



## Clergy & Staff

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St John the Baptist Community

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St Joseph's Catholic Church Community

46 Otter Street, Collingwood;

School Tel: 9419 4918; Principal: Matthew Shawcross

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd

St Heliers Street, Abbotsford Tel: 9417 2909

## 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](mailto: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](http://olsc.org.au/baptisms).

**St Joseph's** Contact the parish office.

**Marriage:** Booking form: [olsc.org.au/weddings](http://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 Donations—23-24 Aug 2025:**

All collections went towards the annual

Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to all parishioners and visitors

*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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 31 August 2025, Year C

## For All Those We Remember

**Condolences:**

We pray for the soul and family of all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:**

We pray for the soul of Frank Di Marzio.

## 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.

## Wedding at St John's

On Saturday 30 August at St John the Baptist Church, Fr Cassius celebrates the sacrament of marriage of Laura Santilli and Christian Persano.

May the union of Laura and Christian be always blessed with God's love, and filled with joy.

## No 6pm mass Saturday 6 September at St John's

Due to the Perpetual Profession of our Salesian Brother Carlos Gusmao at St Joseph's at 6pm on 6 September, there will be no mass at St John's that evening.

Please join this special occasion at St Joseph's to support Br Carlos in his lifelong commitment.

## Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Aug 31				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Akkerman Family	Akkerman Family	Akkerman Family	Rafelina D or Daniel R
Sep 7				
11am	John Andrews	Lucy Cirona	Michael Black	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Darcy Manickham	Eliza Manickham	Giuliana Alviano

## Adoration and Prayer for Vocations



Prayer for personal discernment or praying for others who are discerning their way in life, will be held next at St John's this Friday 5 September at 6pm. All are welcome.

Fr Brian Ahern sdb

## Pilgrimage Friday 26 September

Many of our parishioners are joining the Parish Pilgrim Day and so we are happily hiring a second vehicle. Today is the final day to register and the forms are at the back of the church.

A reminder our journey will take us to the Pilgrim Places of St Mary Magdalen in Trentham, and then back to Melbourne to visit St Mary Star of the Sea in West Melbourne, with a lunch picnic in between at Lakes Daylesford.

Please join the pilgrimage if you can, to journey together as pilgrims of hope during this Jubilee year.

Please return your form and payment (\$15 for a lunch and water) to Fr Cassius or Rafelina De Donato if you see them today, or call the parish office to make an arrangement.

Pick up and drop off is from St Joseph's Catholic Church at 46 Otter St Collingwood.

## Archbishop's Campaign

Every year the archdiocese asks parishes to support their vital ministries.

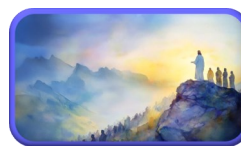
For one last weekend this weekend, the parish collections will go to this unified campaign that will bring God's love to our communities.

For more information please see the poster on the notice board; and you are also welcome to call the parish office to talk about who this initiative hopes to reach and help. More info is also at:

[melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign).

*"Go out to all the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation."*

Mark 16:15



## The Path of the Kingdom: Walking Humbly and Welcoming the Unknown

Using the setting of a Sabbath meal at a Pharisee's house (Luke 14:1, 7-14), Jesus delivers a profound twofold teaching on humility and hospitality that challenges social norms and spiritual priorities. Truly, he is not just offering etiquette tips for dinner parties; he is revealing the kind of character that aligns with the Kingdom of God.

Jesus begins by flipping the script on status. In a culture obsessed with honour and recognition, he says: "For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). This is more than a social advice; it is spiritual truth. Humility isn't a sign of weakness; it is strength held in surrender. The truly humble know that their worth isn't defined by titles or applause, but by being fully known and deeply loved by God.

Then Jesus turns to the host and says something radical: "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind... and you will be blessed" (Luke 14:13-14). For Jesus, true hospitality isn't transactional. It is generous, inclusive, and sacrificial. It reflects God's heart – a God who welcomes the outsider, feeds the hungry, and makes room for the forgotten and homeless.

As we mark Social Justice Sunday, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, SDB, offers this heartfelt reminder on behalf of Australia's Bishops:

*"Many Australians find it embarrassing, uncomfortable or even confronting to see homeless people on the streets; but we encourage all who are baptised to, instead, offer loving friendship to people on the edge of society. Instead of walking by and not noticing the plight of our neighbours, pay attention to them and their plight, listen to their stories, and serve them with the love we learn from Jesus."*

This way of living – marked by humility, hospitality, and compassion – is not forgotten. As Jesus assures us, such acts will be repaid "when the virtuous rise again." That's not just poetic language. It is a reminder that the values of heaven often look upside-down to the world, but they are the ones that endure.

Hence, being humble and hospitable isn't just good; it's eternal. It is living now in a way that echoes forever.

Fr Cassius Correya SDB

## Social Justice Sunday Today

As meaningfully expressed in today's reflection above, Social Justice Sunday is a reminder to act on our beliefs. This year the focus is on reaching out to the many in Australia who are homeless, and to those suffering with mental ill-health; and often these people are one and the same, and are forgotten.

Part of Catholic Social Teaching is to uphold the dignity of every person.

To learn more visit: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>