



Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Collingwood
St John the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Advent Sundays New Liturgical Year begins – Year A, Gospel of Matthew	St Joseph's & St John's – Normal Services	*1st Sunday of Advent (Hope) – 30 November *2nd Sunday of Advent (Peace) – 7 December *3 rd Sunday of Advent (Joy) – 14 December *4 th Sunday of Advent (Love) – 21 December
Reconciliation & Reflection	St John's	*Friday 5 December at 7pm (English)
	St Joseph's	*Friday 19 December at 7pm (Vietnamese)
Christmas Carols – Parish	St John's	*Saturday 6 December at 7.30pm After the normal 6pm English Vigil Mass
Christmas Carols – Nursing Home	'Little Sisters of the Poor', Northcote	*Saturday, 13 December at 2:30pm <i>If you wish to join this occasion, please contact the Parish office</i>
Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 24 December	St Joseph's	*English Family Mass at 6pm *Vietnamese Christmas Carols & Mass at 8pm
	St John's	*English Family Mass at 6:30pm *Christmas Carols at 11.30pm Followed by English Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25 December	St John's	*Italian Mass at St John's at 9am *English Mass at St John's at 11am No 5 pm Mass.
	St Joseph's	*Vietnamese Mass at St Joseph's at 10am
New Year's Day, Wednesday, 1 January	St John's	*English Mass at St John's at 9:15am (Normal service)

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

*18 February 2026: Ash Wednesday and beginning of the Lenten season.

* 29 March 2026: Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

*22 February 2026: Church History Talk - "It's a wonder it was built at all", St John the Baptist Church at 2pm.

*27 February 2026: Parish Mass - 150th Anniversary of Laying & Blessing of the Foundation Stone, St John's at 7:30pm.

*1 March 2026: Parish Mass & Celebration - 150th Anniversary of Laying & Blessing of the Foundation Stone, St John's at 11am.

*3 October: Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church of St John's (1923)

*5 December: Anniversary of the Laying & Blessing of the Foundation Stone for the extended St Joseph's Chapel (1875)

The complete 2026 Calendar will be available soon.