

Loving and Gracious God, our Father and Mother,

Tonight, we have gathered to honour Your Son, our Baby Jesus, as one OLSD parish family, drawn from many nations, united by music and the joy of this holy season. *Siamo una sola famiglia in Te*— we are one family in You. We have witnessed a beautiful tapestry of voices, cultures, and hearts woven together in harmony.

Thank You for the voices that have sung, the hands that have played, and the hearts that have shared their gifts so generously. Each carol, sung in many languages, reminds us that Your love knows no borders. *Obrigado, Gracias Senhor, Ndatenda, Asante sana, Mungu* - thank You for music that speaks beyond words and unites us all.

As the song says, "When a child is born, each life becomes the sun, shining bright on everyone." May the birth of Jesus renew our hearts, giving us eyes to see Your love in every small act of kindness, and hands ready to share Your joy with the world.

We give heartfelt thanks for every singer, musician, and reader, and for all who worked behind the scenes, Valerie and Loretta, Martin and Johann, for their dedication and generosity. We thank our Diversity and Culture Ministry, our Liturgy and Music Ministry, and Sharon with the Social Team, for their warmth and welcome. *Dank u wel* for building a community of warmth, welcome, and belonging.

Bless every person and child here tonight. May the PEACE we share - *Shalom, pokaj, kapayapaan, Amani, Runyara, Frieden, pokaj, paix, ສະຫງົບ, saa-ma-ya, ጠጋሠጋሙ sa-maa-dhaa-nam*, fill our homes and guide our lives. As we leave, let the melodies linger in our hearts, reminding us that we are united in Your love.

May our voices rise like prayers of peace, carrying hope to every corner of the world. And as the song reminds us, "Every heart that's searching will find a place, a home where love lights up the darkest space."

We offer this prayer with gratitude and joy, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Retiring Collection for the Salesian Bethlehem Gift
Please join us in the hall for mulled wine and mince pies



INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2025
5.30PM



OPENING CAROL: Once in Royal David's City L 128 – Sung by all
V1 Simona, V2 Harmony (VP and OLSD Choir singers) v3-5

INTRODUCTION – Valerie & Loretta

FIRST READING – Read by Anne Diaz
Matthew: 1:18-25

CAROL 1: POLISH - Przybieżeli do Betlejem
(Shepherds hurried to Bethlehem)

CAROL 2: SWAHILI (Kenya) - Yesu Mwana wa Mungu leo Amezaliwa
(Jesus the son of God today is born)

CAROL 3: ITALIAN - Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle
(You come down from the stars)

CAROL 4: TAGALOG (Philippines) - Payapang Daigdig
Ag Pasko ay Sumapit/Pasko na naman
(Christmas is coming/It's Christmas again)
Sung by Frimley Filipino choir with Farnborough Filipino Friends

CAROL 5: DUTCH/GERMAN/ENGLISH - Silent night L136
V1 Dutch (solos) V2 German (Vocal Point singers), V3 English: Sung by all

SECOND READING – read by Paul Bryanhill
Luke: 2:8-11,20

CAROL 6: SHONA (Zimbabwe) – Ngatiende navafudzi
(Let's go with the shepherds)

CAROL 7: UKRAINIAN/ENGLISH – Call to Christmas (carol of the bells)
Sung by Vocal Point Singers

CAROL 8: SINHALA (Sri Lanka) – Bethlehem pure

CAROL 9: SLOVAK – Rolničky, rolničky (Jingle bells)
(Jingle Bells)

CAROL 10: FRENCH – Petit Papa Noël
(Little Father Christmas)
WITH AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

French Chorus – please all join in

Petit Papa Noël,
Quand tu descendras du ciel
Avec des jouets par milliers,
N'oublie pas mon petit soulier.
Mais, avant de partir,
Il faudra bien te couvrir.
Dehors, tu vas avoir si froid.
C'est un peu à cause de moi.

CAROL 11: MALAYALAM (India) Kannum Kannum
(Let's go)

ENGLISH CAROL - O come all ye faithful v 1-3 L159 – sung by all
(Provisional – if time)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING – Fr Anthony

FINAL CAROL – Hark the Herald Angels sing L155 – sung by all

