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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, please call the parish office on 9481 7333 or email office@olsc.org.au.

For Urgent Pastoral Need Call: 0401 887 115

Collections & EFTPOS donations—14-15 June 2025:

St John the Baptist Church: \$483.30

St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$1,044.65

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.

For further information email our parish office at 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

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

Body and Blood of Christ, 22 June 2025, Year C

For those we remember...

We pray for the soul and family of Michele Del Medico, who along with his family, was a long-time member of the St John's Italian Community; the funeral is on 1 July, 11am, St John's.

We pray for the soul and family of John Henry Cooney, the father of St John's parishioners Maryanne and Belinda, and family.

We pray for the soul and family of Teresa Alviano, the mother of Vince Alviano, mother-in-law of Rita, and nonna of Giuliana, St John's parishioners.

Anniversaries: We pray for the soul of Francesco Brancatella.

Mass Intentions: We pray for Erasmo Mimmo Bellomo, Fiorina Amiccuci and Teresa Alviano.

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.

If you know of fellow parishioners who are not well or have been injured, and they wish to be included in our prayers, please contact the office.

The Solemnity of St John the Baptist

Let us come together for mass this Tuesday evening, 24 June at 7pm, at St John the Baptist.

Baptisms this weekend

This weekend we celebrate the sacrament of Baptism for Maria Gael Manuel at St Joseph's, and Sebastian Hodgins-Parry English, and Charlotte and Bonnie Staley at St John's.

We pray for the children and their families for a life-long journey of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
June 22				
11am	Hugh McGinlay	Sue Smith/ John Salamito	John Andrews	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Giuliana Alviano
June 29				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Marie Ryan	Akkerman Family	Rafelina DeDonato

Fr Anthony's new ministry

Fr Anthony has been appointed as the acting Rector of the Salesian community at Massey, Auckland, New Zealand.

This parish is grateful for his spiritual kind presence, and meaningful homilies and gospel reflections.

Fr Anthony, we will miss you during your time in NZ, and pray you are always guided by the Holy Spirit. We also pray for the ministry you are about to begin serving the faith community.

'A Sunday to Celebrate' Today

You are all warmly invited for refreshments after mass today. Please stay for a cuppa out of the cold, and connect with fellow parishioners and clergy:

St Joseph's on Saturday at 6pm

St John's on Sunday at 9am, 11am & 5pm.

We invite you to please join us, to encourage our youth and children to celebrate their faith in the Lord as we have our **Parish Youth Mass** on Sunday at 5 pm.

150th Anniversary

Friday 27 February 2026 marks the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church of St John the Baptist. Special events are being planned for that day and Sunday 1 March 2026 and a planning committee is being formed.

If you believe you can contribute to making that day a great success your contributions including as a committee member would be most welcome. To join us, please contact the parish office on 9481 7333 or email John Andrews at acesja@gmail.com.

Food Outreach at St Joseph's

The Matautia family once again are kindly cooking warm meals and serving them to those in need. The next outreach is next Saturday, 28 June at 3pm, from St Joseph's.

Please join them if you can on the day, to offer support in reaching out to the hungry.

Welcome home Fr Peter. We hope your time away was fulfilling, and we are happy to see you well.

Food from the Poor

The miracle of the multiplication of bread and fishes must have held a very particular significance for the early Christians, considering that the four gospels retell the same event six times, with varying details but the same intent. Jesus and the disciples have a problem, but the nature of the problem and the solution run in opposite directions to each other. For Jesus starvation and abandonment arouses compassion and demands personal self-giving. For the disciples, instead, that same situation is someone else's social problem better dismissed before it becomes a personal problem. While the disciples choose the practical solution by dismissing the crowds as it is late and in a desert place, Jesus is not that 'worldly wise'. He is the compassionate one, and he immediately challenges his followers to compassion and service in their turn. *"Give them something to eat yourself"*

From the very beginning, we are confronted with an illustration of the distance that can exist between our declaration of faith and the concrete lived response of each day. The disciples have nothing and are nothing and yet they are called to feed thousands in the deserts of life. It is alright to follow the Master when he works spectacular miracles, speaks affirming parables; our hearts warm as the special ones on the mountain of personal devotion and fervour. But Jesus' call to his followers then and God's injunction to us now may sometimes sound devoid of rationality and of immediate solutions.

Would we have reacted in any other way? The same challenge confronts us each time we gather at Eucharist; a group of followers nourished by his words and sharing the same food. God is the compassionate One who provides us with rich life-giving gifts. However, God's gracious abundance relies on human intervention and insufficiency of the very ones who have nothing and are nothing. A child's readiness to make available the poverty of five loaves and two fish became a God-enriched feast for thousands of hungry and tired people.

In the end, Jesus enjoins on the very disciples who claimed destitution to be instruments of God's giftedness by distributing the new abundance to the hungry and lonely.

The same claim is made of us when we gather at Eucharist. Hearing the Word and sharing at the Lord's table, we must allow ourselves to be challenged and energized into action on behalf of others, and become *food from the poor for the poor in a God-enriched world*. Failing to accept the challenge is to make a mockery of the Eucharist, because then we would conveniently ignore the injunction to "Do this in memory of me".

Fr Peter Varengo sdb

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