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### Pastoral Care

If you would like to receive a pastoral visit from the parish priest, a priest, a seminarian, or co-parishioner, call the parish office on 9481 7333 or email at office@olsc.org.au.

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### Collections & Donations for 03-04 May 2025:

**St John the Baptist Church:** \$313.95

**St Joseph's Catholic Church:** \$1,193.85

*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 parish 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 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

**11 May, 2025 Good Shepherd Sunday Year C**

### For those we remember...

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

**Anniversaries:** We pray for Lance Zampaglione.

**Mass Intentions:** We pray for Francesca Cardamone.

### For prayers of healing

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

If you hear of any fellow parishioners who are not well, or who have been injured, please email office@olsc.org and we will include them in prayer.

### Our Lady Feast Day Sunday 25 May

The parish will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Southern Cross on Sunday, 25 May at the St John's 11am mass. This will be a whole parish occasion including the Italian, Vietnamese and Samoan communities.

There will be no 9am Italian or Vietnamese mass on this day.

Please let us all come together to worship Mary, and enjoy lunch afterwards in her honour.

We will also celebrate Fr Cassius for his 50th birthday: a caring, welcoming and humble priest and pastor, who has given so much to our parish.

### Baptism

Today at St John's Ruby Amelia McAllister will receive the sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for Ruby and her family for a light filled life of faith.

### A cuppa after mass 17 May

Our next cuppa and refreshments at St Joseph's will happen on Saturday, 17 May, after the 6pm Mass.

### Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
<b>May 11</b>				
11am	Anne & Peter Carpenter	Lucy Cirona	Michael Black	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Julia Manickam	Clotilde Berryman	Rita Alviano	Daniel Ryan
<b>May 18</b>				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Marita Quinn	Marie Ryan	Daniel Ryan	Rafelina DeDonato

### Gratitude for a mother's love

Today we celebrate all mothers who have given unconditional love and care to their children.

We also celebrate every woman that takes care of those in need.



Like Our Lady, they are a light to the world, and lovingly nourish, nurture and heal.

Let us pray for all mothers with us today, and those who are dearly missed.

### Pope Leo XIV—A Holy Father for the whole Church and the world.

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost elected as the 267th successor to St Peter and pope of the Catholic Church, has taken the name Pope Leo XIV.

The first pope from North America, Pope Leo XIV was born in Chicago, USA in 1955. He is from the order of Saint Augustine, an order that emphasises charity, unity and sharing. He holds a doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Pope Leo XIV had spent most of his clergy life as a missionary in Peru, serving those in need, with an emphasis on pastoral care. He was the Prior General of the Augustinian Order for two consecutive terms. In 2015, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo, in Peru by Pope Francis, and then called to Rome in 2023 to be Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops. Pope Francis made him a Cardinal in the Consistory on September 30 that year.

Described as humble, warm, considered, and intellectual, the new pontiff is faithful to the gospel's message of love, peace and compassion. He has a broad view of the church and is close to the poor and those on the periphery.

In his first appearance as the new Holy Father on the balcony at St Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo XIV wore a traditional red papal garment over his white cassock, greeting the people with "Peace be with you. Dearest Brothers and Sisters...". This signals a papacy for the whole church and for all people. He also spoke warmly and highly of the mission of Pope Francis, reminding the world that he wanted to build bridges not walls: "Help us too, then help each other to build bridges."



### Good Shepherd Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

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

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. The Church often dedicates this Sunday to pray for vocation to priesthood and religious life. Let's join the Church to pray to God, the Lord of the harvest to send more holy and wise labourers into his vineyard!

As we have known, in each of the three lectionary cycles (A, B and C), the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see Jn 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death. Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, this Sunday's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep. It is so because you do not know me." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

As a matter of fact, we may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep. This image is very much loved by the Late Pope Francis, who exhorts the shepherds of the Church that they should "be shepherds with the smell of the sheep" (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, #24). This is the kind of shepherd we are praying for today.

Dear brothers and sisters, in the last analysis, this Sunday's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. This Sunday's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one – not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus does not just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God. Let us also share that life to our brothers and sisters!

*Fr Anthony Nguyen sdb*