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The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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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

Sacramental Reception

Baptism:

St John's: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 12pm:

Booking form: olsc.org.au/baptisms.

St Joseph's Contact the parish office.

Marriage: Booking form: olsc.org.au/weddings.

Reconciliation: Fridays 7:15pm—8:00pm

(excluding 1st Friday of the month)

Holy Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation:

These are held at St John's. Contact the parish office.

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

Collections & EFTPOS Donations—19-20 July 2025:

St John the Baptist Church: \$690.60

St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$803.70

Thank you to all parishioners and visitors

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27 July 2025, Year C

For All Those We Remember

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of all those who have departed recently.

Anniversaries: We pray for the souls of Alice Andrews, Joe Addamo and Joan Potter.

Mass Intentions: We pray for the souls of Nida Gabing and Alice Andrews.

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, Ruzica Coric and Fr Frank Moloney sdb.

If you are in need, or you know of fellow parishioners who are in need, and wish to be included in our prayers, please contact the parish office.

Parish Pilgrim Day—26 September

As this year is the Jubilee Year (*Year of Hope*) our Parish is organising a day trip where we will visit two churches that were chosen as *Pilgrim Places*, and also have a picnic lunch at Lake Daylesford.

Look out for the registration forms in August, and contact the parish office if you have questions.

Baptism at St Joseph's

The parish welcome Benjamin Edward and Thomas Gregory Perryman into the Catholic Church this Saturday at St Joseph's.



May the Holy Spirit accompany them as they grow in faith, and may they and their family be united, protected and guided.

Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
July 27				
11am	Hugh McGinlay	Lucy Cirona	John Andrews	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Marie Ryan	Marita Quinn	Rafelina De Donato
Aug 3				
11am	Anne & Peter Carpenter	Anne & Peter Carpenter	Susan Smith/ John Salamito	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Berryman Family	Berryman Family	Berryman Family	Daniel Ryan

Saying or Staying?

As we come together for our Sunday gathering have we ever asked ourselves "What do I bring to this moment of encounter with God?" Am I aware of standing in God's presence focusing primarily on *my* concerns and personal requests, a one-way monologue on my own *self* often so empty and tired that I cannot even find the words to remind God that he's better to do something about it?

In response to the disciples quest about praying Jesus challenges us to go beyond an idea of a God who is not a doormat to hide our grievance, or a slot machine to satisfy all our needs on our own terms. Prayer is a matter of the heart expressed through the human experience of a deep relationship, embracing all that is life and life giving. Our coming to prayer today and every day is a personal and communal answer to God's inviting himself into our house and calling us to sit at his feet. making space and time for him. It is a call to remain attuned to the active presence of God at that specific moment which the encounter with God will certainly stimulate, even in the desert of our loneliness or the noisy humdrum of our daily life.

Have we ever reflected on the full implications of what we are praying maybe several times a day? Affirming and hope-filling the words of the Lord's Prayer may be, in reality they are a dangerous commitment to God in the midst of our life enjoining on us to stand with open arms and to be instruments and builders of His divine active presence.

May your kingdom come, we say; but then how do we react when things do not work out our own way, or the unexpected and unwanted crash into our life? Where and who is our God, then in our story?

Give us our daily bread! How do we pray the Lord's Prayer when the daily bread of joyfulness turns stale, or when loneliness, tiredness, abandonment, and guilt seem to be our only travelling companions and starve us to death? Do we deny the pain of struggle asking God to hide the harsh reality and take it all away by saying many prayers or deceiving ourselves into some cruel belief that this is what God wants?

May your will be done! God is not whimsical demanding stoic passive resignation in the face of injustice but a personal commitment to journey with courage and faith through difficult and incomprehensible situations, in the knowledge that He journeys with us and depends on us to stand up against injustice and rejection.

Continued Gospel Reflection

The will of God we pray for commits us to accept that God is struggling with us and joining our human effort for a better world, even throughout and in spite the most negative and harrowing experiences.

Forgive us our sins, as we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. Have we ever thought of asking God to deal with us with the same measure that we use for each other? That is truly a dangerous commitment for which to pray. If I am not prepared to forgive, how can I honestly pray to God to forgive me?

Before we bring our prayers to God, let us bring God into our life by standing with open hands before Him for courage to *sit at his feet with a listening heart fully attuned to His presence in our life*, more than saying but to take up seriously the tasks we set ourselves in the Lord's Prayer.

Fr Peter Varengo sdb

'A Sunday to Celebrate' Today

Please stay and come together after mass for our Sunday to Celebrate' to enjoy refreshments and gentle company:

St Joseph's: Saturday at 6pm

St John's: Sunday at 9am, 11am and 5pm.

Holy Hour this Friday, 1 August: Adoration and Prayer for Vocations

The next prayer for personal discernment and prayer for others who are discerning their way in life, will be held this Friday 1 August, from 6pm-7pm at St John the Baptist Church Clifton Hill.

All are welcome.

Fr Brian Ahern sdb

Winter Wonderland 16 August

The parish annual fun night will be on Saturday 16 August at St Joseph's Hall in Collingwood, and the theme this August is *Winter Wonderland*.



Please save the date if you can make it for an evening of delicious food from our diverse community, faithful company, groovy dancing and singing, and the iconic limbo

dance. Please let us come together as a parish for this joyful celebration.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to join this festive occasion.

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