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The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

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At the Parish of 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.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/commitment-to-the-safety-of-children-and-young-people>

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—13-14 Sep 2025:

St Johns: \$284.70

St Joseph's: \$850.55

Thank you to our parishioners and visitors.

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21 September 2025, Year C

For All Those We Remember

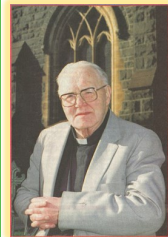
Condolences:

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

Anniversaries:

We pray for the souls of Michele Marcantonio, Carmela De Rango, Teresa Puli and Antonio Iuliano.

On the 25th anniversary of his passing tomorrow, we pray for the soul of Fr Francis Harman.



For many decades Fr Harman was a beloved parish priest at St John's, and he is remembered fondly and lovingly by all who knew him.

So many witnessed his poignant homilies, and received blessed sacraments from Fr Harman over the years.

He was a benevolent, kind and reassuring presence to all, including for the Italian and other new migrant communities.

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 and Fr Frank Moloney

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

Thanksgiving Mass for a diocesan Priest

Newly ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, Rev Tuong Nguyen will celebrate his thanksgiving mass at St Joseph's today at 9am.

We pray for a faithful life of service for Fr Tuong.

Reading Roster

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Sep 21	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group
Sep 28	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	Claire Bradley	Chau Nguyen	Sue Smith / John Salamito	Margaret Amarant
5pm	First Comm'n Group	First Comm'n Group	First Comm'n Group	Rafelina DeDonato

Notice—Pilgrim Day this Friday

For those that have registered for the Parish Pilgrim Day to be held on **this Friday 26 September, please meet at St Joseph's Church at 46 Otter St, Collingwood at 9am** for a 9:30am departure.

We pray for this pilgrimage, that those on this journey are filled with the Holy Spirit and are kept safe.



Anchors of Hope

Today marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year.

We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society.

Reflection question: How might we better support each other to support those doing it tough in our communities and society? *Catholic Social Services Vic*

'A Sunday to Celebrate' from Today

The next 'A Sunday to Celebrate' is today at St John's with refreshments after the 9am, 11am and 5pm services. At St Joseph's this will be held next Saturday 27 September after the 6pm mass.

Please stay if you can for a cordial time amongst parishioners and clergy.

Youth Event next Sunday 28 September

The young people of our parish are invited to a special gathering of celebrating mass, enjoying refreshments and sharing conversation on faith and morals. This event is on next Sunday 28 September at 5pm, St John's, Clifton Hill.

Synodal of Bishops

On the 60th anniversary of the Synod of Bishops, the Secretary General of this Vatican body Cardinal Mario Grech, has encouraged the church to understand the true meaning of synodality—reminding us that Pope Francis defined this as "the privileged way to achieve communion in the Church."

Pope Leo XIV said that he hoped that the 60th anniversary of this body "will inspire a renewed commitment to the unity and mission of the Church".

Who is our Master?

Luke 16:1–13 presents one of Jesus' most puzzling parables – the story of the dishonest manager. At first glance, it seems strange that the master commends the manager's shrewdness. But Jesus is not praising dishonesty; he's highlighting the urgency and cleverness with which worldly people pursue their goals and thus, challenges his followers to be just as intentional in living for God.

As I continued to reflect on this passage, two profound questions arose in my mind: "What happens when we do not have money? And what happens when we do not have God in our lives?"

When we don't have money, especially enough to meet basic needs, the effects ripple through nearly every part of life. It's not just about missing luxuries; it's about survival, dignity, and mental well-being. We feel vulnerable. The world becomes harder to navigate. Choices shrink and dignity can feel threatened. Yet Jesus reminds us that money is not the ultimate measure of worth. It is **a tool, not a master**. And even in scarcity, generosity and faithfulness are possible. This calls to mind the poor widow who offered two small coins – she gave more than all the wealthy combined, because she gave from the heart.

Moreover, when we live without God – whether by choice, neglect, or circumstance – the absence is more than spiritual; it touches every layer of life. We may have wealth, success, and status, but still feel empty. Without God, we lack the compass that guides us toward love, justice, and peace. We may serve money, ambition, or ego, but none of these can satisfy us fully. Jesus warns, "You cannot serve both God and money." The choice is not just about finances, it's about allegiance.

There is no doubt that we live in a world where money is necessary, but it is not ultimate. **The real question isn't whether we have money, but whether money has us.** Do we use it to serve others, or do we let it shape our identity?

Hence, this weekend's Gospel passage calls us to examine our hearts: Are we using what we have – whether little or much – to build God's kingdom? Are we clinging to temporary treasures while neglecting eternal ones?

Fr Cassius Correya SDB

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

You are warmly welcomed to the Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 7.15 to 8.00 pm (except on First Fridays – 6.00 to 7.00 pm). It is a special time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also an opportune time to pray for our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Join us to experience the peace and grace that comes from this encounter with the Lord.