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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 25-26 October 2025:

St John's: \$541.10

St Joseph's: \$888.20

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

All Souls Day 2 November 2025 Year C

For All Those We Remember

Condolences: We pray for the souls and families of all those who have died recently, and for all souls, on this day of The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day).

Anniversaries: We pray for the soul of Josefa Vilchez.

Mass Intentions: We pray for the souls of Giorgio Salvatore, Giorgio Giuseppe, Sestito Angela, Nocita Donato, Liberata Donato, Nida Gabing, Maria Nguyen Thi Chau, Jesus Tran Xuan Hoa, Phero Huynh Thi Hien, Ida Misurelli, Dawn Carter, and all the deceased benefactors of St John's Benefactors of St John's.

November for All Souls

During November, the month the Catholic Church dedicates to All Souls, our Parish will hold a memorial mass in memory of the recently deceased. Everyone is welcome to join the mass to pray for all the deceased.

This mass will be held at St John's on Friday 28 November at 7:30pm.

There will also be a shrine set up during the month at St John's and St Joseph's for deceased loved ones so please include photos of them if you wish.

Anyone wanting to offer a mass for deceased loved ones during this month please contact the parish office.



Prayers of Healing

Please pray for Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Aldo Costanzo, Teresa Boetti, Ruzica Coric, Fr Frank Moloney, and Greg Andrews.

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.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Nov 2	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	John Andrew	Claire O'Keefe	Michael Black	Margaret Amarant
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Akkerman Family	Akkerman Family	Rafelina DeDonato
Nov 9	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	Michael Black	Chau Nguyen	Hugh McGinlay	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Manickham Familu	Manickham Familu	Giuliana Alviano

Mass Change and Diaconate—22 Nov

On Saturday 22 November there will be **no mass** at St Joseph's at 6pm, as the parish will come together at St John's for the Ordination into the Diaconate of Br Afia Enosa one of the Salesian of Don Bosco Seminary students at Clifton Hill.

Please join this special occasion if you can to witness Br Afia be ordained as Deacon, and to pray for him as he commits to liturgical and pastoral services as a minister of the Church.

No Eucharistic Adoration this Friday

We regret there will be no Eucharistic Adoration at St John's this Friday 7 November.

Weddings at St John's

On Saturday at St John's Fr Cassius will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage for Stephanie Di Donato and Jandale Karylle Canta.

May Stephanie and Jandale enjoy a life full of faith in the Lord and with the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Letter from the Archbishop

"In this Year of the Jubilee—a sacred time of mercy, renewal, and reconciliation—the Church is called to a deep and humble work of reparation. As the body of Christ, we acknowledge the wounds within our community and the profound suffering endured by survivors of child sexual abuse, and the shared hurt of their loved ones. Through prayer and lament, we stand before God in truth and hope, asking that His grace bring healing to what has been broken.

I invite all who have been affected and impacted by abuse and violence across Archdiocese to join in a **Prayer Service of Lament on 12 November 2025**, in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral.

The gathering expresses our shared lament for the abuse that has occurred, as well as our commitment to those who have suffered abuse within the Church in our ongoing journey of reverent listening and repentance. Survivors and their loved ones will be at the heart of this Service. Through word, ritual, and music, we will pray for all who have suffered and for the continued conversion of our Church."

Archbishop Peter Comensoli, 30 October 2025

Together in Prayer, Hope and Grace

Psalm 8 is a profound testament to God's care for humanity. In verse 5, the psalmist marvels at the dignity bestowed upon human beings:

You made us a little lower
than *you yourself* [the angels],
and you have crowned us
with glory and honour.

This echoes the foundational truth in Genesis:

"God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

Such biblical passages affirm that human beings are not created for oblivion, but for communion with God. Like the angels, we are spiritual beings destined for eternal life beyond this earthly existence.

The Feast of All Saints invites us to remember and celebrate those men and women who, in their unique vocations and circumstances, sought to reflect the image of their Creator. Though marked by human frailty, they placed God at the centre of their lives and became vessels of His love and mercy. Their lives inspire us to live with purpose and dignity. The miracles attributed to their intercession remind us that they remain alive in Christ, interceding for us from heaven.

Not all who lived holy and faithful lives have been formally canonised. The Church, in her wisdom, sets aside All Souls' Day to remember all the departed faithful. Some may not have lived heroically, and many may have struggled in their journey of faith. Yet, we entrust them to God's infinite mercy, praying that they may behold the beatific vision – eternal communion with God. As we pray for those who have gone before us, we are strengthened in faith, joining St Paul in the conviction that, since Jesus died and rose again, "God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep" (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

These two feasts remind us that we are part of a living spiritual family: those in heaven, those still journeying on earth, and those being purified in God's love. Together, we are united in prayer, hope, and grace. We venerate the saints and seek their prayers, while also praying for the souls of the departed, confident in God's mercy.

Ultimately, this sacred time calls us to live according to God's creative and redemptive will, striving for holiness and peace with one another, so that we may one day share in the eternal joy of God's presence.

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