



Parish Clergy & Staff:

Fr Cassius Correya sdb (Parish Priest)
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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 25-26 July 2026:

St John's: \$745.25 St Joseph's: \$903.45

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://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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1-2 AUGUST 2026 YEAR A

For All Those We Remember

Condolences: We pray for our long time parishioner dear *Margie Dahl* who passed away last week at home with her husband Jeff by her side. We pray for Jeff, also a long time parishioner, and all their loved ones, during this time of grief and also gratefulness for having shared life with Margie.



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

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

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.

Sacraments at St John's

This Sunday 2 August 2026, *Clara Pinnisi* will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and *Michael Di Carluccio* will receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, celebrated by Fr Cassius at St John's.

The Parish is grateful to our RCIA team whom, with Fr Cassius, have prepared Clara and Michael for these blessed Sacraments.

Please pray for a faithful life for Clara and Michael as they are received into full communion with the Catholic Church.



Mass Time Change

On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Saturday 15 August, the 8:30am mass at St Joseph's will begin at 9am.** We hope this is not inconvenient for our regular parishioners and we thank you for understanding.

The St John's mass will be the usual 8:30am.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
2 Aug	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Bill Fitzsimons	Gabrielle McMullen	Gabrielle McMullen	Deacon
5pm	Berryman Family	Manickam Family	Manickam Family	Daniel Ryan
9 Aug	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Lorraine Lipson	Chau Nguyen	Chau Nguyen	Deacon
5pm	Alviano Family	Alviano Family	Alviano Family	Deacon

Deacon Foua's First Homily

It was a privilege for the Vietnamese youth group to have Deacon Foua assist Father Cassius in celebrating Mass this morning, particularly as Deacon Foua delivered his very first homily. A deacon's first homily is a significant milestone following ordination, marking the official beginning of their faculty to preach the Gospel.

Deacon Foua began by engaging the children with multiple-choice questions relating to the day's readings, the responsorial psalm, and the Gospel. The children participated profoundly, and this interactive approach fostered a deep engagement with the Gospel message.

He then discussed the three short parables on the Kingdom of Heaven presented in the Gospel: the hidden treasure, the pearl of great value, and the fishing net, concluding with the image of a householder bringing forth the new and the old.

These passages invite us to reorder our priorities, recognise Christ's supreme worth, and live in readiness for the final judgment. Additionally, he shared four key lessons with the children:

- 1) Like Solomon, let us ask God for wisdom rather than worldly success.
- 2) Like the Psalmist, let us treasure God's Word more than material riches.
- 3) Like St. Paul, let us trust that God can bring good out of every circumstance.
- 4) Like the man who found the hidden treasure, let us place Christ and His Kingdom above all else.

Preaching to youth requires a relatable, authentic, and Gospel-grounded approach, which Deacon Foua exceptionally demonstrated in his inaugural homily.

Hung Chau, Parishioner

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day 8 August

On Saturday 8 August, Parishes across Australia will come together to celebrate one of the most beloved figures in our nation's history, *Saint Mary MacKillop*.

More than 160 years ago, Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph travelled to the most remote corners of Australia with a simple, powerful conviction: that every child deserves the chance to learn, grow, and belong. That conviction still drives the legacy work of Mary MacKillop today.

We warmly invite you to attend a Parish Mass on her Feast day: St Joseph's 8:30am and 6pm; St John's at 8:30am.

There is also an Open Day at *Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry* in East Melbourne from 10am-3pm:

mmsm.org.au/events/open-day-melbourne/



Gospel of Matthew 14: 13-21

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand teaches us that God can accomplish great things from the little things that we are willing to give Him. With a starving crowd before them, the disciples could only see five loaves of bread and two fish; but in Jesus' hands, it was sufficient for all. Like the disciples, there are many among us who look at the needs of the lonely, the poor, the bereaved, and the hopeless, and say, 'It is impossible to do anything about it.' We are taught by the Gospel today, that Jesus does not expect us to fix everything ourselves. He only asks that we give Him all that we have. Even something as small as a listening ear, a kind word, a helping hand, or a moment of prayer, may seem small, but when offered with love, God can use these gifts to touch many lives.

This Gospel also shows us the importance of compassion. Before He fed the people, Jesus recognized their needs and felt compassion for them. As Christians, we are required to see the needs of those around us and have the compassion to give generously to them. Every Sunday, when we come together to share the Eucharist, we continue experiencing this miracle of the generosity of God. Christ keeps nourishing us with His Words, with His Body and Blood, to make us able to become bread that is broken and shared with others. This week, let us think of what our five loaves and two fishes are that we can bring to the Lord. Even the smallest gift becomes great in His hands. Through Christ, any simple act of kindness and love becomes a blessing for others.

Word of Thanks

As I begin my ministry as a newly ordained deacon, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the parishioners of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish.

Over the past few years, while living in the Salesian Formation House, I have had the privilege of sharing in the life of this parish. Through your warm welcome, prayers, encouragement, and friendship, you have become an important part of my formation journey. Your witness of faith, generosity, and commitment to the Church has taught me much about what it means to serve God's people with joy and humility.

Although my ordination is a gift from God, I recognise that it has also been made possible through the support of many people like you. Thank you for walking with me, believing in me, and praying for me along the way. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I begin this new ministry of service. Be assured that you, your families, and our parish community will always remain in my prayers.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Br Sitagisilao Moeloa Vaipuna SDB.

Thank you Deacon Silao for your first & meaningful reflection