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**July 6/7 collection :**

St John \$379.80 St Joseph \$787.35

**Sacramental Reception ...**

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

**Marriage:** by appointment

**Reconciliation:** every Friday 7:15—8:00pm

**Reconciliation, Holy Communion and**

**Confirmation:** Preparation for this is conducted in our school at St Joseph's; the Parish also offers this preparation to State School children. Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

**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**

July 13/14, 2024

Year B

**For those whom we remember...**

**Mass Intention:** .

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

**Anniversaries:** William Poon, Carmelo Addamo.

**For prayers of healing**

Please remember the following in our prayers: Mario Misurelli, Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Ian Armstrong, Sandra Winther and Nancy Turbitt.

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.

**Baptism**

Today (Sunday) we warmly welcome young Aiden William, son of Shaun and Margaret Trubiano of Rosanna (remember that voice of an angel at our PP installation?). May Aiden enjoy his journey of faith throughout his lifetime.

**Retreats**

Students from our own St Joseph's Primary will be at St John's for a retreat next Friday.

So it's going to be a tad busy here at St John's next Friday.

**URGENT PASTORAL NEED**  
Please call mobile: 0401 887 115

**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
<b>11 am</b>				
14 July	Jennifer JV	Christiaan JV	John A	Quyen PN
21 July	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
28 July	Michael B	Bill F	Jill F	Quyen
4 Aug	Jennifer J-V	Christiaan	John A	Quyen
11 Aug	Hugh M	Gabrielle	Jennifer	
<b>5 pm</b>				
14 July	Marie R	Lucy C	Christina	
21 July	Daniel R	Marita Q	Manickams	
28 July	Manickams	Daniel R	Berrymans	
4 Aug	Tim B	Clotilde	Berrymans	
11 Aug	Daniel R	Manickams	Berrymans	

**Teen Youth Meeting**

We will be having our Teen Youth meeting today **Sunday** after our 5pm Mass at St John's. We look forward to encouraging our young people to be more involved in the workings of the Parish.

**Father Brian Cosgriff**

Fr Brian Cosgriff from over the road at George Maher House will be celebrating his 62 years of priestly ordination. Please join us at our 5pm Mass next Sunday (21st), with refreshments afterwards.

**Choir for Mass**

Because next Sunday's 5pm Mass at St John's is a special Mass for Fr Brian Cosgriff, can we please have an impromptu choir to augment our musical aspect? Please step forward to speak with Clotilde at 4:30pm to practice in the Church prior to Mass.

**Birthdays**

This coming week we celebrate the birthdays of Bro Carlos and Bro Afia (from the Salesian House next door). We hope they enjoy their special day.

**The Academy**

The students at **Academy of Mary Immaculate** are organising a 'Perform for Peace' on Thursday, 18th July at 7pm, a fundraising concert where all funds raised will be donated to Caritas Australia.

Special guest speaker will be **Moira Kelly**, Australian Humanitarian aid worker who achieved **Victorian of the Year** in 2013. We encourage you all to bring a plate of food to share. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. You can purchase tickets for the event using the link below: <https://www.trybooking.com/CSOSF> *Gwen Michener, Community Engagement Animator*

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day.

"The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step toward Jesus, we come to realise he is already there, waiting for us with open arms." *Pope Francis*

Once a year, Go someplace you've never been before. *Dalai Lama*

**Nothing but a Walking Stick**

Jesus called the Twelve to him, and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority and power to deal with evil opposition ... Then they were on the road.

They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different; right and left they sent the demons packing; they brought wellness to the sick, anointing their bodies, healing their spirits. (Mark 6: 7-8, 12 - 13)

Jesus sent out his disciples without a degree in theology, without a certificate from the diocesan training program, and without a catechism. Two by two, they walked along with no more than a pair of sandals and a walking stick, both crucial to keep them on the journey.

With so little, they still summoned the authority to cast out demons, heal the sick, and preach repentance. *Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, Australian Catholics*

**Thank You**

- A big thank you to the organisers of the celebrations held last Sunday for Fr Peter's 80th birthday, especially to Madeline, Quyen, Rafelina and Virginia. Again, well done!
- Also a big thank you to Barry Whelan and Madeline Kift for the supply of one huge bin from Kartaway Bins. Much appreciated.

**St John's Outreach**

St John's church has always sought to meet the needs of the local community, however, our specific Food Outreach Program emerged out of the COVID 19 crisis when so many experienced hardship due to the extended lockdowns and the challenges that arose.

The program was created with the intention to meet both social and financial needs of our local community. Our guiding principles are to:

- respond to any request from our parish area
- respect the dignity of those seeking assistance
- abstain from setting criteria for clients to qualify for help
- engage with clients to learn their circumstances and needs
- commit to building connections between our workers/ volunteers and clients and between the clients themselves.

The organisers were supported in these principles by the then parish priest, Father Martin Tanti and the parish secretary, Joan Parr and established a relationship with OZ Harvest which continues today. They supply us with reclaimed food from local supermarkets, mostly fresh fruit and vegetables and occasionally non-perishables on an ad-hoc basis. Parishioners also contribute to our stores with donations, in particular with winter and Christmas appeals.

A HUGE thank you is extended to Jen Payne and Rafeline De Donato for their tremendous efforts in keeping this wonderful concept going week after week. Thank you so much from the Parish.

and have believed it:  
and you too have been stamped with the seal  
of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,  
the pledge of our inheritance  
which brings freedom for those whom God has  
taken for his own,  
to make his glory praised.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Eph 1: 17-18  
**Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our  
heart that we might see how great is the  
hope to which we are called. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mk 6: 7-13  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark.**

*He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance: and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 JULY 2024

## ONGOING MISSION

In the verse preceding today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus 'went about among the villages teaching' (Mark 6:6b). In the context of this activity, Jesus sends out the Twelve, and we are given a glimpse of the experience of the early missionaries, something we also find in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Importantly Mark records that Jesus gives them authority over unclean spirits. They are now able to heal as he did.

Going out two by two, they emulate the Old Testament law of witness (Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15) as well as replicating the way they were called – in pairs. The details of their garb might seem strange to us. Taking a staff is not only helpful for walking but also adds protection. The specifics of 'no bread, no bag, no money' distinguishes them from Cynic preachers, as does having only one tunic and will allow them to be recognisable as participants in Jesus' mission. Wearing sandals distinguishes them from barefoot slaves or from those who could wear boots. They are to stay with people who welcome them and so as travellers they may be offered hospitality.

The results of their mission are made evident, and their activity comes to the ears of Herod, yet their identity as Jesus' disciples is still unclear. They are thought to belong to John the Baptist. The context of mission in the days of Jesus is a far cry from today. How are we called and sent out today? What is our sense of proclaiming the Good News in the world?

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**

## FIRST READING

Am 7: 12-15

**A reading from the prophet Amos.**

*Go, prophesy to my people.*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah. 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his people. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Eph 1: 3-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Ephesians.**

*Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.  
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,  
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,



determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation,