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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](mailto:office@olsc.org.au).

**For urgent pastoral need call: 0401 887 115**

**Collections & Donations for 17-18 May 2025:**  
**St John the Baptist Church:** \$485.70  
**St Joseph's Catholic Church:** \$899.45  
*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 parish office at [office@olsc.org.au](mailto:office@olsc.org.au) for further information.

## Normal Mass Times at OLS

*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

## 25 May, 2025 6th Sunday of Easter Year C

## For those we remember...

**Condolences**: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.  
**Anniversaries**: We pray for the souls of Angelo Addamo, Christina De Rango. Sr Dorothy Maher, Joseph Pham and Barbara Sullivan.

## 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](mailto:office@olsc.org) and we will include them in prayer.

## The Feast of St John Hoan, 26 May

Saint John Doan Trinh Hoan was a Vietnamese priest who suffered in the persecutions of Emperor Tu-Duc. He was a martyr of Vietnam, one of an estimated 300,000 Vietnamese martyrs.

John Hoan was born in 1798 in Thua Thiên, Vietnam; he belonged to a rich Christian family, which already had priests and martyrs. He studied at the Penang seminary and was ordained a priest in 1836, when he was nearly forty years old. He worked with zeal in all the districts where he was sent, noted for his gift of advice and his ability to solve disputes. He had to live in hiding because of the persecution, but despite all this he took care of the education of the youth, and the catechesis of children from which many religious vocations emerged.

St John Hoan was arrested in 1861 and sent to jail where he was tortured and interrogated; he was beheaded on May 26, 1861 during the government of King Tu-Duc. Pope John Paul II canonized him on the 19th of June 1988. *John Hoan Community*

## Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

*If unforeseen circumstances prevent you from reading please arrange a substitute.*

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
<b>May 25</b>				
5pm	-	-	-	-
<b>June 1</b>				
11am	Gabrielle McMullen	Hugh McGinlay	John Andrews	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Giuliana Alviano

## Our Lady Feast Day Today

Today the whole parish comes together to celebrate the feast of the patron of our Parish, Our Lady of the Southern Cross.



We honour Mother Mary as our guiding light and pray to her for peace. Please stay on after mass for lunch to continue our celebration.

Today we also celebrate Fr Cassius for his 50th birthday tomorrow. Those who meet and know Father experience his deep faith, warmth, reassurance, gentle guidance, and how he lives the gospel daily. "Happy Birthday Fr Cassius. Thank you for all that you are to all of us. We prayer for your spirit, health and mission. Peace be with you.

## A Testimony from Claire

Life has changed in every sense since I embarked on the RCIA journey and was baptised. As I reflect on how far I've come, I am filled with gratitude for this wonderful church and the supportive community that has embraced me.

Before I turned my head to God, I was seeking, always looking for meaning in all the wrong places. I delved into every new age spiritual book I could find, practiced the law of attraction, reiki, meditation, astrology, auras, idolatry—the list goes on. Yet, no matter how much I searched, I never found what I was looking for. It was all about me, instead of Him.

But God, never gave up on me. Even when I thanked the universe instead of Him—the Creator of the universe—He remained patient and loving. The relief of finally knowing that all I need is to know Him, after all that searching, is indescribable. I never feel alone now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ and because of this church and community.

I can't thank you all enough for being so warm and welcoming. Your kindness and support have changed my life, and I will never forget it. A special thank you to Fr Cassius and Rita Alviano who continuously guide me along this path.

*Claire Bradley*

## Youth Mass at St John's, 1 June

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

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

## Longing for Inner Peace in Uncertain times

Everyone longs for peace. It is one of those universal desires – whether it's inner peace, peace in relationships, or peace in the world. This longing for peace, especially inner peace, is deeply human because our lives are filled with moments of certainty and uncertainty. Life moves between moments of clarity and confusion, stability and change. Therefore, the desire for inner peace comes from a deep need to feel grounded, to find refuge amid the unpredictability of life.

This weekend's Gospel passage is filled with Jesus' words of reassurance and love for his disciples who are uncertain of their future. Knowing that his disciples are troubled by the thought of his departure, Jesus speaks words of deep comfort. He assures them that if they love him and keep his teachings, both he and the Father will dwell with them – a promise of divine presence that transcends physical separation.

Jesus speaks to them of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will guide, teach, and remind them of his words. This is a powerful assurance that even in uncertainty, they will not be alone; they have a helper and a companion.

Moreover, Jesus offers his peace – not the temporary, fragile peace of the world, but a deep, enduring peace that transcends worldly circumstances. His peace is not just the absence of conflict but a deep, unshakable tranquility rooted in faith and trust in God. Jesus encourages his disciples not to be troubled or afraid, reinforcing the idea that his peace is a gift that sustains them through uncertainty.

It is important to remember that peace isn't something we find, but something we create in small ways. One powerful way is to build a deep relationship with the Lord having confidence in his words and the assurance that no matter what happens, his love and guidance remain constant. This helped the apostles who faced many challenges in their life and ministry to experience deep joy and peace.

Secondly, when confusion and unrest weigh heavy on the heart, seeking support can bring clarity and comfort. Peace isn't always found alone; it often comes through conversation, guidance, and community. Whether it is speaking with a trusted friend, mentor, counsellor; reaching out can be a powerful step toward inner peace. It is rightly said that when we surround ourselves with people who uplift and understand us, it brings comfort and peace.

As we celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of the Southern Cross**, the patron of our parish, may we turn to her in prayer, seeking her intercession to bring peace to our hearts, our homes, and the world. May her loving guidance inspire us to be instruments of peace, fostering understanding, compassion, and unity in all that we do.



Wishing you a Happy Feast Day of Our Blessed Mother!

*Fr Cassius Correya sdb*