



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 & BETPOS 20-21 June 2026:

St John's: \$919.30 St Joseph's: \$985.45

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://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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27-28 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 Livia Pagano, Joseph Anthony Murray, Attilio DeRango, and Dora Golino.

Mass Intentions: We pray for Maria Teresa Liberata.

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.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration

You are warmly invited to our next weekly Eucharistic Adoration this Friday **3 July from 7.00pm to 8.00pm**, with Fr Brian Ahern SDB.



It is a special time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

It is also an opportune time to pray for any unwell relatives and friends.

Celebrating St John the Baptist

You are warmly invited to stay on after mass at St John's (28 June) for refreshments to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron at Clifton Hill, St John the Baptist (24 June). It is also a time for fellowship amongst faithful parishioners and clergy.

Our apology that we do not have a host for the 9am mass. There will be refreshments another Sunday soon.

Baptisms at St John's

We pray for a faithful and fruitful life for Archie Bonello and Stella Anne Jancauskas, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism from Fr John Gandini SDB on Sunday 28 June at St John's.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
28 June	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Quyen Pham-Nguyen	Michael Black	Michael Black	Bill Fitzsimons
5pm	Marita Quinn	Giuliana Alviano	Giuliana Alviano	Daniel Ryan
5 July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Susan Smith	John Salamito	John Salamito	Michael Black
5pm	Diana Akkerman	Justin Akkerman	Justin Akkerman	Rafelina De Donato

Buon Compleanno Fr Peter Varengo

Please join us in giving thanks for, and celebrating, our dear Fr Peter on his birthday this week.

Fr Peter, you bless us each day with your gentle spirit, comforting words, poignant homilies, thoughtful conversations, genuine humility, and wonderful humour.

As you faithfully serve God as you have for many decades, may He continue to guide you, protect you, and strengthen you.

Happy Birthday Fr Peter! May you feel how deeply you are loved, needed, and appreciated.

Peter's Pence Appeal

On **Sunday 28 June 2026** the traditional annual **Peter's Pence** collection takes place. This is a real way to support Pope Leo XIV in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

To make a donation (not tax-deductible) directly see the poster on the noticeboard, or to donate via the Melbourne Archdiocese (who will send on to the appeal) transfer to: Account Name: RCTC – Main Account | BSB: 083 091 | Account No.: 51 514 3414 | Ref.: PP-2026.

A message from Vinnies

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual fundraising blockbuster, *Vinnies CEO Sleepout*, has been held across the country, raising more than \$10 million to combat homelessness. Around 300 of Melbourne's business leaders camped for the night on 18 June in the carpark at Federation Square.

The money will fund construction of accommodation for women and children escaping domestic violence through the expansion of *Olive's Place*, a high-security family violence refuge.

Vinnies' state president Brendan Podbury said on the night: ***The St Vincent de Paul Society exists because for nearly 200 years ordinary people have made that same choice to show up...to see those who are too often unseen, to hear those voices that are often unheard and to make the hidden visible.***

Bible Reflection will return in August

Our weekly reflection on Scripture will be taking a short break and will resume in August. Please keep an eye out for the notice closer to the time.

A heartfelt thank you to Hugh McGinlay and Fr Peter Varengo, and to everyone who was able to join and contribute to a faith-filled respectful discussion.

The martyrs loved even their enemies in following Christ's example

Over 300,000 Vietnamese Catholics were persecuted and killed under the Nguyen Dynasties in the 18th century. Among these 300,000 martyrs, on June 19, 1988, at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized 117 Vietnamese Martyrs, in the presence of 40,000 people, of whom I was one of the honoured ones to be present. The Holy Father declared them to be holy martyrs.

They sacrificed their lives for God in many ways: by living the Gospel of love and affection for all people, even their enemies who persecuted and harmed them. They sacrificed their lives for God through the deep love and devotion of family. Saint Martin Thô instructed his children before he was persecuted: "My dear children, it is God's will that I be separated from you forever, but you must remember to respect your mother and obey your brothers and sisters. Love one another, work diligently to help your mother. Remember to pray morning and evening prayers and recite the Rosary daily. God has given each of you a cross; joyfully carry it in His footsteps and persevere in keeping the faith."

Does the love of the martyrs for their parents, wives, and children contradict today's Gospel? The Gospel says: "Whoever loves father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." It must be affirmed that the love of their families truly reflected the Gospel of Jesus, for He taught us to keep the commandment to honor our parents. He Himself "was always obedient to them" (Luke 2:51; John 19:26-27).

The reason they loved God more than their parents and children was because of their faithfulness to their parents' faith, their filial piety, and their continuation of their parents' legacy.

The martyrs sacrificed their lives for God by readily offering their love for their parents, their fatherly love, their family love to God, and by sacrificing their own lives to God to show that they loved God above all things, because "all that God gave, He has now taken away," as Job said. Not only did they lose nothing, but they also gained that life for all eternity: "Whoever saves his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it and save it forever" (Mt. 11:39; Lk. 9:24; Jn. 12:25).

Thus, we see that there is no longer a contradiction between love for God and love for family and oneself.

The martyrs sacrificed their lives, their love for their families, and their love for all people so that they, their families, and everyone else could receive the boundless love of God. Through the love of God, we will be able to practice true love, sublime love, love that serves all people, welcoming prophets, righteous and esteemed people, as well as the lowly and humble, and even our enemies.

Fr Anthony Nguyen SDB