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## St John the Baptist Community

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## St Joseph's Catholic Church Community

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## The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

St Heliers Street, Abbotsford Tel: 9417 2909

## Pastoral Care

If you would like to receive a pastoral visit from the parish priest, a priest, a seminarian, or co-parishioner, please call the parish office on 9481 7333 or email [office@olsc.org.au](mailto:office@olsc.org.au).

**For Urgent Pastoral Need Call: 0401 887 115**

## Sacramental Reception

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

**Marriage:** ([book online at olsc.org.au/weddings](http://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.

For further information email our parish office at [office@olsc.org.au](mailto:office@olsc.org.au).

## 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

## Collections & EFTPOS Donations—5-6 July 2025:

St John the Baptist Church: \$342.90

St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$574.55

*Thank you to all parishioners and visitors*

*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

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 13 July 2025, Year C

## For All Those We Remember

### Condolences:

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

### Anniversaries:

We pray for the souls of David Kane and Maria Primiero.

## Prayers of Healing

Please remember the following in your prayers: Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Aldo Costanzo, Teresa Boetti, Dianne Cilia, Hung (Peter) Trinh and Ruzica Coric.

## RCIA at St Joseph's

Kim Anh Mary Doan, Elizabeth Borysiewicz, Ngoc Thi Huynh and Buu Linh Vuu, will be receiving the sacraments of initiation at St Joseph's on Sunday.

We thank Fr Anthony Nguyen who has prepared these candidates, for fullness of Catholic life and a true conversion of heart to Jesus.

We also thank the Bishop Thinh Xuan Nguyen, for accepting the parish invitation to celebrate these sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.



## Baptism at St John's

On Sunday, Leonardo John Morandini will be baptised into the Catholic Church at St John's.

May Leonardo grow in love and grace, and be protected in life and faith by the Holy Spirit.

## Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
July 13				
11am	Quoc Pham-Nguyen	Quyen Pham-Nguyen	Bill Fitzsimons	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Akkerman Family	Akkerman Family	Akkerman Family	Daniel Ryan
July 20				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group

## Gospel Reflection—Visceral Compassion

On seeing the man who had fallen into the hands of robbers, the Samaritan was “*moved with compassion*” and immediately set out to care for him, a striking and challenging similarity between today's parable and the encounter of Jesus with the widow of Nain grieving for her son carried to his burial (Lk 7:11-17). By touching the bier Jesus confronted taboos and defilement and restoring life to a dead body and joy to a distraught widow and mother. In both cases, compassion becomes the most authentic expression both of God's mercy towards us and of the moral imperative urging us towards reaching out to each other.

Compassion is the concrete expression of mercy and it is the operative word in both divine and human outreach movements. In our parlance, the term often carries connotations of passive helplessness and of feeling “sorry” or “pity” for someone. Rather compassion expresses a dynamic and active movement derived from two Latin words: *cum* (with) and *passum* (step or walk), conveying a sense of *falling in step* with someone, and journeying together with a person in need. Compassion is that appropriation of another person's needs and a decision to become *actively involved* and confronting together whatever the situation may be. Unencumbered by fears, prejudice, or taboos, the Samaritan feels the suffering of this man and is almost instinctively driven to appropriate the suffering in a deeply personal manner. Indeed, the term compassion derives from a word that refers to internal organs or from the mother's womb. As Pope Francis describes it, compassion implies a “visceral movement”, a powerful energy welling up from the inside one's very self, that moves one into becoming mercy personified towards the victim: mercy as “womb-compassion” giving and protecting life at its most foundational stage, and welling up from the inner core of our being where the heart beats.

Confronted with the complete reversal of his parameters, the lawyer could not but admit that the stranger was the true neighbour, because that despised Samaritan alone had reached out to put someone's needs ahead of his own without personal considerations. In that cultural context, the Samaritan was the most unlikely person to lend a hand and take responsibility for an observant Jew. The neighbour, whoever he may have been, came first, while for the lawyer moral and religious self-righteousness was the primary concern. Yet, because he stepped through prejudice and personal agenda, the man on the road was healed and given back his life.

## Continued...Visceral Compassion

As Pope Francis proclaimed incessantly, God's mercy towards us is unconditional and visceral, because it is not simply a matter of benevolence or of being nice to each other or feeling pity or good will from the comfort of our armchair, because compassion is not so much a matter of doing or of contributing to a cause, objects of God's visceral love must generate concrete and down to earth love and compassion towards everyone else without distinction, or God's love is dissipated and the world will never know peace, justice, and hope, but only divisiveness and self-destruction.

Jesus did that even at the price of his own life, and so must we.

*Fr Peter Varengo sdb*

## Fr Anthony Quang Joins our Parish

Our heartfelt warm welcome to dear Fr Anthony Quang SDB, who has joined our parish. Fr. has come from being parish priest at St Margaret Mary, Brunswick, and remains Chaplain for the Vietnamese community there.

Fr Anthony will be a vital part of our parish life, helping coordinate Vietnamese masses at St Joseph's, and celebrating masses at both St Joseph's and St John's.

Please reach out to Fr Anthony when you can, he will be grateful.



## Archbishop of Samoa-Apia

Our parish welcomes the Archbishop of Samoa-Apia, the Most Rev. Moses Vitolio Tui, who will be celebrating a Samoan mass at St John's on Sunday, 20 July at 12:30pm.

All parishioners welcome.

## Parish Pastoral Council 2025

We thank our Parish Pastoral Council members Anh Nguyen and Sy Nguyen, who have finished their term with the committee. Their commitment and service to their ministries has enriched the whole parish.

We greet our new members Hoang Dinh and Hung Chau, and pray that they, and all the PPC are blessed by the Holy Spirit in their ministries.

The new 3 year term of the PPC commenced on 1 July and the members are:

Fr Cassius Correya (PP), Fr Peter Varengo (Asst. PP), Quyen Pham-Nguyen (Chairperson), Hoang Dinh (Vice-Chairperson), John Salamito (PFC Chairperson), Virginia Carter (Secretary), Can Tran, Daniel Ryan, Hung Chau, John Andrews, Julia Vu, Madeline Kift, Michael Black, Rafelina De Donato and Wayne Matautia.