



Parish Clergy & Staff:

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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 7pm-8pm.

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

Collections & EFTPOS 30-31 May 2026:

St John's: \$747.20 St Joseph's: \$817.80

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.

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 6-7 JUNE YEAR A

For All Those We Remember

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

Anniversaries: We pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Mass Intentions: We pray for the souls and family of Anna and Filippo Patane.



Prayers For Healing

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

Parish Sacramental Preparation 2026

First Communion:

*Preparation: Each Sunday during the 5pm mass at St John's followed by a discussion, beginning Sunday 7 June 2026 up until 9 August 2026.

*Sacrament date: Sunday 16 August 2026 during the 5pm mass at St John's.

Confirmation:

*Preparation: Details to be notified soon.

*Sacrament date: Saturday 10 October 2026 during the 6pm mass at St Joseph's.

Reach Out and Give Life

This week, you are invited to partner with *Catholic Mission* and the Church in Malawi (SE Africa) as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are "One in Christ, United in Mission".

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. *Cath Mission*



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

If you can help please use an envelope provided at the back of the church, or see other ways to give above or on the noticeboard.

We warmly welcome *Catholic Mission* province director (Vic/Tas) **Cruz Ignatius** who has offered to give a brief talk to Parishioners, and we are thankful he can attend the 11am mass Sunday (7 June) at St John's.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
7 June	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST			
11am	Bill Fitzsimons	Gabrielle McMullen	Gabrielle McMullen	Gabrielle McMullen
5pm	Giuliana Alviano	Vince Alviano	Vince Alviano	Rafelina DeDonato
14 June	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Hugh McGinlay	John Andrews	John Andrews	Bill Fitzsimons
5pm	Eliza Manickman	Salesian Youth Club	Salesian Youth Club	Daniel Ryan

Corpus Christi: Broken to Make Whole

If there is one word that describes our world today, it is **brokenness**. We see broken individuals struggling with loneliness, anxiety, and despair. We see broken families wounded by conflict and separation. We witness broken communities divided by prejudice, broken nations torn apart by war, a broken economy that leaves many behind, and even a broken creation suffering from environmental degradation and climate crises.

The readings of today deepen this theme of brokenness and wholeness. In the **first reading from Deuteronomy**, Moses reminds the Israelites of their difficult journey through the wilderness. Hunger, uncertainty, and dependence on God taught them that God does not abandon His people in their struggles; rather, He nourishes and forms them through them.

In the **second reading**, Saint Paul teaches that the cup we bless and the bread we break are a sharing in the Blood and Body of Christ. Though we are many and often divided by our weaknesses and differences, the Eucharist makes us one body, healing our fragmentation and drawing us into communion.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus declares, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven," offering His flesh for the life of the world. Christ does not merely sympathize with human brokenness; He gives Himself as food, breaking Himself so that humanity may have life, healing, and eternal communion with God.

Our natural instinct is to avoid brokenness. We protect ourselves from pain and seek security and comfort. No one wants to be hurt. No one wants to be broken. Yet the Feast of Corpus Christi reveals a God who responds to brokenness in a completely different way.

Throughout Scripture, God works through broken situations. Joseph's life was shattered by betrayal, yet God used it to save a nation. Israel was broken by slavery, yet God led them to freedom. Jerusalem was devastated by exile, yet God promised a new covenant from the ruins. Again and again, God enters broken human history and transforms it.

This reaches its fullest expression in Jesus Christ. The Son of God enters a wounded world and walks among the sick, the poor, the excluded, and the sinners. He does not avoid broken people; He identifies with them. He experiences betrayal, loneliness, rejection, suffering, and death. He becomes one with humanity in its woundedness.

At the Last Supper, Jesus takes bread, blesses it, **breaks** it, and says, "This is my body." The breaking of the bread reveals the meaning of His life and death. Christ sees the brokenness of the world and chooses to break Himself for its healing. On the Cross, He gathers into Himself the brokenness of every human heart, every family, every society, and even creation itself. His body is broken and His blood is poured out so that what is wounded may be restored.

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The Eucharist, therefore, is not merely a sacrament to be received but a way of life to be imitated. As Saint Augustine said, "**Become what you receive.**" We may not be called to shed our blood, but we are called to give ourselves. A mother caring for a sick child, a father sacrificing for his family, a teacher guiding a struggling student, a volunteer serving the poor, or a person choosing forgiveness over resentment; all become "broken bread" for others.

The world is healed not by people who protect themselves at all costs, but by people willing to love sacrificially. The broken Bread of the Eucharist sends us into a broken world with a mission: to become agents of healing, reconciliation, and hope.



Christ saw the brokenness of the world and broke Himself in love. As His disciples, we are called to do the same, so that through us God may make whole what is broken.

Fr Bharath Jeyaraj SDB

St Gioan Hoan Feast Day 7 June

This Sunday at St Joseph's at the 9am Mass, the St Joan Hoan Community will have a double celebration!

The Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement (**Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể**, often abbreviated as TNTT), is a Vietnamese Catholic youth group that is centered around the Eucharist, or the body and blood of Jesus. The main focus of TNTT is "Live God's Word and be united with the Eucharistic Christ through Prayer, Communion, Sacrifice, and Apostolic Work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, particularly apostolic work by the youth: *the youth must do apostolic work first and directly to youth.*

The group's purpose is to teach the Catholic youths how to become virtuous people and better Christians. Along with this is also, strengthening their Catholic faith, through the development of leadership, numerous community services, national conferences, and various games, lessons, and activities.

We will also celebrate the Feast of St John Hoan (feast day is 26th May), patron of St Joan Hoan Community.

Saints John Đọan Trinh Hoan was a Vietnamese priest who suffered in the persecutions of Emperor Tự Đức. He was a martyr of Viet Nam, one of an estimated 300,000 Vietnamese martyrs. John Hoan was born in 1798 in Thừa Thiên, Việt Nam; he belonged to a rich Christian family, which already had priests and martyrs. He studied at the Penang seminary and was ordained a priest in 1836, when he was nearly forty years old. After ordination he went back to Việt Nam and worked with zeal in all the districts where he was sent, noted for his gift of advice and his ability to solve disputes. He had to live in hiding because of the persecution, but despite all this he took care of the education of the youngest and the catechesis of children from which many religious vocations emerged. He was arrested in 1861 and sent to jail where he was tortured and interrogated; he was beheaded on May 26, 1861 during the government of King Tự Đức. Pope John Paul II canonized him on 19th of June 1988.

You are all welcome to attend this special celebration at St Joseph's Collingwood. The main celebrant is Bishop Thinkh Nguyen. We will commence with a procession at 8:45am followed by Mass at 9am. Xuân Hùng