday 19 March** Feast of St Joseph

### Baptism

Today (Sunday) we welcome Castiel Carlo, son of Michael Galea and Tram Brazzell of Northcote into the Church at St John's. We hope Castiel enjoys his unfolding journey with his faith.

#### 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 9	Gabrielle	Hugh	Michael/Anna	Margaret
Feb 16	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Michael B
Feb 23	John A	Anne/Peter	Bill	Margaret
March 2	Quoc N	Quyen PN	Lucy C	Gabrielle
<b>5 pm</b>				
Feb 9	Lachlan	Marita	Clotilde	
Feb 16	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	
Feb 23			Don Bosco Youth Feast Day	
March 2	Manickams	Manickams	Marie R	

### Parish Games

You're Invited! Come and join us for a fun-filled Games Night at St Joseph's Hall, 46 Otter Street, Collingwood for a 7:00 pm start.



Finger foods, soft drinks and water will be provided. Enjoy a night of laughter, friendly competition, prizes and great company! Need a lift? Let the office know and we will arrange transport for you. Looking forward to seeing you there! Bring your family and friends for what will be a most enjoyable evening of fun and games. More details to follow.

### The Jubilee Indulgence

The Jubilee Indulgence is a special grace that Catholics can receive during the 2025 Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Year is a time of prayer, pilgrimage, and renewal that takes place every 25 years.

The 'Jubilee Indulgence' is specific to a Jubilee Year. Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory making it possible to obtain two plenary indulgences in a day with one being applied to the deceased. For the Jubilee Year 2025 the indulgence has a focus on pilgrimage as "Pilgrims of Hope".

Archdiocese of Cardiff

The Jubilee Year began on December 24, 2024 and ends on January 6, 2026. The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

Wikipedia



Life is so much bigger, grander, higher and wider than we allow ourselves to think.

Queen Latifah

You are a somebody. You matter. The world is better because you are in it.

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### God's Reliance on Weak Human Beings!

It is natural to be drawn to qualities like beauty, strength, and competence. These attributes often symbolise health, capability, and success, which can be appealing when forming teams or communities. However, it is important to remember that the best person for a team isn't always the one with the most obvious strengths. Qualities like humility, empathy, trust, and the ability to work well with others are just as vital.

In the Bible, we see that God does not rely on strong people to fulfill His mission but rather on simple and weak individuals who are willing to depend on His grace and obey His will. This theme is deeply woven into the readings for this weekend.

Although Isaiah was aware of his weakness, when God asked, "Whom shall I send? Who will go be our messenger?", he responded with, "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah 6:8). This willingness to serve highlights Isaiah's readiness to fulfil God's mission by obeying God and relying on God's grace and power.

In the Gospel of Luke, when Jesus encounters Simon Peter, James and John, his first disciples, they seem to be discouraged fishermen from an unsuccessful night of fishing. Yet when Jesus, the carpenter and preacher, tells Simon Peter to "put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch," he obeys, and they catch a miraculous number of fish, causing their nets to break. Simon Peter, astonished and overwhelmed, falls at Jesus' knees, expressing his unworthiness. Interestingly, Jesus chooses these humble men – Simon Peter and his companions – to establish God's kingdom on earth. They willing leave everything to follow him.



Paul's life too is a testament to the grace of God and its transformative power. In his first letter to the Corinthians, he reflects on his own transformation by God's grace. Despite his past as a persecutor of the church, God's grace enabled him to become an apostle and work diligently for the Gospel. Paul was aware of his limitations, yet he trusted in the Lord's words: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

The readings for this weekend underscore the idea that recognizing our limitations opens us to receiving God's grace and the support of others. It serves as a powerful reminder that we are not meant to navigate life's challenges alone. Moreover, we need to believe that what truly matters is our willingness to act and serve with a sincere heart. It is about our readiness to answer the call and make a difference, rather than relying solely on our strengths or capabilities. In fact, the Lord Jesus relies on us, weak human beings, to build God's kingdom of peace, joy, righteous and love through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Fr Cassius Correya