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We welcome any suggestions or comments from our Parishioners.
 It helps us to help our Parish.

Church Communities:

St John the Baptist Community

61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill; Tel: 9481 7333

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 need or would like a pastoral visit with Fr Cassius, or one of the Salesians of Don Bosco seminarians, please contact the Parish office.

For Urgent Pastoral Need Call: 0401 887 115

Mass Times:

St John the Baptist:

Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am, Saturday at 8.30am.

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.

Sacramental Reception:

Baptism: Booking form is at: olsc.org.au/baptisms.

St John's: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month—12pm.

St Joseph's: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month during Sunday

9am Vietnamese mass, or call the Parish Office.

Marriage: Booking form is at: olsc.org.au/weddings.

Reconciliation: Fridays 7:15pm—8:00pm except for 1st

Friday of the month—Adoration Hour 6pm-7pm.

Holy Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation: Please contact the Parish office.

Collections & EFTPOS 16-17 May 2026:

St Johns: \$878.70 | St Joseph's: \$864.95

Thank you for your offerings and donations.

These help sustain and support our Parish gospel mission.

Safeguarding:

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>.

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.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY 23-24 MAY YEAR A

For All Those We Remember

Condolences: We pray for the souls and families of all those who have recently died.

Anniversaries: We pray for the souls and families of Sr Dorothy Maher, Joseph Pham, Barbara Sullivan, Angelo Addamo, and Cristina De Rango.



Prayers For Healing

Please pray for Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Rachel Bartolo, Teresa Boetti, Ruzica Coric, Greg Andrews, and Paul Sutherland.

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.

Wedding at St John's

Isabella Mazzeo and Anthony Michael Capuano celebrate their sacrament of marriage on Saturday 23 May. Please pray for a loving and faith-filled union for this couple.



Isabella's grandparents, long-time members of the Italian Community at our Parish, and her parents, were also married at St John's.

Our Bible Reflection Continues

You are warmly invited to join our weekly Scripture sessions every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Our new host, Fr Peter Varengo SDB, will be guiding us through *Lectio Divina*—a reflective way of reading the Bible as a way of praying.

Giving Warmth

A gentle reminder that our Parish is collecting winter items to give to those in need, at our next Food Outreach at St Joseph's. If you wish to donate new socks, scarves, beanies, and/or gloves, please place items in the basket at the back of the each church. Thank you for the generous giving of winter woolies received so far.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
PENTECOST SUNDAY				
May 24 11am	Our Lady Feast Day confirmed readers and ministers			
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY				
May 31 11am	Samoan Comm.	Samoan Comm.	Samoan Comm.	Samoan Comm.
5pm	Clotilde Berryman	Abigail Berryman	Abigail Berryman	Giuliana Alviano

Happy Feast Day of the Parish

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we also honour our patron saint, Our Lady of the Southern Cross and Help of Christians, this Sunday 24 May at the 11am Mass at St John's.

This will be a joyful whole-Parish celebration, including our Italian, Vietnamese, and Samoan communities.

Let us come together to honour our Blessed Mother and share a fellowship meal after Mass as one Parish family.

Mass Changes Sunday 24 May

A reminder that there will be only one Parish mass on Sunday, 24 May

for our Feast Day at St John's at 11am.

There will be no 9am Italian Mass, and 5pm English Mass at St John's;

and no 9am Vietnamese Mass at St Joseph's.

Joey's Testimony

Starting my journey into the Catholic faith, I prayed to find a church where I truly belonged.

Those prayers were answered through the warm welcome I received from Virginia, Father Cassius, and the whole community at St John the Baptist Church.

I have felt nothing but love and kindness and now feel truly valued as part of the Catholic family.



Food Outreach

Food Outreach this month will be held at our Feast Day Sunday 24 May.

We have put up posters for those in need to join us for a warm meal after the mass, so please let us all make them feel welcomed and supported.

May-July 2026 Parish Events Calendar

The next three months of our calendar can now be viewed on the noticeboard at the back of our churches. You also view the full calendar on the Parish website at www.olsc.org.au. Please try to keep important dates free if you can to allow you, your family and friends to participate in Parish life.

A heartfelt thanks to our sacristans, altar servers, lectors, special ministers, musicians, collectors, pastoral council, finance committee, ministries, and all volunteers who through service nurture our mission.

The Spirit moves us to Reconcile

Most of us have watched little children get into a fight and then, moments later, they are playing together again as if nothing happened. Children have an extraordinary capacity to reconcile quickly. We too would have done the same as little children.

Yet as we grow older, reconciliation becomes far more difficult. We begin to hold onto hurt, disappointment, and resentment. Wounds can linger for years, and relationships can become strained or broken. What once seemed natural now requires effort, humility, and grace. For grownups, reconciliation is an intentional act of the heart.

This weekend's Gospel reminds us that reconciliation is not something we accomplish through human effort alone. When the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples, he breathed the Holy Spirit upon them and entrusted them with the ministry of forgiveness and peace. In that powerful moment, Jesus revealed that reconciliation is ultimately a gift from God – a grace made possible through the Spirit working within us.

The disciples themselves understood fear, failure, and division. They had abandoned Jesus in his darkest hour, yet the first gift he offered them after the Resurrection was peace. Instead of condemnation, Christ offered healing. Instead of punishment, he offered a new beginning. His example challenges us to do the same in our own lives.

In today's world, the call to reconciliation is more urgent than ever. We see conflict between nations, divisions within communities, tension within families, and struggles even within our own hearts. The witness of reconciliation stands as a powerful sign of hope in our present world. Every time we choose to forgive rather than retaliate, to apologise rather than defend ourselves, to listen rather than judge, and to begin again after failure, we become signs of God's peace and mercy in a world yearning for wholeness.

As Australians, Reconciliation Week invites us to reflect deeply on this calling. It is a time to honour the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the traditional custodians of this land, and to acknowledge the painful histories that continue to shape our nation. It is also an opportunity to commit ourselves anew to truth, justice, healing, and respectful relationships.

For the Church, reconciliation is not simply a social or political responsibility – it is a Gospel responsibility! Our faith calls us to be people who build bridges rather than walls, who seek understanding rather than division, and who work for healing wherever wounds exist.

As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and our Parish Feast Day, we pray for the grace to become instruments of reconciliation in our homes, our communities, and our nation.

Fr Cassius Correya SDB