



Parish Clergy & Staff:

Fr Cassius Correya sdb (Parish Priest)
 Fr Peter Varengo sdb (Assistant Priest)
 Fr John Gandini sdb (Assisting 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 11-12 July 2026:

St John's: \$509 (inc. EFTPOS) St Joseph's: \$645

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18-19 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 Vito Cilaurio, Angela Addamo, Thomas Doyle, and Maria Antonia Carnovale.

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 come.

***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.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration



You are warmly welcomed to the Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 7.15pm to 8.00 pm, except on First Fridays when the time is 7.00pm to 8.00 pm 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 our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has written to Parishes regarding the recent schismatic actions of The Priestly Society of Pius X (SSPX)—the letter and translation of the *Decree and Explanatory Notes* issued by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith (DDF), are at the back of the church.

Please reach out to Fr Cassius or any of our clergy if you would like to talk about the letter and notes.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
19 July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community	Samoan Community
5pm	Daniel Ryan	Berryman Family	Berryman Family	Giuliana Alviano
26 July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Anna Taylor	Michael Taylor	Michael Taylor	Michael Taylor
5pm	Akkerman Family	Baptism	Baptism	Rafelina De Donato

The Wealth of Don Bosco

What was Don Bosco's (1815-1888) relationship with money? How did he value it? The Rector Major, Fr. Fabio Attard, tells us that it is possible to determine Don Bosco's use of money from his writings and from his works. It is considered as a means not having a negative value in itself: it's used to provide buildings and projects for young people.

Money for Don Bosco is and must be in service of education. It is the education of the young and especially those most vulnerable and exposed that lies in the heart of Don Bosco. He elaborates a educative journey that today we would call complete, in which the human aspect and the search for meaning are lived in an atmosphere of love, empathy and respect.

It is a preventive system founded on three pillars: reason, religion and love. And this educative project, in order to become reality, needs structures that require vast economic resources. For this reason Don Bosco becomes enterprising and doesn't hesitate to ask for money from many people all over Europe; and he finds benefactors everywhere willing to support, with modest and often generous donations, his projects in favour of youth.

This happens because people trust him and admire his consistency: he shows himself for who he is, a poor man totally dedicated to young people determined to use the money for them and not for his own personal needs: His credibility convinces his benefactors! He insists on the vow of poverty; one must live in a poor manner for the poor: it is the lifestyle he embodies and the daily choices he makes that prove who the Salesians are.

Salesians try to protect, promote and communicate this credibility, living it in all countries that enjoy their presence in favour of the young. Nowadays also, credibility and coherence are decisive for any education: the notion of transparency so highly regarded in modern society.

Together with poverty, total trust in Divine Providence is a must. Don Bosco not only leaves us with important lessons in the education and care of young people, but he also leaves us an important lesson in the use of money: it exists to be shared not hoarded, to assure a good life for the younger generations and not for one's personal comfort or privileges. Don Bosco was not a slave to money he was concerned with the Lord's teaching and the welfare of the young and especially those most vulnerable and poor. This freedom from attachment is achieved by learning from the Lord what really matters in using the things of this world. *Next column*

Reflection continues

To the young people who attend our schools we say that the poor do not choose to be poor but we can choose to be generous.

It is the small drop that each person contributes, together with so many other small drops, that forms a cascade of blessings.

One last lesson that Don Bosco leaves us regarding the use of money is trust and transparency which is important for everybody but especially for consecrated men and women.

The saints are such not only because they were not "attached" to earthly desires but because they imbued their lives with gospel teaching. One must have the courage to consider poor people and not let hearts be hardened. *Fr. John Gandini SDB*

Diaconate Ordination Saturday 25 July

You are warmly invited to the Diaconate Ordination of Brother Foua and Brother Silao, next **Saturday 25th July 2026**, during the **6pm Mass at St Joseph's**.

Let us pray for our faithful and devoted Salesian brothers as they deepen their gospel mission, serving God and our Parish.



Parish Fun Night Saturday 1 August

You are also warmly invited to our annual Parish Fun Night on **Saturday 1 August 2026** from **7pm-9pm** at **St Joseph's Hall**, 46 Otter Street Collingwood.

Please join if you can for fellowship, food, dancing and games. There will be grooves to the disco tunes of the 70's, 80's & 90's.

Please contact the Parish office on 9481 7333 or at office@olsc.org.au, or look out for a PPC member at mass, to let them know if you are coming, and also if you can offer much needed help decorating the hall.

Melbourne Synod 2026 Theme Papers

The three Synod Theme Papers have now been released. These papers will support listening and discernment as the Archdiocese prepares for the *Melbourne Synod*.

The reflection process is based on *Conversation in the Spirit*, a prayerful method that brings people together to listen deeply and share openly as they seek to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

At the conclusion of each Theme Paper, reflection questions are provided to guide both personal and communal discernment.

Further information on how to share your responses and continue this journey together will be available soon. The Theme Papers are at the back of the church and at: melbournecatholic.org/synod2026