

St. Joseph's Parish, Northcote

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Weekday Mass Times:

8.45am-9.10am Rosary, followed by
9.15am Mass on Monday—Friday.

Weekend Mass Times:

6.30pm: Saturday—Vigil Mass.
8.45am: Sunday—Italian/English Mass.
10.30am: Sunday—Family Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 10.00am - 11.00am & 6.00pm
or feel free to phone Fr Minh.

First Wednesday of the Month:

7.00pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting in
the Parish House. Appointment Required.

Last Friday of the Month:

2.00pm: Seniors' Mass at the Parish Centre.

Catholic Religious Education:

Wednesday: 4.00pm—5.00pm R.E. classes
for State Primary and Secondary School
children in the Parish House.

ROSTERS:

SATURDAY 11/8: 6.30pm

Commentator: Layla El-Fahkri.
Reader: Yvonne Susanto.
Communion Minister: TBA.
Musician in charge: TBA.

SUNDAY 12/8: 8.45am

Commentator: Kevin Fell.
Reader: Raffaele Capetola (I) & Kevin Fell (E).
Communion Minister: TBA.

SUNDAY 12/8: 10.30am

Commentator: Audrey Van Haltren.
Reader: TBA.
Communion Ministers: Winston Van Haltren
and Hugh McGinlay.

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (13th Aug—18th Aug)

Aruna Nair.

**Thank you for your generous support of our
parish:**

1st Collection: House: \$ 429.30
2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 701.00

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 710.00
Total funds raised so far: \$ 5565.00

Recently Deceased: Maria Speranza and Nathan Khoury.

Death Anniversaries: Francesco D'agostino, Alba Della Vittoria,
Salvatore DePetro, Filomena Camerino and Hanna Tansey Fakhry.

Sick: Maree Swan, Sr. Jacinta Dolan, Simon Fakhry and Laila Taylor.

Diary Reminders:

Mon 6th Aug—Fri 10th Aug: There will be no 9.15am Morning Mass, there
will be a Communion Service instead.

Tue 7th Aug: 7.30pm—Child Safety Meeting, in the parish house.

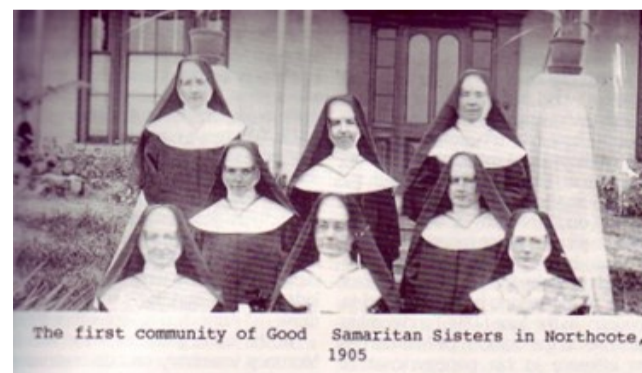
Wed 8th Aug: 4.00pm—Religious Education classes, in the parish house.

Next weekend: Special Collection for Catholic Care.

A faithful past, present and future...



A bit of our History... In 1891, two years before our Parish was formed, St Joseph's Primary school opened on the Arthurton Road site. It was initially staffed by the Sisters of Mercy. In 1904, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan arrived in Northcote and took over the running of the primary school, as well as opening Santa Maria College. The primary school in Arthurton Road was housed in the new Church which was blessed and opened on 24 April 1891. Monday to Friday the school used the building as classrooms and at the weekend it was our parish Church.



From the Child Safety Officer - Child Safe Standard 6

"Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse"

As we all know, prevention is better than cure! So that we can identify potential risks to child safety, and reduce or remove those risks, the Child Safety Team and Well-being Committee will conduct an annual child safety risk assessment for our Parish. A more specific risk assessment will also be carried out for every major Parish event or activity. In a few week's time, I'll introduce you to the child safety representatives for each weekend Mass - their role is to help us keep children safe by being alert to any potential risks before, during, and after the Mass, and removing or reporting the risks as necessary.

Naomi Brammer

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (5th August 2018)

First reading: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Second reading: Eph 4:17, 20-24

GOSPEL

Jn 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Reflection on Gospel

TRUE AND LASTING TREASURE

A rich man questions Jesus: "Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus deflects the epithet "Good" away from himself and on to God. For God is the author of life, and questions about "life" relate to what God lays down. This, initially, is found in the Commandments.

When the man responds that he has kept these from his youth, Jesus, we are told, "looked steadily at him and loved him". This moves the interaction to an entirely new plane. The instructions that follow ("Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor ... then come, follow me", do not stand alone but stem entirely from the personal relationship Jesus is now offering the man. Being chosen ("looked upon") and "loved" by Jesus should communicate the freedom from attachment to wealth that following him will require.

But the prospect of companionship with Jesus and "treasure in heaven" fails to break the man's attachment to wealth and the security it seems to provide. The fact that he goes away "sad" suggests that in his heart he knows he will miss out on the true treasure he was seeking.

Jesus respects the man's freedom and lets him go. He had issued an invitation, not a demand.

Despite his radical concluding comments about wealth that so perplex the disciples, Jesus hardly required literal abandonment of possessions from all his followers. But all are called to freedom from the kind of attachment to wealth that shows distrust of God and gets in the way of lasting riches.

Brendan Byrne

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"the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard."

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