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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 & EFTPOS 20-21 Sep 2025:

St Johns: \$479.35

St Joseph's: \$1,145.85

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28 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 Eliseo Buso, Sheila O'Donnell, Sr Una McAllister and Giovanni Marnelli.

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 and Minh Ho.

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.

Rosary for Peace—Month of October

Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics worldwide to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands in October, the month the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary.

Each Friday in October, except for 3 October, the parish will pray the rosary so we can come together for peace. This will be held at St John's Clifton Hill at 7pm prior to the weekly Eucharistic Adoration.

Baptism today at St John's



On Sunday Fr Cassius will celebrate the Baptism of Maximilia Michaela Bove, and so welcome her into the Catholic Church.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will accompany Maximilia Michaela and her family throughout their life as they grow in love and faith.

Reading Roster

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
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
Oct 5	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	John Andrews	Lucy Cirona	Hugh McGinlay	
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Akkerman Family	Akkerman Family	Rafelina DeDonato

'A Sunday to Celebrate' at St Joseph's

There will be refreshments after our Saturday 6 pm mass at St Joseph's (27 September).

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

Youth Event today 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 today, Sunday 28 September at 5pm at St John's, Clifton Hill.

No Adoration Hour this Friday

Regrettably the Eucharistic Adoration at St John's for this Friday 3 October will not go ahead, as our celebrants will be attending the Salesian Province Day. It will return the following Friday, 10 October.

Papal General Audience

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope," we continue to contemplate the mystery of Holy Saturday. It is the day within the Paschal Mystery when Jesus descends into the realm of the dead to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to all who dwell in darkness. When he makes this descent—which is by no means a defeat—he reveals his radical love for humanity and that death is not the final word. His love is a powerful light that penetrates the thickest darkness to reach our brothers and sisters who seem to be completely lost. This is not only an event of the past, but applies to each of us today. Christ enters our own struggles and touches our deepest sins with his mercy. May this remind us that if we allow Jesus to enter into our own dark places, he is able to create a new life in each of us and we become beacons of hope that radiate the message of salvation for all peoples. *Pope Leo XIV, 24 September 2025, Official website of The Holy See.*

A invitation from a parishioner

The Melbourne Beethoven Orchestra invites you to watch our concert, *Pastoral*, on Saturday 4th October at Werner Brodbeck Hall Scots Church Melbourne. The discount code MBOFRIENDS is available to all members of the OLSC Parish community for 50% off tickets. Tickets are available via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/DEZEO>. We hope to see you there." *Theodore Pham, St Joseph's*

Reality of the World

When I search on the google: How many poor people are there in the world today? The answer is about 700 million Lazarus' in extreme poverty. More than a billion Lazarus' are sick and not cared for. How many people die of hunger every day, because they do not enjoy anything from the fallen tables?

The rich man in the parable saw Lazarus, but it seems as if he did not see Lazarus in the world. Material comforts created a closed wall for him. He lived in a safe and contented space resulting in an island of separation.

One time Pope John Paul II wished that he had the money spent on the Apollo mission, so that he could feed all the poor in the world; and with just 40 billion dollars from a wealthy person, the United Nations could spend enough on basic education, health, clean water and sanitation for the whole world for a long time.

When we look at the gap between the rich and Lazarus, we see the real picture of the world. The gap between the rich and the poor in urban areas, and the gap between urban and rural areas, is getting wider and wider.

Hell is an irreversible self-isolation. The chasm that separates people in the next life is created by people themselves in this life.

The rich man was punished, not because he exploited anyone, but because he was not shocked at all by the terrible difference between him and Lazarus. From shock comes awakening and leads to conversion.

Many rich countries still help poor countries, but do not want to eliminate inequality. Poor countries are still exploited for resources, labour, and enslaved by debts that can never be paid off.

The rich man was punished not because he received much, but because he did not share what he received. Being rich is not a sin, wealth is not evil. There are many good rich people like Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea that are mentioned in the gospels. However, wealth can lead to dangerous temptations: hoarding, greed, stinginess, isolation, complacency, enjoyment, obsession with money, fascination with profit, etc.

We can be poor in wealth, but rich in other ways: rich in professional knowledge, rich in influence, rich in health, rich in friendship and love, rich in joy, rich in God's grace. *Fr Anthony Quang sdb*

Food Outreach at St Joseph's 4 October

The Matautia family, rich in generosity, are again cooking warm meals and serving them to those in need. The next outreach is next Saturday, 4 October at 3pm, from St Joseph's. Please join them if you can on the day,

