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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.

For urgent pastoral need call: 0401 887 115

Collections & Donations for 10-11 May 2025:
St John the Baptist Church: \$397.60
St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$1041.55
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

18 May, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter Year C

We remember...

**Ava Marion Devlin
and Vittoria Costanzo**



Our beloved parishioners little Ava Marion Devlin and Vittoria Costanza passed away recently. Darling little angel Ava lived nearby St John's with her family and was baptised by Fr Cassius in 2023. Ava is now with the angels in heaven. Her requiem mass will be held at St John's on Friday 23 May at 9:30am.

Vittoria and her family have been a dedicated part of the St John's Italian community for over 60 years. Her requiem mass is likely to be this coming week; please call the office for the details if you wish to attend.

Ava and Vittoria will dearly be missed, and we are grateful for their time on this earth,

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

Anniversaries: We pray for the souls of Anthony Correya and Giuseppina Di Tullio.

For 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 and Hung (Peter) Trinh.

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.

Wedding this weekend

Emily Spiezia and Antonino Iaria will be married at St John's on Saturday, with Fr Cassius as the Celebrant for this blessed sacrament.

Please pray for the couple to have a faith filled and fulfilling marriage.

Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
May 18				
11am	Gabrielle M	Hugh M	John S	Margaret A
5pm	Marita Q	Marie R	Daniel R	Rafelina D
May 25				
11am	Feast Day Readers	Feast Day Readers	Feast Day Readers	Feast Day Readers
5pm	Rita A	Marie R	Berryman Family	Rafelina D

Our Lady Feast Day Sunday 25th

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

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

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

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



Thank you Martin, a carpenter like Joseph

We heartwarmly thank parishioner Martin who devotedly handmake the long wood table as you enter St John's. Thank you so very much Martin.

A renewed and worthy purpose for St John's Primary School

We are delighted to announce that the former St John's Primary School has a new and worthwhile purpose. With the approval of Archbishop Peter Comensoli, the premises have been leased to MacKillop Family Services (MFS), who will open a new education campus, called MacKillop Education Clifton Hill.

MacKillop Education is for children 6-18 years old, who need a place to be in and learn outside of mainstream school—a safe and supportive place where their emotional and social wellbeing will be nurtured, where they will be supported to engage with learning and where they will learn valuable life skills.

Like the Sisters of Charity who originally opened St John's School for children in need, over a hundred years ago, MFS are guided by those same principles, and those of Saint Mary MacKillop who believed in the power of education for children in need.

MFS will begin work this coming Monday to renovate the school in time for Term 3.

The parish is grateful to all who supported and assisted the leasing process, especially our Parish Pastoral Council, Grace Dean and Sonya Dyon at CAM, and the property agent Teska Carson.

A reflection from Fr Anthony

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I wish you and your family a blessed Sunday.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Good Shepherd Sunday. It was a call to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It was also an invitation that we should become good shepherds for one another: when we care, forgive and love one another. This Sunday's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. We are called to love with a love of the Good Shepherd, a love that is constant, unconditional and sacrificial. To be concrete, we hear in this Sunday's Gospel words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching his disciples at the Last Supper.

As we may have known, John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative like Synoptic Gospels (see Mk 14:22-26; Mt 26:26-30; Lk 22:14-20); instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. This Sunday's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

Dear brothers and sisters, people often see love as a feeling. However, John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others. Let people whom we encounter daily see that love shown in our words and actions!

Fr Anthony Nguyen sdb

Youth Mass at St John's 1st June

Our Parish Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, 1st June at 5pm.

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