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### Collections for last week:

St John's \$530 St Joseph's \$ 1,435

### 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 OLS C

#### 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 22/23 2025

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### For those whom we remember...

**Mass Intentions:** Nil.

**Condolences:** We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently, especially for Teresa Placidi whose funeral was held at St John's last Thursday.

### For prayers of healing

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

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

**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

### Baptisms

We have two baptisms this weekend. The first is Riccardo, son of Kevin and Maree Magrin of Pascoe Vale South with Fr Cassius as celebrant; and the second is Sienna Harper, daughter of James Duncan and Stephanie Tsalacopoulos of Montmorency with Fr Martin Tanti as celebrant. We offer these two wee buttons our prayers that they may enjoy their faith journey.

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

### St John's Nativity Scene

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

### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Claire Bradley and Michael Jones to our parish community who are preparing themselves to receive the sacraments of initiation. Their journey of faith and transformation is a source of joy for our community. Let us pray for them and support them as they take this important step.

### Eucharistic Adoration

You are warmly welcome to the Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 7.15 to 8.00 pm (except on First Fridays – 6.00 to 7.00 pm). It is a special time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also an opportune time to pray for our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Join us to experience the peace and grace that comes from this encounter with the Lord.

### St Joseph's Food Outreach

Once again St Joseph's was the venue for Wayne and his family offering a meal to those less fortunate this Saturday. We thank Wayne and his family most sincerely for the time and wherewithal they put into the success of the afternoon. Thank you to our parishioners who helped Wayne and his family during the afternoon. Also a special thanks to Mr and Mrs Chieu Thuy for their generosity.

### Prayer for Pope Francis

Pope Francis has been diagnosed with bilateral pneumonia and is undergoing treatment at the Agostino Gemelli Polyclinic, Rome. Let us whisper a prayer for Pope Francis that the Lord may comfort him in this time of illness.

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### A word from Fr Anthony

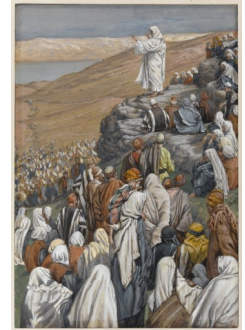
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
 Greetings of joy, peace and love of the Lord!

This Sunday's Gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is, in contrast to, the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behaviour of his followers with the behaviour of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behaviour desired with the behaviour of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

My dear brothers and sisters, I believe we have heard several or many times these words from Jesus' teaching in this Sunday's Gospel. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. In these words, Jesus challenges us, those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining. May we begin to love with this love from today onward!



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