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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/sacraments.

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/sacraments.

Reconciliation: Fridays 7:15pm—8:00pm except for 1st Friday of the month—Holy Hour 7pm-8pm.

Holy Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation: Please contact the Parish office.

Archbishop's Campaign 22-23 August 2026:

St John's: \$455.10 | St Joseph's: \$1,086.40

Pledges Envelopes also received

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29-30 AUGUST YEAR A

For All Those We Remember

Condolences: We pray for all those who have died recently, and for their loved ones.

Anniversaries: We pray for Frank Di Marzio.

Mass Intentions: We pray for the benefactors of our Parish churches.

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 Parish Sacramental Program begins this weekend on Sunday 30 August at 4pm.

We are grateful to the families who have reached out to include their children in this faith formation journey, towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation (10 October this year).



A Time to Celebrate with Rev Fr Fidel

A gentle reminder that you are all invited for fellowship and refreshments this weekend after some of our mass services.

Our special guest who will also celebrate mass will be Salesian Superior **Rev Fr Fidel Orendain sdb**, who visits us from Rome on behalf of Rector Major of the Salesians of Don Bosco.

*Saturday 29 August—6pm mass at St Joseph's;

*Sunday 30 August—9am mass (Vietnamese) at St Joseph's, and 11am mass at St John's.

Adoration next Friday



You are warmly invited to the next Holy Hour and Prayer for Vocations with Fr Brian Ahern sdb, next Friday 4 September at 7pm at St John's.

Reading Roster—St John's

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading/ Alleluia	Prayers of the Faithful
30 August	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
11am	Samoa Comm.	Samoa Comm.	Claire O'Keeffe
5pm	Abigail Berryman	Tim Berryman	Charlotte Berryman
6 Sep	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
11am	Michael Black	Nadia Batticiotto	Chau Nguyen
5pm	Darcy Manickam	Eliza Manickam	Julia Manickam

Prayers for Floods Victims

From Vatican News: Pope Leo XIV has expressed his deep sorrow over the loss of life and widespread devastation caused by flash floods in Nepal.

In a telegram sent on Thursday and signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, the Pope commended the souls of those who died "to the clemency of the Almighty" and offered his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

He also assured all those affected by the disaster of his spiritual closeness, and prayed for the emergency personnel engaged in the ongoing search-and-rescue operations. The telegram concluded with the Pope's prayers for God's assistance and protection upon the people of Nepal. Full story and other Vatican news go to: www.vaticannews.va/en/pope.html

Social Justice Sunday this Weekend

On Social Justice Sunday this weekend, 30 August 2026, Catholics across Australia are invited to reflect on this year's Social Justice Statement:

Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division.

In this statement the *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference* (ACBC) remind us that, in a time marked by growing tension and division, our faith calls us not to retreat from the challenges facing our communities, but to become people of encounter, solidarity and hope.

The Bishops' convey the Church as a symbol and place of unity – a community in which every person belongs, and every person is encouraged to contribute their gifts towards a more just, peaceful and cohesive Australia.

To download a full copy go to the website of the Official Social Justice Agency of the ACBC: socialjustice.catholic.org.au



Colombia Earthquake Appeal

You can still donate to the Don Bosco appeal in Colombia—see the Church noticeboard for more info and how to give.

Thank you

Your support for the Archbishop's Campaign over the last two weekends is appreciated, and collections have been transferred to the Archdiocese account, and pledges envelopes passed on.

Heartfelt thanks to our Parish Community for your understanding and generosity, as we continue to raise awareness of worthy causes.

The Fire Within and the Cross Ahead

Today, God spoke to me deeply through the readings about what it really means to follow Him, even when it gets incredibly uncomfortable. The scriptures show us a powerful contrast between human thinking and God's way. We see this in the prophet Jeremiah, who felt completely overwhelmed by his calling but could not stop because God's word was like a fire trapped in his bones. We see it in the letter of Saint Paul, which begs us not to copy the selfish behavior of the world around us, but to let God completely change the way we think. And we see it most clearly in the Gospel, where Peter goes from being a hero to a stumbling block in a matter of moments.

I cannot help but feel for Peter. Just last week, Jesus praised him and called him the rock of the Church. Peter must have been on top of the world. But today, Jesus calls him a tempter and an obstacle. It sounds like a massive put-down. Peter only spoke up because he loved Jesus and wanted to protect Him from suffering and death. But Jesus recognised that Peter was thinking like the world, not like God. Peter wanted a kingdom of glory without the Cross.

If we are honest with ourselves, we are just like Peter. We want a comfortable, easy earning. We want the blessings without the sacrifices, and the crown without the cross. We see this in our daily lives all the time. It is like wanting a great relationship but refusing to put in the hard work to communicate, or wanting a healthy body without the discipline of exercising. We naturally look for shortcuts.

But Jesus makes the terms of discipleship very clear to us today. He tells us that if we want to follow Him, we must take up our cross. True love and true discipleship require us to give of ourselves, even when it hurts. This goes much deeper than just giving up our favourite foods for Lent. It means choosing to forgive someone who hurt us, staying faithful when life gets tough, or standing up for what is right even when it makes us unpopular.

This journey is a lifelong process of growth, beginning with the choice to be captivated by the love of God, just as prophet Jeremiah was. When the decision is made to stop following the patterns of the world and start seeking the heart of God, the strength to face challenges and struggles of life, and follow the path of discipleship becomes clear. There is a profound peace in trusting that dedicating one's life to the purpose of God is the only way to find true fulfillment.

We continue to pray for the grace of God, so that we can carry our cross and follow Him without fear.
Deacon Afia Enosa sdb

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2026

GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

Today’s Gospel follows on immediately from last Sunday’s Gospel and the question posed to Jesus’ disciples in Matthew’s day, and to us, about his identity. Jesus then outlines what awaits him in Jerusalem—his suffering, death and resurrection. These words seem either incomprehensible to his disciples, represented by Peter, or are rejected.

Whatever the reason for Peter’s reaction, following God’s anointed one on a path of suffering, death and resurrection is unfathomable. The disciples imagine a triumphant, powerful figure who will overcome Roman opposition. Success and status are their vision for the future of discipleship!

Today’s Gospel is a sobering reminder that suffering is not excluded from discipleship. Life’s tragedies and concerns are not the opposite of following Jesus; they can be authentic expressions of it. Disciples are not called to seek suffering nor to become victims. Rather, suffering can be integrated into genuine discipleship. These are important insights especially for some who think that they must ‘prove’ their loyalty to Jesus by seeking out further pain or suffering. We know that suffering is part of life; we need not look for it further. We are surrounded by a world of suffering.

Today we acknowledge the sufferings of those who gather with us in our Assembly, especially those borne silently or through violence, including domestic violence.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody’s butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, ‘I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.’

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; /
for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines
for you / like a dry, weary land without
water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see
your strength and your glory. / For your love
is better than life, / my lips will speak your
praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your
name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall
be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall
praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow
of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to
you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of
our heart, / that we might see how great
is the hope / to which we are called. /
Alleluia!

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