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### November 17 Collection :

St John's \$614 St Joseph's \$784

### 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

## November 23/24, 2024 Christ the King !! Year B

### For those whom we remember...

**Mass Intentions:** .

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

**Anniversaries:** Rosina Muzzi.

### 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. Everyone is also very welcome.

We are having our first Parish Picnic next Sunday after 11am mass in the Darling Gardens. Come along and join in the fun.

Bring your friends, bring your neighbours, bring yourselves. And, bring everything you will need for a picnic. Better still, partner up with another family and share.



### 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
<b>11 am</b>				
24 Nov	John A	Bill	Jill	
1 Dec	John S	Sue S	Lucy C	
8 Dec	Michael B	Michael/Anna	John S	
15 Dec	Jeanette	John S	Susan S	Margaret
22 Dec	Hugh	Gabrielle	Lucy	Margaret
<b>5 pm</b>				
24 Nov	Confirmands' family and friends			
1 Dec	Manickams	Manickams	Manickams	
8 Dec	Anne/Peter	Daniel	Diana A	
15 Dec	Daniel R	Manickams	Manickams	
22 Dec	Lachlan	Lucy	Lachlan	

### Cung Chieu Choir : a brief history

On August 18, 1979, Deacon Bart Huynh San was ordained a priest at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Following his priestly ordination, Fr Bart San was appointed Assistant Priest of St. Joseph's Parish, Collingwood, with Fr Bill Bainbridge as the Parish Priest. Fr Bart San acted as a spiritual leader to the Vietnamese Catholic Community. The Vietnamese Catholics in Collingwood and the surrounding neighbourhoods adopted St Joseph's church as their home for St John Hoan Community. St John Hoan Community was the first Vietnamese Catholic Community established in the Archdiocese.

On 2nd of October 1979, the first meeting to form the Vietnamese choir was conducted in the Presbytery. In the beginning, there were about 18 members with a guitarist. Mr Hung Chau was the first leader of the choir. Later on, in 1981, Dr Thu Le replaced Mr Hung Chau as leader of the choir, and the choir was named Cung Chieu and adopted St Cecilia as the patron of the choir. This year, the Cung Chieu choir celebrates its 45 years anniversary with a special Mass on Sunday, 24 November 2024. From a modest start, now the choir has 48 members.

Hung Chau



### Congratulations to Cung Chieu Choir!

Music and singing indeed play a very important role in every liturgical celebration. They have the power to stir emotions and can facilitate a transformative experience, helping individuals open their hearts and minds to a deeper relationship with God.

As Cung Chieu choir celebrates its 45th anniversary, we congratulate all the musicians and singers of the choir for such wonderful singing in our parish and for helping people feel a deeper connection with the Lord.

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### Kingdom without Borders

In a few days from now we shall sing this Christmas carol: "Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her king!"

What we sing in our days was what the Jews longed for! They longed for a messianic king – a king who would be a descendent of David. God promised David, as we read in 2 Sam 7:6-16, that his house and his kingdom will stand before the Lord permanently; his dynasty will be permanent. And so, the Jews expected a king such as David, an earthly king. But before them was a king who was beyond their expectations and imagination.

Today's feast invites us to accept the fact that Jesus was and is a king! Interestingly, the four Gospels do not in any way portray Jesus as a king in earthly terms – who has political power and authority over others. Instead, they depict Jesus as a king whose power and authority comes from his loving relationship with people. Jesus redefined the concepts of 'king' and 'kingdom'.

Jesus was a king who truly loved his people, a king who wore a crown of thorns instead of a crown of gold, and a king who died for his people. To such a king, we are invited to give glory and honour.

Moreover, Jesus' kingdom, as mentioned in the Gospel of John, is founded on 'truth'. Hence, those who want to be in his kingdom are called to be truthful and seek the truth. This kingdom of truth is also "a kingdom of life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." Let us together build such a kingdom, which is a kingdom without borders, here in our midst.

Fr Cassius Correya

### Celebration of Sacraments

Today (Sunday) at St John's we offer the sacraments to Georgia and Louis, children of John Waters and Yela Ivankovic-Waters of Northcote. These two young (almost) adults are receiving the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) from Bishop Terry Curtin, who will also receive Jacqueline Vitale of Pascoe Vale South into full communion. We hope they enjoy their faith journey.

### Christmas Carols

The Parish is holding its annual Christmas Carols night in St John's Church on Saturday, December 14 commencing at 7:30pm, until 8:30pm. Please come and make it a night to remember.

### St John's Choir needs singers for the parish carols

The St John's Choir will be singing "When a Child is Born" as its contribution. We need an enthusiastic group to come together for this and are hoping that St John's Mass goers can join us for practice on Tuesdays 3rd and 10th December, 7:15pm in the church so we can put our best foot forward. All welcome!