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October 26/27 Collection :

St John's \$576 St Joseph's \$886 (20th \$1,032)

Sacramental Reception ...

Baptism : Second and fourth Sundays of the month at 12 noon (book online ... olsc.org.au/baptisms)

Marriage: by appointment

Reconciliation: every Friday 7:15—8:00pm

Confirmation, Reconciliation and Holy

Communion: Preparation for these Sacraments will be conducted at John's for State School children.

Email our office at office@olsc.org.au for further information.

Normal Mass Times at OLSC

St John's:

Tuesday to Friday at 9.15am, Saturday 8.30am, 6:00 pm
 Sunday at 9:00 am (Italian), 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

St Joseph's:

Monday to Saturday at 8:30 am, Saturday 6:00 pm (English)
 Sunday at 9:00 am (Vietnamese)

Good Shepherd:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 9:30 am

At 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.

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

2/3 November, 2024

Year B

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intentions: Salvatore Giorgio, Angela Sestito, Giuseppe Giorgio, Domenico Donato, Liberata Donato.

Condolences: We pray for the families and souls of those who have departed recently.

Anniversaries: Josefa Vilchez, Valda Wilson, Dolores Giannopoulos.

For prayers of healing

Please remember the following in our prayers: Mario Misurelli, Tony Addamo, Cecily Hollingworth, Annette Baker, Rosa Presta and Rose Capp.

If you hear of any of our parishioners who are not well or who have been injured, please email us at office@olsc.org so that we can remember them.

Housesitting Offer

Australian family returning from overseas seeking house sitting opportunity in the area next January while finalising permanent housing. Enquires to Gabrielle via the parish office, office@olsc.org.au

Think of a friend or relative who always has your back. What could you do to show them how much you appreciate their support? Make time for that special person—surprise them with something thoughtful, or clear space in your diary just for them.

Set your own standards, don't settle for other people's.

Be brave. Take risks. Nothing can substitute experience.
 Paulo Coelho

Roster for Mass at St John's

Please Note: If unforeseen circumstances prevent you from taking part, please arrange a substitute.

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Prayers of the Faithful	Special Minister
11 am				
3 Nov	Michael/Anna	Lucy	Sue/John	John S
10 Nov	Hugh	Gabrielle	Lucy	Michael B
17 Nov	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
24 Nov	John A	Bill	Jill	Quyen
1 Dec	Advent			
5 pm				
3 Nov	Lachlan	Daniel	Marita	
10 Nov	Akkermans	Akkermans	Akkermans	
17 Nov	Manickams	Berrymans	Manickams	
24 Nov	Marita	Christina	Daniel	
1 Dec	Advent			

Upcoming Events

November: Month of the Holy Souls

Photos of deceased relatives are invited to the sanctuary of both churches

Saturday, 2—All Souls Day

Mass at St John's 8:30am (English); 6pm (English)

Mass at St Joseph's 10am (Vietnamese); 6pm (English)

Sunday, 3—Irish Mass with Fr Tom Cleary 2pm St John Sunday, 17—"A Sunday to Celebrate" at all masses at St John's

Saturday, 23—45th Anniversary of St Cecilia Cung Chieu Choir

Sunday, 24—St Cecilia's Feast Day, Mass at St Joseph's 9am (Vietnamese)

December: Advent and Christmas

Sunday, 1—First Sunday of Advent; picnic in gardens

Friday, 6—Reflection and Reconciliation at St John's (with Adoration led by Fr Brian)

Saturday, 7—Christmas Carols in nursing homes again

Sunday, 8—Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 14—Parish Christmas Carols, St Joseph's hall after 6pm mass.

Baptism

Today (Sunday) we have the pleasure of celebrating a baptism at St John's: Audrey An Ngoc, daughter of Phung and Maggie Nguyen of Collingwood. We warmly welcome this child into the Church and hope her journey of faith is most enjoyable.

Celebrations

On Saturday, 23rd November St Cecilia Cung Chieu Choir will be celebrating their 45th anniversary.

Congratulations to all our Vietnamese parishioners for such wonderful singing in our parish.

On Sunday (following the anniversary celebrations) a special Mass will be held at St Joseph's for the Feast Day of St Cecilia at 9am.

On Sunday, 1st December St John's and St Joseph's will hold their normal services, followed by a picnic in Darling Gardens around midday. BYI everything.

Two straight lines the same distance apart are called?
 Yum Yum and Ko-Ko appear in which opera?
 The Suez Canal connects the Red Sea with which other Sea?
 Where did the Norse Gods live?
 Which Italian city was painted by Canaletto?
 Answers next week

URGENT PASTORAL NEED

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One Commandment

"Which commandment is the first of all?" (Mk 12:28). One has the impression that the scribe's question expressed under the guise of moral concern, is actually meant as a set up to discredit Jesus' outspoken stand against the Law and the Temple. Typically, Jesus reverses it into a faith question thrown back at all of us who claim faith in the God he came to reveal. As a teacher conversant with the ancient religious practices and moral precepts, the man certainly knew the dictates of the Law with all its multitude of subclauses and codicils. As a faithful observant Jew, his entire life was motivated, energized and structured by the Law struck in stone by Moses. Nevertheless, as Jesus himself acknowledges, seeking to justify his belief and behaviour, he is sincere in his quest, but his search appears motivated by observance of precepts, moral injunctions, or cultic performance rather than the deep relationship with God that Jesus lived and preached. But Jesus counters self-justification and righteousness by proposing a universality of vision and action encapsulated by the daily prayer of the faithful Jew: "Love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. . . . You shall love your neighbour as yourself. . . . There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mk 12:29-31)

Faith is a movement of the heart expressed through a love-relationship conjoining both the human and the divine into a single indissoluble reality of energy for life and faith. To believe means primarily and absolutely to accept that we are individuals embraced by divine love and, in return we embrace God through living fully the human experience that surrounds us and in which we live and die. We are people called to respond to God's gift of life and love by loving in return, not in a platonic love towards a distant and unidentified God, or a cult driven idol, but in the real flesh-and-blood, the people with whom we rub shoulders every day.

A coin's value does not lie in its material or structure, precious and unique though it may be, but in the double and distinct effigy engraved on either side of the same piece of metal. A one sided-coin or the same effigy imprinted on both sides may be a curiosity, but it deprives that piece of metal of all its buying power. It has no value. To say that we love God without the inescapable condition of love of neighbour makes the claim to faith worthless beyond self-righteousness. Addressing the assembled members of the Synod on Synodality just a few days ago, Pope Francis reminded us that refusing our personal responsibility to love God without getting our hands dirty through committed and practical love of humanity because it is too uncomfortable or too demanding, makes an abuse of religious practice and a lie of any claim to faith. So long as love remains a commandment to be obeyed and not a daily unconditional lived life experience, we can never truly claim that we love God. Fr Peter Varengo