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

**Collections & Donations for April 12-13:**

**St John the Baptist:** \$527.20  
**St Joseph's Catholic Church:** \$1,165.10

*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](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.

Email our office at [office@olsc.org.au](mailto: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 20, 2025 Easter 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 all our dearly departed parishioners.

**For prayers of healing**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, and Victoria and Aldo Costanzo., 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](mailto:office@olsc.org) so that we can include them in our prayers.

**Buon Viaggio Fr. Peter**

Please keep our dearest assistant Parish Priest Fr. Peter Varengo in your prayers, as he takes some much deserved time away to visit his family in Italy.

"May your travel be safe, relaxing, warm and personally rewarding Fr. Peter.

We will miss you."

**Memorial Mass for Veteran's**

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St Kevin's Catholic Church, Lower Templestowe, at 10.00 am on Sunday 27 April 2025, the Sunday after Anzac Day.

All Veterans and their families are invited. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass.

**Reading Roster—St John the Baptist**

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
<b>April 20</b>				
<b>11am</b>	Nadia Batticciotto	Susan Smith	Susan Smith	
<b>April 27</b>				
<b>11am</b>	Susan Smith/ John Salamito	Hugh McGinlay	Bill Fitzsimons	Margaret Amarant
<b>5 pm</b>	Rita Alviano	Vince Alviano	Giuliana Alviano	Rafelina DeDonato

**Youth Mass at St John's**

Our Parish Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, 27 April at 5pm. Please join us, to encourage our youth and children to celebrate their faith in the Lord.

**God calls us to feed the hungry**

Scripture and particularly the teachings of Jesus, emphasise the importance of helping the poor and hungry.

Food outreach is an essential part of God's work at our parish.

Our weekly Food Outreach is a vital in reaching out to the poor and hungry, and is guided by our dedicated and giving parishioner Jen Payne and supported by equally dedicated and giving volunteers. This helps a few families to have food on their table every week.

Our monthly Food Outreach at St Joseph's is run by the generous Matautia family from the Samoan Community. This gives the local community in need a welcoming place to be for a meal.

Our sincere gratitude to all of you who share your faith and compassion in the way Jesus intended—in loving one another and giving people hope.

**Food Outreach at St Joseph's**

The Matautia family will continue their compassionate work of a free home cooked meal and a cuppa, to the community in need.

All are welcome to join Wayne and his family for a time of giving, this Saturday, 26 April at 3pm at St Joseph's Otter St, Collingwood.

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

**Easter Greetings**

Dear Parishioners,

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Easter!

Easter is a time when we contemplate the mystery of Christ's resurrection, the depth of God's love, and the promise of new life. While no one witnessed the actual moment of Jesus' resurrection, the impact of that event has profoundly shaped Christianity and faith across centuries. It is worth noting that only the Gospel of Matthew presents the resurrection with dramatic intensity – an earthquake, an angel with an appearance like lightning, and guards paralysed with fear. In contrast, the other Gospels – Mark, Luke, and John – describe the event with a quieter sense of revelation.

In Mark's account, the women find the empty tomb and are greeted by a young man in white, who simply tells them that Jesus has risen. Instead of grand supernatural events, there is an air of mystery and awe. In Luke's presentation, two angels appear to the women at the tomb, offering reassurance. The narrative flows gently, focusing on the disciples' growing understanding of what has happened. John's version of the resurrection, which is proclaimed at the Mass of Easter day, is deeply personal. Mary Magdalene experiences grief and confusion, only to be comforted by Jesus himself. The moment of recognition is quiet yet profoundly moving.

In reality, what makes the resurrection so significant is *the testimony of those who encountered the risen Christ* – his disciples, the women at the tomb, and others who saw and believed. The risen Lord transformed the hearts of those who had followed him. Before the resurrection, many of his disciples were filled with doubt, fear, and uncertainty. But after encountering the risen Christ, they became bold witnesses, spreading the gospel with unwavering faith. Their transformation and willingness to suffer persecution, even martyrdom, became undeniable testimony to the power of the resurrection. Their faith was contagious, inspiring others to believe in Jesus and carry his message of love and peace to the world. It is amazing how their story continues to inspire believers today.

During this Easter season, let us take time to reflect on: How have we personally experienced the presence of the risen Christ in our lives, and how has that encounter shaped our faith journey?

May this Easter bring you renewed faith, joy, and the peace of God's everlasting love. As we celebrate the victory of life over death, may we be strengthened in hope and unity as a parish community.

*Fr. Cassius Correya SDB*