



Parish Clergy & Staff:

Fr Cassius Correya sdb (Parish Priest)
 Fr Peter Varengo sdb (Assistant Priest)
 Fr John Gandini sdb (Assisting Priest)
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Parish Office:

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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 6-7 June 2026:

St John's: \$552.40 St Joseph's: \$765.45

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13-14 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 Daphne Frances Curtis, Shirley and John Ryan, Sr Catherine Skehan, Michele Del Medico, Noel Smith, Wendy Wilding, and Luciano Pretotto.



Mass Intentions: We pray for the Benefactors of St John's and St Joseph's.

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 at 4pm in the Parish Hall at St John's, 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 vigil mass at St Joseph's.

Baptism at St John's



Let us pray for Elijah Benson Owen who is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism from Fr John Murphy SDB this Sunday at St John's.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
14 June				
11am	Hugh McGinlay	John Andrews	John Andrews	Bill Fitzsimons
5pm	Eliza Manickman	Salesian Youth Club	Salesian Youth Club	Daniel Ryan
21 June	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Samoa Comm.	Samoa Comm.	Samoa Comm.	Samoa Comm.
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Rita Alviano	Rita Alviano	Marita Quinn

Many Happy Returns Fr Anthony

Warmest wishes to you Fr Anthony Quang SDB on the occasion of your birthday!

We pray that the Lord gives you good health and fills your heart with His peace and joy.

We thank God for the gift of your vocation which has become a blessing for us Parishioners.

God bless

St John the Baptist Helpers

The Feast Day of St John the Baptist on Wednesday 24 June is approaching. The usual 9:15am mass and an evening mass at 7pm will celebrate the patron saint of our Clifton Hill church.

On the Sunday after that day on 28 June, we invite you all to stay on after the 9am, 11am and 5pm services at St John's for refreshments.

For this we need volunteers to help set up and host. If you are able to contribute, please call Rafelina or Virginia at the Parish Office on 9481 7333 or email them at office@olsc.org.au.

Teen Youth Mass

We invite our Parish teens to our next Teen Youth Mass at St John's this Sunday 14 June at 5pm.

After mass there will be refreshments and conversation about faith.

Bible Reflection

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

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

Winter Woolies

A gentle reminder that our Parish is still collecting winter items to give out to those in need at our next Food Outreach which will be at St Joseph's on Saturday 27 July at 3:30pm.

If you are able to and wish to donate new socks, scarves, beanies, and/or gloves, please place items at the back of the each church in the basket provided.

We are grateful for the items received so far which will give warmth to those who need it.

Called and Sent by Name

Our name impinges deeply on our psyche, identifying and affecting our very self-image by breaking down the barriers and masks that we carry and inviting us into a powerful personal relationship. To the semitic mind knowing a person's name is to enter so deeply into that person's life as to possess and sharing totally that person's life.

In today's Gospel narrative, Jesus calls a potpourri of would-be followers by individual and personal names, ordinary people out of their ordinary life, and into a deeply personal relationship as they are. Faith and discipleship imply accepting that we are called by name into a personal relationship with our God, just as we are, not because of personal achievement or claims, but simply because this is the gratuitous way God wants it to be for each and all of us. God calls us by name into relationship by addressing broken and whimsical people as his "friends" and his "little children," even if one openly "betrayed him and in the end "they all deserted him" (Mk14:51).

Have we ever stopped to reflect on God's pronouncement through the ancient prophet, "I have called you by your name; you are mine?" (Is 43:1). Whoever we may think we are, whatever our heart may hold or memory may bring to consciousness, as believers we are people who are loved intensely by our God, simply because God thinks we are loveable as we are. God knows us with a unique and precious identity, calling each in hearts and mind and sending us as we are to be disciples and instruments of his loving presence in the whole world.

In Jesus, we are not anonymous or impersonal individuals because God wants me and will always want me with the same desire that only two people in love with each other can understand. Can I accept that God yearns to enter into a relationship with me as intense as two people who "know each other by name"? In our very nature as human beings, faith demands the courage to accept being addressed on first name terms by the One who embraces and loves us as dearly as the father embracing his child, wayward though he may be. And when human frailty will make heavy demands on our joy and hopefulness, let us pray for the courage to listen with the heart. Then we will hear our God call us by name, smiling at us with approval and love.

Fr Peter Varengo SDB

