



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 4-5 July 2026:

St John's: \$539.70 St Joseph's: \$792.80

EFTPOS St John's: 27-28 June \$285 / 4-5 July \$265

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://melbourne.catholic.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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11-12 JULY 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 David Kane, Carmelo Addamo, Marcello Del Medico, and Sr Mary Pauline Richardson.

Prayers for Healing

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

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.

Confirmation Preparation 2026

***Preparation:** Begins on Sunday 30 August 2026, with more details to follow.

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

If you wish to include your child for this blessed sacrament, please contact Rafelina or Virginia in the Parish office on 9481 7333 or office@olsc.org.au.



Celebration at St John's



Our prayers and congratulations to Monica Maroun and Lucas Marro on their upcoming wedding celebration on Saturday 11 July 2026, at St John the Baptist Church.

Parish Calendar

You are warmly invited to join the Parish events taking place from July to September. Please see the noticeboard for details of upcoming activities and celebrations. We look forward to sharing these faithful occasions with you.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
12 July	Nicholas Luhns	Nadia B	Nadia B	Michael Black
5pm	Salesian Youth Club	Salesian Youth Club	Salesian Youth Club	Daniel Ryan
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
11am	Samoan Comm.	Samoan Comm.	Samoan Comm.	Samoan Comm.
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Diane Akkerman	Diane Akkerman	Giuliana Alviano

Invitation to Youth Event

Young Catholics are warmly invited to the next Parish youth event coming up:

The *Salesian Youth Club* for young adults will take place this Sunday 12 July beginning with the 5pm mass at St John's, with refreshments afterwards.

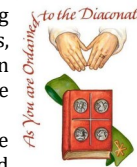
Please join this gathering of faith, friendship and food.

The *Youth Teen Group* will return on Sunday 23 August at the 5pm mass at St John's.

Diaconate Ordination

On Saturday 25th July 2026, during the 6pm Mass at St Joseph's, Collingwood, two of our Salesian Brothers will be joining the Deacon-hood.

We hope you will join the celebration for Brother Foua and Brother Silao on their Diaconate Ordination.



Parish Fun Night Saturday 1 August

Please keep this date free if you can and join the merriment and fellowship at this year's Parish Fun Night, which will be held on Saturday 1 August at 7pm at the St Joseph's Parish Hall.

Look out for more details in the weeks ahead.

A Message of Thanks

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of Our Lady of the Southern Cross for your generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than 160 countries and over 1,100 dioceses. Your contribution has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in Kampira, Malawi, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church.

Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten.

Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.'

Stop! See... Listen...

Two weeks ago, I was away from the parish for my annual retreat. Each year I look forward to this time because it allows me to be more intentionally with the Lord, to listen to my own heart, and to reflect on my life as a religious and priest. This year, the brothers and I spent our retreat at the Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre in Mulgoa, NSW. It is a beautiful place that invites one to contemplate the splendour of creation and to praise the Creator. The rising sun filtering through the trees, the soft green of the grass, the chorus of birds, and even the kangaroos and joeys watching quietly from a distance all draw a person into a deep awareness of the Divine presence.

A place like Mulgoa stirs a deep sense of gratitude within us, reminding us of how much we have been given. It invites us to look beyond the surface of what we see. It is so different from life in the inner suburbs, where high-rise buildings and the relentless pace of daily routines can dull our awareness of the world's quiet beauty. In that rush, we can also lose sight of our own inner goodness and the goodness of the people around us. At times, it is good simply to stop and to see.

Retreat is also a graced moment to listen to God speaking to and within us. Our preacher began by posing a simple yet profound question: "What are we seeking?" It was an invitation to return to the heart of our vocation: to seek God and the fullness of life that God desires for us. I realised that one of the ways we can learn to seek God and that fullness is by listening attentively to God's word, both in the Scriptures proclaimed to us and in the voices of the people through whom God continues to speak.

Inspired by Jesus' parable of the Sower, we come to recognise that attentive listening is itself a spiritual discipline. It asks us to seek out moments of stillness where God's voice can be heard, to loosen the grip of distractions, and to gently set aside the worries that so easily choke the life of the Spirit within us. When we make this space, God's creative word takes root and bears abundant fruit. It softens our hearts, sharpens our awareness, and makes us more responsive to the needs of those we live with and those we meet each day.

Not everyone can step away for a weeklong retreat, though I wish such a grace for everyone. But this week, I invite you to pause for just ten minutes each day. Stop whatever you are doing. Focus on your surroundings and notice (see) the people and the small gifts of creation around you. Read or listen to a passage of Scripture and allow God's word and God's world to quietly shape your heart from within.

Fr Cassius Correya SDB

