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Collections for last week:

St John's \$ St Joseph's \$

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

March 1/2 2025

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For those whom we remember...

Mass Intentions: St John's benefactors, Salvatore Giorgio.

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

Anniversaries: William Fitzsimons, Ellen Hart, Paolo Formica, Guglielmo Cei.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers:
 Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli,
 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.

Annette Baker

We were very saddened to hear of Annette Baker's passing last week. She was a great friend to her neighbours in Rushall Park, travelled the world, worked all round the world in her earlier life. She loved life, particularly when she was on the move, travelling; whether it be within Australia or indeed overseas. She will be sadly missed. Her funeral will take place at St John's on Wednesday, 12th March at 10:30am.

Weddings

Thi Thien Thu Nguyen and Van Bau Nguyen were married by Fr Anthony on Saturday at St Joseph's. We also have a wedding at St John's, Emily Lynch and Jason Grant with Fr James Grant as their Celebrant. We wish both couples every good wish for their future happiness.

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
11 am				
March 2	Quoc N	Quyen PN	Lucy C	Gabrielle
March 9	Gabrielle	Hugh	Jeanette	
March 16	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	
March 23	Susan/John	Michael B	Bill F	Bros
5 pm				
March 2	Manickams	Manickams	Marie R	Rafelina
March 9	Marita	Peter/Anne	Lucy C	Daniel
March 16	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Giuliana
March 23	Daniel R	Akkermans	Lachlan	Rafelina

Ash Wednesday

We will be having Mass at St Joseph's at 9am in English and 7:30pm in Vietnamese; at St John's we are having Mass at 9:15am and 7pm, both in English. You are most welcome to join us.

Fr Peter Carrucan

We were saddened to hear of Fr Peter Carrucan's death last Thursday. He died peacefully after a short illness. Fr Peter was always a truly awesome gentleman, always ready to help where needed. Many a time he came to the fore when I needed someone to 'fill in' for mass at the last minute, or take a wedding when I needed a celebrant. And it was always with a warm easy smile. Continue to go gently in heaven as you did in life. A good man who will be sadly missed. *Joan Parr*

Welcome Bishop Rene

Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ, one of the new Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, will be visiting our parish on Sunday, 9 March and will celebrate the 11 am Holy Eucharist with us. We warmly welcome him to our parish and wish him all the best in his journey ahead.

Parish Games

On Saturday the 22nd of February, we all got together at St Joseph's hall for a night full of games, friendly competition and a bit of rivalry for our first OLSC Parish Games Night!

The night started off warm, with the temperature hovering in the 30s, but this didn't stop the good vibes from coming. We had a variety of snacks to get fueled up before we put our competitive hats on. We had many games lined up and many prizes to win (even for the little ones). The games included bingo, pass the parcel, coin tossing, limbo and a very competitive egg-and-spoon race (thankfully no real eggs were used). All winners were able to receive a prize and, of course, claim bragging rights to their friends. There was also an opportunity to learn a bit of the Nubush City Limits boogie!

A big shout-out to Rafelina for organising the majority of the games and prizes, and to Loan for MC-ing the night. Thank you to all who came along, we hope to see you again at the next one! *Julia Vu*

URGENT PASTORAL NEED

Please call mobile: 0401 887 115

A word from Fr Cassius

Self-awareness is a precious gift that empowers leaders to navigate the complexities of their roles with wisdom and integrity. It begins with a deep understanding of oneself – knowing our values, strengths, and areas for growth. Using the parable of the blind leading the blind, Jesus invites the elders and leaders of his 'community of disciples', the new Israel, to become aware of their weaknesses and limitations. He also employs the images of the speck and the plank to teach about the importance of self-examination and judgment. He wants every disciple to approach others with compassion and humility, recognizing one's own need for growth and improvement. Jesus' parable of the Tree and its fruit also encourages his disciples to become aware that we are products of the Good Tree, the Creator God, and hence, we called to bear good fruit, that is, manifesting goodness and integrity within us.

Thank You to Our Golden Lady

Come and join us on Sunday 16 March as we say thank you to Joan Parr for a job well done.

Joan has served our parish with distinction for so many years. Always a cheerful voice with a warm greeting to visitors to the parish office. And what I always appreciated when writing the history of our church was that Joan was a rich reservoir of knowledge and parish connections. Joan built this up over the years and it's something that cannot be bought. Always professional, Joan combined this with a sense of mischief and a good sense of humour. A great support and a great friend. We will continue to enjoy our friendly cuppas. *John Andrews*

Happy Birthday Fr Anthony

We wish Fr Anthony a very happy and blessed birthday (1 March)! May this special day bring him joy, peace, and many blessings. May God continue to guide and strengthen him in all that he does, and may this year bring him even more grace and fulfillment in his ministry.

Adoration and Prayer for Vocations

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

Alpha Australia is running a one-day training event covering a range of topics to help equip our parish ready for mission. This event will be held on Saturday, 15th March at Church of the Good Shepherd, 88 South Circular Road, Gladstone Park, 10am-4:30pm. The cost of \$10 covering all meals, will be covered by the Parish.