



Parish Clergy & Staff:

Fr Cassius Correya sdb (Parish Priest)
Fr Peter Varengo sdb (Spiritual Director)
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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 at 12pm.
St Joseph's: Contact the Parish office for a date.
Marriage: Booking form is at: olsc.org.au/weddings.
Reconciliation: Fridays 7:15pm—8:00pm except for 1st Friday of the month which is at 6pm-7pm.
Holy Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation: Please contact the Parish office.

Collections & EFTPOS 17-18 January 2026:

St Johns: \$375.05 | **St Joseph's:** \$936.85

Thank you to our Parishioners and Visitors.

Thank you to all our special ministers, lectors, sacristans, musicians, collectors, helpers, and council members.

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.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25 January 2026 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 the souls of John O'Connell, and Salvatrice Bascetta.

Mass Intentions:



Prayers of Healing

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

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.

Sacramental Program



We warmly invite those of you hoping to have your children receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation this year, to reach out to begin this faith journey.

Please contact the parish office by the end of February to begin preparation (Confirmation preparation will be with St Joseph's school).

The parish is continuing the RCIA program this year and we already have interested adults dedicated to being baptised into the Catholic Church.



Thank you to our new sacristans

Our Parish is grateful to Claire Bradley and Chau Nguyen for responding to our call for sacristans to help set up for mass services throughout the week.

Claire and Chau faithfully prepare the altar for 11am mass at St John's.

We kindly welcome anyone interested in participating in liturgy in this way, to approach Fr Cassius or contact the Parish office.



Reading Roster—St John's

If a reader is not available, please step in if you can

Date	First Reading/Psalm	Second Reading/	Prayers	Special
25 Jan:	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Jeanette	Bill Fitzsimons	Bill Fitzsimons	
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Berryman Family	Berryman Family	Rafelina DeDonato
1 Feb	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11 am	Sue Smith	John Salamito	Quyen Nguyen	
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Marita Quinn	Marita Quinn	

Parish Events Next Weekend

You are warmly invited to our wonderful Parish events next weekend:

*Saturday 31 January at the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Margaret Mary's Parish, 51 Mitchell Street Brunswick Nth, we will celebrate the Perpetual Profession of our Salesian Brothers Foua and Sirilo.

*Sunday 1 February at every Parish mass, we will celebrate the *Feast of St John Bosco (Don Bosco)*, the founder of the Salesian religious order to which our Parish priests have dedicated their life to.

Parishioner Register

Please take some time if you can to fill out a Parish census form supplied at the back of the church. You can also take it home and return it to the church or Parish office in the next week or so.

Knowing who are parishioners are and how we can contact them, helps continue the Parish mission for an inclusive, vibrant and supported community.

If you have any questions or prefer an online form, please contact the Parish office and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your faithful valued presence at St Joseph's and St John's.

Reconciliation & Adoration Fridays

Silent Eucharistic Adoration continues each Friday from 7:15pm-8pm, and Animated Adoration for Vocations with Fr Brian Ahern from 6pm-7pm on the first Friday of the month.

You are all warmly invited to this special time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

It is also an opportune time to pray for our relatives and friends who are unwell. Join us to experience the peace and grace that comes from this encounter with the Lord.

2026 Parish Events Calendar

This year marks 150 years since the building of St Johns began. Please keep these dates free to help us commemorate our humble beginnings—February 21 & 27, March 1. More details soon.

The new calendar can now be viewed on the noticeboard at the back of our churches, three months at a time. 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.

Follow me and

I will make you fishers of all people

This Sunday's readings remind us that Jesus calls everyone to follow Him and share in His mission. In the first reading, from the Book of Isaiah, we hear about a time of darkness, but also about hope.

The second reading, from 1 Corinthians, shows us that Jesus wants us to be united and be in union with each other. Saint Paul encourages the people in Corinth to stop arguing and to work together in peace. He reminds us that Jesus did not send us to baptize in His name just for show, but to spread His message of love and kindness. Our faith should bring us together, not pull us apart.

The Gospel reading from Matthew tells us how Jesus began His public work. He saw two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, fishing by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus called them to follow Him and become "fishers of people." Without hesitation, they left their nets and followed Jesus. Later, He called James and John, who also left everything to follow Him. These stories teach us that Jesus calls each of us to follow Him too.

Sometimes, we might feel unsure or afraid, but Jesus's call is always full of hope and new beginnings. The main message from all these readings is that Jesus invites everyone to follow Him and be part of His mission. No matter who we are or where we come from, Jesus calls us to leave behind our worries and focus on love, kindness, and helping others.

The whole Gospel tradition, as we have received it within the community of our Church, seeks to point us towards the Kingdom of God by helping us understand just what living life as God intends that it be lived actually means. The community of faith, our community of faith, notwithstanding its fragility, its sometimes scandalous lack of fidelity, its timidity in the face of opposition, and its very human limitations, remains, perhaps to our surprise, God's chosen instrument for keeping the memory, and the presence, and the challenge and the invitation of Jesus alive in our world.

As we reflect on these readings, let us remember that the call of Jesus is for each of us. He wants us to follow Him and help spread the gospel message of love and peace. When we listen to His call and follow Him, we become part of something much bigger than ourselves. We become His friends and messengers of hope to everyone around us.

Let us unite with Christ in every possible ways we can so that we can be in communion with Him, who gives life and love, blessings and mercy to each one of us. May we become good shepherds among those who are in need. The Lord called us to share the same love He shared with us, to others, so that they can have it also, and have it to the full.

Deacon Afia Enosa SDB