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If you would like to have a pastoral visit from the parish priest, or a priest, or a seminarian, or co-parishioner, kindly leave a message at the administration office on 9481 7333 or email to office@olsc.org.au

November 3 Collection :

St John's \$473 St Joseph's \$1,092

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

16/17 November, 2024

Year B

For those whom we remember...

Mass Intentions: Umberto Presutti, Ronald and Catherine Prendergast.

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

Anniversaries: Agnes Hughes, Adriana Boin.

For prayers of healing

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

Memorial Mass

The Parish is holding a Memorial Mass on Friday, 29th November at 7pm in St John's Church. It is hoped that family members of 2024 deceased persons will attend our special Mass on this evening.

Once again the Matautia family are organising another free meal and/or cuppa at St Joseph's next Saturday, 23rd November at 3:30pm.

All are welcome to join Wayne and his family for this sumptuous occasion. Many thanks to the Matautia family for their most generous contribution to our outreach program.



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				
10 Nov	Hugh	Gabrielle	Lucy	Michael B
17 Nov	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans	Samoans
24 Nov	John A	Bill	Jill	
1 Dec	John S	Sue S	Lucy C	
8 Dec	Michael B	Michael/Anna	John S	
5 pm				
10 Nov	Akkermans	Akkermans	Akkermans	
17 Nov	Manickams	Berymans	Manickams	
24 Nov	Confirmands' family and friends			
1 Dec	Manickams	Manickams	Manickams	
8 Dec	Anne/Peter	Daniel	Diana A	

Upcoming Events

November: Month of the Holy Souls

Saturday, 23—St Joseph's Outreach program—the Matautia family are organisers 3:30pm

Saturday, 23—45th ann 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

Saturday, 7—Christmas Carols in nursing homes again

Sunday, 8—Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 14—Parish Christmas Carols, St Joseph's 7pm

Baptisms

Today (Sunday) we celebrate a baptism at St John's: Massimo, son of Andrew and Lauren Melilli of Kew. St Joseph's is also celebrating the baptism of Roman Cao Hung, son of Rajiv Mario Michael Rengarajah and Vu Thi Jacinta Cao of Mt Waverley.

We warmly welcome these children into the Church and hope their journey of faith is 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.

Becoming a Catholic

Do you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic? OLSC is embarking on a course of RCIA for people interested. Please ring the office on 9481 7333 to make an appointment to meet with Fr Cassius.

Mercy Place are seeking expressions of interest for volunteering at Mercy Place, East Melbourne for offering Holy communion to the residents. Please contact: Sebastian Antony, Pastoral Care department, Mercy Place, East Melbourne on 9413 1777.

Answers to last week ...

The Eskimos Tchaikovsky Peter Phillips
 Pyromania album The Labrador

URGENT PASTORAL NEED

Please call mobile: 0401 887 115

Endings for Transformation

The foundational tenet underlying all the Gospel narratives is that Jesus came to reveal a God of life in its fullness (Jn 10:10)), and never of death or destruction. Yet, Mark who has accompanied us for most of this liturgical year coming to an end, carries a strong sense of foreboding, with Jesus foretelling the future of Jerusalem as a sign of the end of time, when the power of creation will come to nothing and everything will be annihilated into some primal meaningless chaos (Mk 13:24-32). However, such reading makes a mockery of God's presence and action, a charlatan that destroys his own masterpiece of creativity and of humanity into a hopeless finality of death and non-existence swallowing up the whole world and its history into the primordial chaos.

By drawing our attention to the imagery of a small bud sprouting forth the first tiny buds out of the coldness and empty fruitlessness of winter ravages, Jesus invites us into a completely new understanding of vitality and energy encapsulated in the apparent finality within ourselves and in our world. No matter how our life may sometimes bear the marks of a tree branch stripped bare and abandoned, God's living and active presence remains forever the sap of vitality flowing through the apparent deadness of luscious foliage and rich fruitfulness.

Jesus is urging us into awareness, alertness, and faith response by allowing this God-enriched power to transform us into people, fully alive and vital. The power of God making inroads into history is such a drastic and dramatic event that when we are prepared to accept this presence in our life story, things can never be the same. Everything becomes a stimulus to growth and new vitality, if we but accept the small and almost invisible sap of God's active and enduring love flowing in the challenging and sometimes bewildering events budding through on our journey. The end of time Jesus refers to is not a chronological ending but a call to 'be alert' now to the active and transforming presence of God energising our story. The upheavals seemingly crushing us into lifeless hopelessness are not agents of closure, destruction, or of unredeemable finality, but the divine call into a total and radical new way of being and of decision-making out of the barrenness, staleness, and deadness of a faith journey always and forever impregnated with the life-giving energy of God.

We are called to be ready now to meet our God not in death but in life, not in judgement but in encounter, not in fear but in energy, courage, and hope. We need to be constantly aware and ready now because with the presence of God things are different now, calling for different perspectives and lived relationships now, urging and energizing new and fresh decisions now in the sure knowledge that God is there. And God never fails his failing disciples. *Fr Peter Varengo*

Volunteering at Mercy Place