



Parish Clergy & Staff:

Fr Cassius Correya sdb (Parish Priest)
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 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:

For a pastoral visit with Fr Cassius, or one of the Salesians of Don Bosco seminarians, we invite you to contact the Parish office.

For Urgent Pastoral Need Call: 0401 887 115

Mass Times:

St John the Baptist Church:

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 (Vigil).

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 contact 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 8-9 August 2026:

St John's: \$410.20 inc. EFTPOS | **St Joseph's:** \$757.40

Thank you for your thanksgiving 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15-16 AUGUST YEAR A

For All Those We Remember

Condolences: We pray for Antonio Stefania who passed away recently, beloved Nonno of Jacinta, who along with her partner Saverio, are dear Parishioners at St John's.

We pray for all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: We pray for Sebastiano Addamo, Sr. Loreto Slattery, Luigia Vaiano, and Enrico di Basio.

Mass Offerings: We pray for Anna Forgianni.

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.

Confirmation Preparation begins

The next preparation for this blessed Sacrament begins in two weeks, on **Sunday 30 August 2026 at 4pm** at the St John's Presbytery.

The date the children will receive Confirmation is **Saturday, 10 October 2026 during the 6pm mass at St Joseph's.**

There is still time to include your child, and we invite you to contact the Parish office.

Celebrations at St John's 16 August

On Sunday at St John's Fr Cassius will joyfully celebrate these blessed Sacraments:

Penny Cook and Magdalene Phuong-Yen Ngo will receive First Holy Eucharist.

Daniela Linet Lopez Garcia will be confirmed; and Andrew John Wilson & Ann Lynette Beresford will be welcomed into the Catholic Church.

Let us pray for the children and candidates as they journey with God and deepen their faith. Our gratitude to the families of Penny and Magdalene for accompanying their children on this journey, to the adults who reached out in faith, and to the Parish Faith Formation ministry who prepared all the candidates.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
16 Aug	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Samoa Comm.	Samoa Comm.	Samoa Comm.	Samoa Comm.
5pm	First Communion	First Communion	First Communion	
23 Aug	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
11am	Hugh McGinlay	Claire O'Keeffe	Claire O'Keeffe	
5pm	Teen Group Youth	Teen Group Youth	Teen Group Youth	

Time has returned to St John's

The original clock in St John's has been returned with new artisan made hands recreated with care.

The horologist who reinstalled it also repairs most of the historic town hall clocks in Melbourne and the iconic Flinders Street clocks.



Our gratitude to dear Rafaelina for caring about the restoration of this original timepiece, and for making it happen.

Archbishop's Campaign 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is underway, and those who can give are asked to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support vital ministries. Brochures with details are at the back of the church.

Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code (see a brochure).

You can also donate using the supplied envelopes and place yours in the collection plate, or pop it into a post box (postage is prepaid).

If you wish to donate with cash, there will be a special collection during the campaign: this weekend

15-16 August and next weekend **22-23 August.**



Our next Teen Youth Mass and gathering will be next Sunday 23 August at 5pm at St John the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill.

Food Outreach Saturday 22 August

Our dear Parishioners the Matautia family are once again hosting the Food Outreach program at St Joseph's Church (46 Otter St, Collingwood).

Please join if you can to offer practical and moral support next **Saturday 22 August at 3pm.**

Volunteer in the Australia-Pacific

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close **October 31st, 2026.**

Send us an enquiry — www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au. Lauren Hichaaba
 Delegate for Mission Animation, Director of the Cagliero Project

There's always room for a couple of Beers

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes".

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

No, said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions – and if everything was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car...The sand is everything else- the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit your grandparents. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and mow the lawn.

Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked. The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend.'

Fr John Gandini sdb

Heartfelt thanks to our sacristans, altar servers, lectors, special ministers, musicians, collectors, ministries, pastoral council, finance committee, and all volunteers who through service and time, nurture and sustain our Gospel mission.

