



### Parish Clergy & Staff:

Fr Cassius Correya sdb (Parish Priest)  
 Fr Peter Varengo sdb (Assistant Priest)  
 Fr John Gandini sdb (Assisting Priest)  
 Fr Anthony Nguyen sdb (Assisting Priest)  
 Rafelina De Donato (Sacristan & Parish Office Assistant)  
 Virginia Carter (Parish Secretary)  
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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 & BETPOS 13-14 June 2026:

St John's: \$653.60 St Joseph's: \$999.05

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20-21 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 Fiorina Amicucci and Francesco Brancatella.



### 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.

### Until Next Time Fr Bharath

Thank you Fr Bharath for your warm and humble presence at our Parish. Even in two and a half months you have become a valuable and rich part of our community.

You celebrated many services for us with poignant homilies, meaningfully connected with parishioners, and supported our seminarian brothers.

Our prayers are with you as you move on to the Salesian Community in St Mary's, Sydney at the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary. May your social outreach to the youth in the way of Don Bosco flourish there.

### Baptism at St John's



We pray for a faithful and fruitful life for *Skylar Wren Pereira* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism from Fr Cassius on this Saturday 20 June 2026 at St John's.

### Bible Reflection with Fr Peter

Our Parish weekly Scripture sessions continue every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. You are all warmly invited to join those who have attended so far for reflection and a cuppa.

### Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>				
21 June				
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Comm.	Samoan Comm.
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Rita Alviano	Rita Alviano	Marita Quinn
<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>				
28 June				
11am	Quyen Pham-Nguyen	Michael Black	Michael Black	Bill Fitzsimons
5pm	Marita Quinn	Giuliana Alviano	Giuliana Alviano	Daniel Ryan

### St John the Baptist Feast Day

John the Baptist appears in all four gospels—a prophet who baptised believers in the river Jordan and who prepared the way for Jesus, baptising Him and marking the beginning of Christ's ministry.

You are warmly invited to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint of Clifton Hill on **Wednesday 24 June** at the usual **9:15am** mass and a special evening mass at **7pm**.

Our Parish celebration will continue at St John's on **Sunday 28 June** with fellowship and refreshments after mass. If you can help host or set up on this day please reach out to Rafelina or Virginia at the Parish Office on 9481 7333 or office@olsc.org.au.

*The image here was beautifully recreated from the original and gifted to the Parish by our kind-hearted parishioner Claire O'Keefe. Please look out for it in St John's during our celebrations.*

### Message from Refugee Council of Aus

As Europe recovered from the devastation of World War II, Australia responded to an international call to offer a future to people with nowhere to call home. Recently Australia welcomed its millionth refugee since then.

*Refugee Week 2026* is a moment to reflect on that milestone and to celebrate the million stories behind it. This is about more than a number, but is rather about a million colourful strands woven into a rich and beautiful tapestry, shaping communities and stories we continue to tell.

This year's theme helps raise awareness of the issues affecting refugees. It aims to highlight aspects of their experience and help the broader community to understand what it is like to be a refugee.

### Food & Winter Woolies Outreach

This will be the last week to donate those warm items for volunteers to give out at our next Food Outreach at **St Joseph's next Saturday 27 June at 3:30pm**. An apology that the month was stated incorrectly in the last newsletter.

If you are able to and wish to donate new warm items, please place these at the back of the church in the basket provided. If you are able to help the *Matautia* family at the Food Outreach, please join them from 3pm.

### The Sound of Silence

Way back in the sixties, 1964 to be exact, as some of us would remember, there was an American music duo Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel who released a haunting song entitled "The Sound of Silence". Garfunkel, one half of the duo and co-writer of the famous song, summed up the meaning of this song by stating, "this is a song about the inability of people to communicate with each other emotionally".

Nowadays social media devices have stifled communication not only emotionally but also in a much broader sense. One has only to travel on public transport to notice how people no longer communicate with fellow passengers but are totally absorbed with their hand-held devices, or perhaps walking along footpaths where you have to be so careful not to bump into individuals who seem to be in a trance while viewing their smartphones.

How sad and how artificial the communication world has become! If only there was more time and effort put into interpersonal relationships created through genuine verbal communication!

Interestingly when it comes to personal prayer, very often we notice quite the opposite in the way we relate to God: too many idle words expressed distractedly without meaning. A mechanical, habitual time-consuming effort with little or no meaning at all. We say to ourselves that praying is something we must do so let's get it over and done with so we can be at peace with our conscience.

The Gospel teaches us how to pray correctly: "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues, and at the street corners, to be seen by others. I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room, and shut the door, and pray to your Father, who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:5-6)

This attitude is about composure and silence. We need to create "The Sound of Silence" around us and within us, not only from outward noise and distraction, but also from within the heart according to Gospel teaching. Only this type of prayer can really be pleasing to God and create that "common union" with Him. Let's not be "afraid" of these quiet moments so we can discover the intimacy and beauty of our relationship with God.

On the other hand, let our voices be heard when we gather to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist where the "Sound of Silence" is perhaps not so welcoming to the festive mood of the congregation....especially when you might be a little deaf!!

Very true what the wise man says whether it be for personal (silent) or community (spoken) prayer: "We cannot learn about prayer except by praying. No philosophy has ever taught a soul to pray".- J. Oswald Sanders.

Fr. John Gandini SDB