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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:

Sunday at 9:30am

Collections—30-31 Aug 2025:

All collections went towards the annual

Archbishop's Campaign

The Archdiocese thanks you all for your generosity.

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7 September 2025, Year C

For All Those We Remember

Condolences:

We pray for the soul and family of all those who have died recently, especially the fathers and father figures.

Anniversaries:

We pray for the soul of Carmine De Donato, John Francis Kane, Krystal Lanza and Eileen Bennett.

Prayers of Healing

Please remember the following in your prayers: Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Aldo Costanzo, Teresa Boetti, Ruzica Coric, Fr Frank Moloney sdb, Rita Alviano and Peter from the Good Shepherd.

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.

Sacraments at St John's

On Saturday Fr Cassius will celebrate the marriage of Isabel Arjona and Wesley Clarence. We pray for Isabel and Wesley for a life of faith, kindness and respect.

On Sunday Fr Cassius will celebrate the First Communion and Confirmation of Marcus Vaiano. May the Holy Spirit accompany Marcus in his life journey.

Perpetual Profession of Br. Carlos

On Saturday (6 September) at 6pm the parish will come together at St Joseph's for mass and the Perpetual Profession of Salesian Brother Carlos Gusmao. Please join this special occasion if you can to witness Brother Carlos take his final vows, and to pray for his lifelong commitment to God's mission.

Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

If a reader is not available, please step in if you can

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Sep 7				
11am	John Andrews	Lucy Cirona	Michael Black	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Darcy Manickham	Eliza Manickham	Giuliana Alviano
Sep 14				
11am	Sue Smith	John Salamito	Bill Fitzsimons	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Lucy Cirona	Giuliana Alviano	Abigail Berryman	Daniel R/ Rafelina D

National Child Protection Week 7-13 September, 2025

For 30 years now the *National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* have been coordinating *National Child Protection Week* (NCPW) across Australia, in an effort to engage and educate all Australians to understand they have a part to play in keeping our children and young people safe and well.

This week hopes to encourage shifting the conversation into action, in making the changes necessary to help vulnerable and at risk youth.

We can all help to create an environment where there is a strong, focused and sustained culture of child protection—wherever children are.

To learn more and get involved go to: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw/>.

KEEPING CHILDREN
SAFE AND WELL
IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Father's Day

For our fathers and father figures, we pray for a blessed Sunday as they are celebrated by those who are grateful for their love and presence, and who have flourished in life because of them.

We pray to our heavenly Father that the love they give and receive will be ever fruitful and joyful.

Madonna della Sedia Painting is in good hands

The parish painting *Madonna della Sedia* is now with the art restorer for the next two months.

Thank you once again for the funds donated, and to John Andrews for his commitment in making this restoration happen.

150th Anniversary dates at St John's

*History talk, 'It's a wonder it was built at all—Saturday 21 February at 2pm;

*Parish Mass—Friday 27 February at 7.30pm;
*Parish Celebration—Sunday 1 March at 11am.

Please add these special occasions to your diaries if you can join these celebrations, for the anniversary of the laying of the St John's Foundation Stone.

To download this Newsletter, please visit :
<https://olsc.org.au/news-bulletins/>

Whoever Does Not Carry Up His Cross And Follow Me Is Not Worthy Of Being My Disciple

No one can walk two paths at the same time. Life always puts people before choices, and choosing is giving up. Giving up becomes the rule for living and growing. The foetus cannot stay in the mother's womb forever, even though it is a safe and warm place. The baby cannot grow up if it lives on its mother's milk forever. Giving up is often a painful cut, like cutting off a tumor.

Many people do not have the courage to give up, so they are tormented all their lives. In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus said three times: "then you cannot be my disciple." We have become disciples of Jesus, but to continue to be His disciples, we need to put Him above all other values.

Christians grow through choices and renunciations. The center is Jesus, the Son of God. All values become relative before the Absolute. Money and property are values. Parents, wife, children, and family are spiritual values. Life is a superior value. But even those values must be sacrificed when necessary, so that we can choose Jesus, the Value of all values. The martyrs chose like that.

Of course we love our family, we love our friends, we love the earth that supports us, we love the sky that protects us, we love human life with its joys and tears. But we must love everything in God and under God, so that when we have to choose one of the two, we choose God.

Thus, although Christians are attached to creation, they still keep a certain distance, so that they can always live in freedom and peace. The point is to dare to choose and continue to choose, not to let the tower that has been built be unfinished, not to let the progress be stopped.

The point is to dare to go to the end, to continue to be faithful to a Love. We must strip ourselves of bad things, but we must also separate ourselves from the perverted passion for something good: loving it outside of God and above God.

May we untie ourselves day by day, to be free in following Jesus.

Fr Anthony Quang sdb



Pilgrim Day

For those that have registered for the Parish Pilgrim Day to be held on Friday 26 September, there will be reminders closer to the date including where to meet, which is at St Joseph's 46 Otter St, Collingwood.