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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: Please 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 15-16 November 2025:

St Johns: \$309.60

St Joseph's: \$855.40

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

Christ the King 23 November 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 Maria DeRango and Alfred McLeod.

Mass Intentions: We pray for the souls of Nikolaj Prezelj and Marija Gabriella Prezelj.



Memorial Mass this Friday 28 Nov

During November, the month that 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 this mass to honour and pray for all the deceased.

This will be held at St John the Baptist Church Clifton Hill, this Friday 28 November at 7:30pm.

Prayers of Healing

Please pray for Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Aldo Costanzo, Teresa Boetti, Ruzica Coric 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.

Sacraments Today

Please pray for a faith filled life for those receiving Sacraments today at our Parish—

Baby Natalie Summer Morrison will receive the Sacrament of Baptism from Fr Peter Hoang SDB today at St Joseph's; and at St John's Fr Cassius will celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation for Chelsea Parker.



Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Nov 23	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	John Andrews	Susan Smith/ John Salamito	Susan Smith/ John Salamito	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Salesian Youth Club	Salesian Youth Club	Salesian Youth Club	Salesian Youth Club
Nov 30	If a reader is not available, please step in if you can			
11am	Claire O'Keeffe	Chan Nguyen	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Marita Quinn	Clotilde Berryman	Abigail Berryman	Rafelina DeDonato

Congratulations to Deacon Afia SDB

At our Vigil Mass at St John's on Saturday (22 Nov) Brother Afia Enosa SDB will be ordained into the Order of the Diaconate.

Dear Deacon Afia,

As you commit to liturgical and pastoral service for the Catholic Church, may you be guided by your deep faith and the Holy Spirit in your ministry.

Food Outreach Saturday 29 November

Please join Wayne Matautia and his family as they once again provide warm home cooked meals to those in need. The next Food Outreach is Saturday 29 November from 3pm, at St Joseph's Collingwood.

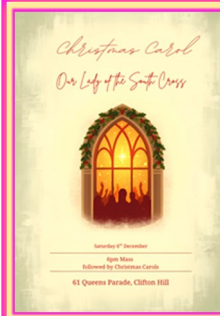
Our Parish is grateful to you Matautia family, for your Food Outreach again this year as you continue to live the gospel of love and justice.

We invite the Joseph's School Community to a Family Mass and then Supper, on Saturday 29 November at 6pm at St Joseph's.

Reconciliation Friday 5 December

Our Advent Reconciliation and Reflection will be held at St John's on Friday 5 December at 7pm.

Please share in this close encounter with the Lord during this season of Advent, as we prepare and wait for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.



Please join the merry Parish Christmas Carols on Saturday 6 December at 7:30pm, at St John's Clifton Hill. This will follow the usual 6pm Mass.

There will be carols sung together in English, Italian, Vietnamese and Samoan, as we celebrate the Christmas season as a multicultural and vibrant community.

ADVENT

Advent Sundays	St Joseph's & St John's	*4 Sundays: 30 Nov, 7,14 & 21 Dec. Normal Services
Reconciliation & Reflection	*St John's *St Joseph's	*Friday 5 December at 7pm (English) *Friday 19 December at 7pm (Vietn.)
Christmas Carols — Parish	*St John's	* Saturday 6 December at 7.30pm After the normal 6pm Vigil mass
Christmas Carols — Nursing Home	*Little Sisters of the Poor.	* Saturday 13 December at 2:30pm If you wish to join, please contact the Office.

Please see the noticeboard for the full Advent and Christmas calendar

A Disguised King



Most of us have seen depictions of Jesus seated on a throne, scepter in hand, and a golden crown upon his head. Yet this imagery does not truly reflect the Jesus we encounter in the Gospels. There is no doubt that he is a King. From the outset of his ministry, he proclaimed that the Kingdom of God was at hand, and near the end of his earthly life, when Pilate asked if he was the King

of the Jews, he did not deny it.

During his earthly life, Jesus did not reign from a royal palace clothed in kingly robes; rather, like a shepherd, he walked alongside people from every walk of life, addressing their concerns and guiding them toward building a kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

Interestingly, in this weekend's Gospel passage, Jesus appears as a seemingly helpless king, crucified between two criminals. Yet from the cross, this hidden King offers to all people three profound lessons.

In the first place, this King lays down his life for his people, enduring the most excruciating physical torment. He knows the reality of human suffering and pain. Yet, from that place of agony, he teaches the world that it is possible to forgive those who hurt you.

Secondly, this King reveals the strength of silence in the face of opposition. When those around him mocked and jeered, he did not seek to prove his true identity: "Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers; all things were created through him and for him." To all who encounter hostility, he demonstrates that sometimes silence is the most powerful response.

Finally, this King reveals the deep longing for intimate relationship. To the one who recognised his authority, he gave the assurance that he would be with him in paradise. The ultimate purpose of Jesus' life is to awaken in people a desire to dwell in the presence of God within His kingdom.

Fr Cassius Correya SDB

