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Collections for 22/23 February:

St John's \$642 St Joseph's \$1,049

Collections for 1/2 March:

St John's \$542 St Joseph's \$992

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 8/9 2025

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For those whom we remember...

Mass Intentions:

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

Anniversaries: Francesco Spampinato, Giovanni Misurelli.

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.

Weddings

We have two weddings this weekend: Nicole Torres and David Romero are getting married at St John's with Fr DJ Suguitan / Fr JC Napoles as celebrants; also Stephanie Georgiadis and Gregorio Modica with our own Fr Cassius presiding.

We offer these two young couples every good wish as they travel their own journey through their faith life.

Baptisms

We have two baptisms this weekend at St Joseph's: Kathrynne, daughter of Loan Thi Ho of St Albans and Mia, daughter of Minh Quang Tran and Lai Thi Ho of Deer Park.

We welcome these two wee buttons into the Church and hope they enjoy their unfolding life of 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
11 am				
March 9	Gabrielle	Hugh	Jeanette	
March 16	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	
March 23	Susan/John	Michael B	Bill F	Bros
March 30	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Margaret
5 pm				
March 9	Marita	Peter/Anne	Lucy C	Daniel
March 16	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Giuliana
March 23	Daniel R	Akkermans	Lachlan	Rafelina
March 30	Daniel R	Lucy	Marie R	

Funerals

The funeral of our dear friend Annette Baker will be held at St John's Church on Wednesday, 12th March at 10:30am.

The funeral of Fr Peter Carrucan will be held at St John's Church on Thursday, 13th March at 10:30m with Aux Bishop Martin Ashe as the main celebrant.

Leadership Workshop

Fr Brian and myself are hosting another Leadership Formation Workshop session on the 15th of March at St Joseph's in Collingwood. We last hosted a leadership session in September teaching about what leadership is, different styles of leadership and the preventive system. This time around we are focusing more on leadership skills with more hands-on learning.

No need to worry if you didn't come to our first session as we welcome you to come along to session 2, below is a registration link. Please share this poster around your community or send it people you think would be interested. <https://forms.gle/sR3fRkckcoVN6naA7> Thank you,

Emma Rigo, Salesian Youth Ministry Coordinator

Youth Festival in November

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to announce the securing of the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre (MCEC) as the venue for the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The centre 'is one of the largest of its kind in Australia, attracting millions of visitors each year. It holds a variety of spaces that we look forward to utilising during the festival as we welcome thousands of pilgrims to Melbourne this November,' Archbishop Comensoli said.

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PALMS

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special online session showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the field.

Venue: Online via Zoom Thursday 27 March 2025
 time: 11 am - 12 pm 02 9560 5333

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A word from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wish you and your family a grace-filled Season of Lent.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear from Luke's account the temptations of Jesus in the desert. In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.



Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. The first temptation helps us to trust God, who can provide for our material needs. The second temptation shows us the reason why we worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. The last temptation calls us to hold firm to God's promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Sunday's Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent, that is, we are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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