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Collections & Donations for April 19-20:

St John the Baptist: \$1,204.95
St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$1,342.65

Thank you to our parishioners and visitors.

Sacramental Reception ...

Baptism : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (book online at olsc.org.au/baptisms)

Marriage: (book online at 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 the Baptist

Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am, **Saturday** at 8.30am, 6:00pm

Sunday at 9:00am (Italian), 11:00am and 5:00pm

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Monday to Saturday at 8:30am **Saturday** at 6:00pm

Sunday at 9:00am (Vietnamese)

The Chapel of Good Shepherd:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday at 9:30am

At Our Lady of the Southern Cross, we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central

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

April 27, 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter Year C

For those we remember...

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

Anniversaries:

We pray for Judith O'Leary-Shepherd, Giuseppe Brancatella, Nicholas Toner, and Anna Bongiorno.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in your prayers: Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Victoria and Aldo Costanzo, and Teresa Boetti.

If you hear of any of your fellow parishioners who are not well, or who have been injured, please email us at office@olsc.org so that we can include them in our prayers.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support vulnerable and struggling families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential.

The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support.

Your donations will help CatholicCare Victoria provide caring and compassionate support to the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community, and empower everyone to live life to the full.

You can donate by using an appeal envelope, online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or by calling (03) 9967 2515. Thank you.

Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
April 27				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5 pm	Berryman Family	Berryman Family	Berryman Family	Giuliana Alviano
May 4				
11am	Susan Smith/ John Salamito	Hugh McGinlay	Bill Fitzsimons	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Rita Alviano	Vincent Alviano	Giuliana Alviano	Rafelina DeDonato

Gratitude for the gift of Pope Francis

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, would feel humbled by the title of this tribute.

He was a man and pope of simple living and humble gestures, and this has been reflected in his funeral and burial at Santa Maria Maggiore outside the Vatican.

A 'pope for all people', who truly connected with all those he met: uplifting and giving hope to the oppressed and the young; and reminding world leaders and heads of state to care for those in need. His style of evangelisation was a testament to his deep faith and concern for all people.

Pope Francis' Sunday messages from the window looking onto St Peter's Basilica Square, included words that expressed his closeness to the people—"Buona sera... pregate per me"—and his goodwill.



May the Lord, who he so faithfully trusted, welcome him into eternal life.

Youth Mass at St John's today at 5pm

Our Parish Youth Mass will be held today at the 5pm mass at St John's.

Please join us, to encourage our youth and children to celebrate their faith in the Lord.

Holy Hour: Adoration and Prayer for Vocations

Fr. Brian Ahern will kindly hold the next Adoration Hour for prayer for personal discernment and for praying for others who are discerning their way in life.

This will be held Friday 2nd May 6pm-7pm, at St John the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill.

All are welcome.

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A Reflection on Divine Mercy Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Greetings of peace, joy and love of the Risen Lord.

We are celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday this week. The Gospel from the Gospel of John helps us to understand the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus. In fact, this Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

As we may have known, part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke to her (see Jn 20:11-18). In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them (see Lk 24:13-35). We know from readings such as this Sunday's, that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. Concretely, we are called together with the Church to continue Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation in today's world.

Dear brothers and sisters, as ministers and witnesses of Christ's ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation, we are at times like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples and sent the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sin. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed. Let us appreciate the gift of faith we have received!

Fr Anthony Nguyen sdb