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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—26-27 July 2025:

St John the Baptist Church: \$460.40

St Joseph's Catholic Church: \$778

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3 August 2025, Year C

For All Those We Remember

We remember Maria Concetta Console

Maria Concetta was a beloved Italian parishioner at St John's for many decades, attending Italian mass and supporting parish feast days and events.

The rosary and requiem mass for

Maria Concetta will be at St John's the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill on Tuesday 12 August at 11am.

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

Anniversaries: We pray for the souls of Ines (Dorina) De Rango and Maria Murone.

Mass Intentions: We pray for the souls of Ines (Dorina) De Rango and Attilio De Rango.



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, Fr Frank Moloney sdb and Rita Alviano.

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.

Baptism at St Joseph's

The parish welcomes Kalani Matelita and Jeremiah Huakatoa into the Catholic Church on Saturday at St Joseph's when they will receive the sacrament of Baptism from Fr Cassius.



We pray for a faith filled, protected and peaceful life for Kalani Matelita, Jeremiah Huakatoa and their families.

Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Aug 3				
11am	Anne & Peter Carpenter	Anne & Peter Carpenter	Susan Smith/ John Salamito	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Berryman Family	Berryman Family	Berryman Family	Daniel Ryan
Aug 10				
11am	Hugh McGinlay	Bill Fitzsimons	Jeanette Conway	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Marita Quinn	Marie Ryan	Giuliana Alviano

Jubilee of Youth, 28 July-3 August

On Tuesday evening, Pope Leo XIV welcomed young people in Rome for the Jubilee of Youth.

After the welcoming Mass in St. Peter's Square, which was celebrated by Monsignor Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, the Pontiff made a few trips round St Peter's Square in the popemobile to greet those present.

"You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world! And today your voices, your enthusiasm, your cries — all of them for Jesus Christ — will be heard to the ends of the earth!" said Leo XIV.

National Vocations Week, 3-10 August

This year's National Vocations week begins today, and is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and to remind us to pray for those on this important journey.

Pope Leo XIV recently called upon the Church to *"welcome and accompany young people"* in their discernment, while encouraging them to *"accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord."*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day, 8 August

This Friday 8 August, we celebrate Australia's first canonised saint and patron saint of Australia, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

This is a time to encounter St Mary MacKillop in prayer and reflect on her life, and how she gave tenderly, helped and uplifted the spirits of those most in need, and left an inspiring legacy to us all. *"Take fresh courage"*—St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15 August

On Friday 15 August the parish will celebrate the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This will be a time to pause and give thanks for Mary, who is blessed amongst women, and to nourish our spirit.

A Vietnamese mass will be held at St Joseph's at 7:30pm, and a mass at St John's is at 7pm.

Please join us for upcoming Parish Events and contact the Parish Office to register:

♦ **Parish Fun Night-Winter Wonderland—16 August**

♦ **Parish Pilgrimage—26 September**

Life Moving On, a Personal Reflection

I moved to the Clifton Hill community, a formation house, on 28 June 2025, marking a new chapter after many years of Salesian life. It has been a journey filled with ups and downs, tireless activity, and hard work, yet always infused with deep joy.

My Salesian journey began at the age of 12, when I entered the Salesian boarding school in Year 7. I remained there through to Year 12. After which, I decided to enter the Novitiate and then became a Salesian brother. I enjoyed the three years of philosophy and university studies in Dalat, followed by two years of practical training at the Novitiate. When I began my theology studies, Vietnam was undergoing a profound transformation – the Communist government had taken control of the South... To adapt to the new circumstances and the experiences in North Vietnam, our superiors sent us out in small groups of three or four to various parishes and economic zones. This arrangement allowed us to stay together as religious secretly. After a few years I realised that I would not be ordained to the priesthood, a dream I had cherished for so long.

I decided to escape from Vietnam and I did so in December 1981. Luckily after a week on the high sea, we were picked up by the Indonesian patrol platforms. They took us to the Galang refugee camp where I met the Australian delegation and in 1982, I was accepted to begin a new life in Australia.

Upon arriving in Australia, I rejoined the Salesian community and began my theological studies. In time, I was ordained a priest, and since then I was sent to serve in various Salesian communities. Eventually I was sent to Clifton Hill, a community with various purposes: a formation house, and the combined parishes of Clifton Hill and Collingwood, where I have many friends, with whom I journey in Faith, Hope and Love... In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus brings us face to face with what is fundamental to our Christian life, our life of relationship with God. He calls us to become rich in His sight, not through material things, but by filling our hands and hearts with all kinds of supernatural, spiritual, and grace-filled goods.

Therefore, in the light of today's Gospel, we can ask ourselves: what do we fill our hearts with? The man in the parable was clear in his pursuit: "Rest, eat, drink, be merry!" (Luke 12:19). But this is not what God expects of His children. Our Lord has not rooted our happiness on inheritances, good meals, the latest model cars, vacations to the most exotic places, country estates, or the comforts of the sofa, beer, or money. Instead, we hold firm to the promise of Don Bosco: Bread and Heaven! That is, the assurance that our needs in this life will be met, and that eternal joy awaits us in the life to come. I am well looked after, both in this world and in the world that is to be.

Fr Anthony Quang sdb