



## Contacts

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46 Otter Street, Collingwood;

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**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:**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday** at 9:30am

**Collections & EFTPOS Donations—2-3 August 2025:**

**St John the Baptist Church:** \$674.90

**St Joseph's Catholic Church:** \$855.10

*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.*

# Parsh of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10 August 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 Pietro Tascone and Enrico di Blasio.

## Prayers of Healing

Please remember the following in your prayers: Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Mario Misurelli, Rosa Presta, Rachel Bartolo, Aldo Costanzo, Teresa Boetti, Dianne Cilia, Ruzica Coric, Fr Frank Moloney sdb and Rita Alviano.

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.

## Parish Pilgrimage-26 September

A reminder about our Parish Pilgrimage day trip on Friday 26 September. We will visit two churches that were chosen as *Pilgrim Places*, and also have a picnic lunch at Lake Daylesford.

Registration forms will be available in church from next weekend.

## Baptisms at St John's

The parish welcomes Dolly Frankie Mete and Gigi Emma Mete, and Madelyne Kersha Walsh, to the Catholic Church at St John's on Sunday when they will receive the sacrament of Baptism from Fr Cassius.



We pray for a faith filled, protected and peaceful life for these children and their families.

## Reading Roster—St John the Baptist

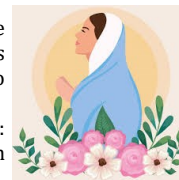
Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
Aug 10				
11am	Hugh McGinlay	Bill Fitzsimons	Jeanette Conway	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Marita Quinn	Marie Ryan	Giuliana Alviano
Aug 17				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group	Youth Group

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— 15 August

On Friday 15 August the parish will celebrate the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This will be a time to pause and give thanks for Mary, who is blessed amongst women, and to nourish our spirit.

Masses will be held at:  
St Joseph's Collingwood—7:30pm  
St John's Clifton Hill—7pm.



## Archbishop's Campaign

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

From next weekend for three weekends, the parish collections will go to this unified campaign that will bring God's love to our communities.

There will be more information than about the charities we as a Catholic Church hope to help.

## Parish Winter Wonderland—16 August

A reminder our parish annual fun night will be next Saturday 16 August at St Joseph's Hall in Collingwood.

Please join an evening of delicious food from our diverse community, faithful company, groovy dancing and singing, and the iconic limbo dance.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to join this festive occasion that will begin with an opening prayer of grace.

## Artwork Restoration

We have three important paintings in St John's Church, all in need of restoration. We are engaging Helen Gill, art conservator to undertake this work. The first painting is the copy of the *Madonna of the Seda* by Raphael (Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino).

The restoration work will cost just over \$4000 including restoration, transporting the painting and rehanging. So far we have raised \$3400 through sales of our history and donations.

If you can make a donation towards the remaining cost, work on the restoration can commence. Please leave your donation in the area at the back of the church or send it to the office. Thanks for helping to preserve our historic church and its artworks.

John Andrews

## Homegrown

Proud and obsessed with her vegetable garden, walking into the house beaming with satisfaction with an armful of fresh produce, Grandma invariably would break into her mantra. "Home-grown is better, because there is something of you in them." Seven decades on, I am not yet enamoured by Brussels sprouts, but I still cannot disjoin the wisdom of an illiterate grandma and of Mary MacKillop, the ordinary woman who plunged herself obsessively with courage and trust of faith into her home ground and transformed it into the amazing fruitfulness of today.

The proclamation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's sanctity on 17 October 2010, was not just an addition of another name into the millennial register of saints of the Christian tradition. September 8 is a proud day for us 'Down Under' as we rejoice in the memory of our of our first canonised saint but for the energy released into this Great Southern Land by that declaration. That proclamation is the official sanction by the Church of the power of culture to express and realise in itself God's plan in the concrete reality of time and place. Mary MacKillop was and will always be a home-grown product of Australia, a country that will always bear in its spirituality and purpose the very cultural and spiritual DNA of Mary. She is, a beacon of Christian and human enculturation to our country, the "something of your own" and "home-grown is better, because there is something of you in them."

Transcending time and space, faith is always and only realised in a living-active relationship with our God within the human situation and the categories of time and space where we are. Saints are not super humans, but human beings who in their full humanity and in their cultural, social, religious and psychological milieu incarnated three fundamental dimensions that support every human and spiritual experience: *wisdom, awareness and commitment*. Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1) *lived fired by the awareness of God's Spirit* stirring within the ordinary yet critical reality of nineteenth century Australia, (2) *accepting God's presence* in the most insignificant and often tragic personal and social experiences of her life, and through her life and deeply human presence, (3) *she committed herself to reveal this full life and divine love* for the full humanisation and redemption of those who needed it most. It was through a radical and fearless immersion in the human situation that she acknowledged, discovered and acted upon the conviction of God's eternal presence and love for her and for the whole world. For Mary, God was in whomever and wherever, particularly when humanity was at its lowest ebb and in greatest need.

Yes, "home-grown is better" because Mary of the Cross not only lived our socio-cultural and religious experience, and incarnated divine presence in and through our very culture, but also by bringing God to bear on who we are as individuals and as a nation in the here and now. Yes, Mary MacKillop is the blue print and energy for fulfilment in this country in the words she bequeathed to us, "Never see a need without trying to do something about it."

Fr Peter Varengo sdb