

## 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 8/12: 6.30pm**

**Commentator:** Joan Jordan.

**Reader:** Layla El-Fahkri.

**Communion Minister:** Licia Marchese.

**Musician in charge:** Peter Jordan.

#### **SUNDAY 9/12: 8.45am**

**Commentator:** Jill Ryan.

**Reader:** Jill Ryan (E) & Raffaele Capetola (I).

**Communion Minister:** Cesarina Zampieri.

#### **SUNDAY 9/12: 10.30am**

**Commentator:** TBA.

**Reader:** TBA.

**Communion Minister:** Winston Van Haltren &  
 Iris Avery.

**Musician in charge:** Nick McKinnon.

### **CHURCH CLEANING (10th Dec—15th Dec)**

Camel Hurley.

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

**1st Collection: House: \$ 445.00**

**2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 663.00**

**Pray for the soul of:** Evelino Zampieri.

**Sick:** Badr Habchi and Sultana Baysiri.

### **Diary Reminders:**

**Tue 4th Dec:** 7.30pm—Advent Prayers and Reflection, in the Church.

**Wed 5th Dec:** 7.00pm—Baptism Preparation Meeting, in the parish  
 house.

: 7.30pm—Choir Practice in the Church for Christmas.

**Fri 7th Dec:** 11.00am—Anointing Mass, in the Parish Centre, followed  
 by Christmas Lunch for the Seniors.

**Next weekend:** Special Collection—Melbourne Overseas Missions.

### **\*\*Please save the date:**

- Sunday 9th December end of year celebration—Cancelled.
- Advent Prayers and Reflection, Tuesday 4th, 11th & 18th December  
 at 7.30pm, in the church.
- Weekend of 15th & 16th December, a cuppa after each Mass to  
 acknowledge and thank the volunteers.
- Sunday 23 December at 10.30am Mass, we will celebrate Caterina &  
 Franca and their contributions to our parish, followed by a cuppa after  
 Mass.

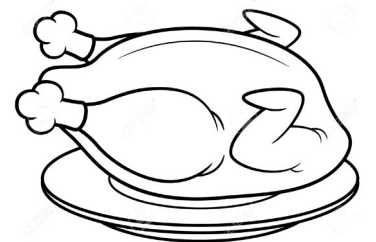
**Please Note:** A collection will be taken on 8/9 December and  
 15/16 December for gifts for Caterina and Franca, as a way of  
 thanking them for their service to our parish. Contributions may also  
 be left at the Parish Office.

### **Lions Christmas Cakes**

Lions Christmas Cakes for sale, from Winston and Audrey on 0425 729 834.  
 1.5kg Christmas Cake \$17 & 1kg Christmas Cake \$13

### **FINAL CALL—Anointing Mass & Christmas Lunch for Seniors 2018**

On Friday 7th of December, there will be an  
 Anointing Mass at 11am in the Parish Centre,  
 followed by a Christmas lunch at 12.30pm. Cost of  
 the lunch is \$22 for a two course meal. If you are  
 interested in attending please ring the parish office  
 on 9489 8008, or place your name on the sign up  
 sheet in the church foyer. **RSVP by Monday 3rd of  
 December.**



EVERYBODY DESERVES TO  
 SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS

A little  
 Ray of  
 giving

Drop in a present at  
 St Joseph's Parish and  
 Ray White Preston will  
 make sure it gets delivered  
 to a deserving family this  
 Christmas.

\*Please indicated child's gender &  
 age on the present. Gift tags have  
 been provided (near the Christmas  
 Tree in the Church).

\*Presents due by Sunday 16th December.

\*Please wrap the gifts and place under the Christmas Tree in the Church..



**Thank you to  
 Moses El-Fahkri  
 and his family for  
 donating the new  
 Christmas Tree for  
 our Church.**

**First Sunday of Advent / Year C (2nd December 2018)**

**First reading:** Jer 33: 14-16

**Second reading:** 1 Thess 3: 12-4:2

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

**Reflection on the Gospel**

**"STAY AWAKE, PRAYING AT ALL TIMES"**

Today's Gospel, taken from Jesus' long instruction on the future (Luke 21:5-38), focuses on his second coming. It is full of the kind of apocalyptic descriptions and portents that have always excited the fundamentalist religious imagination. We need not dwell on these. The important thing to focus on is the basic intent of such instruction, which is to address the sense of dismay and the challenge to hope that calamities of various kinds present. While God may appear to be silent or absent, somehow all these things are held within the divine purpose, which will ultimately win through.

While the basic message, then, is one of comfort, the second part of the Gospel adopts a more admonitory tone. The time of waiting requires attentiveness and a sharp spiritual sense. Believers must be like people who expect visitors but are unsure when exactly they will arrive. Anything that dulls the spirit (debauchery and drunkenness) or causes it to be distracted (absorption in the cares of life) must be avoided, commitment to prayer intensified.

Advent is a time for examination in such areas. It is also a time for exploring our deepest longings and desires and allowing them to surface. They can ride up, so to speak, on the Scripture texts that the Church puts before us at this time.

God's only wish in our regard is to communicate to us the life and love for which we long. Each Advent should expand both our longing and our capacity to receive the gift of God.

**Brendan Byrne**

**Child Safety matters - Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Professional Standards Unit**

The CAM Professional Standards Unit (PSU) was established in March 2018 to advise and support parishes and diocesan agencies in their efforts to create child safe, child-friendly environments. In doing so, the PSU aims to develop and sustain a culture within the Archdiocese that prioritises the safety, protection, and wellbeing of all children and vulnerable people. They report directly to the Vicar General and are responsible for producing policies and resources for use throughout the Archdiocese, keeping parishes up to date with legislative changes and best-practice examples, and providing training opportunities for church leadership, staff, and volunteers across Melbourne. In 2019, the PSU will also be running a series of free workshops on various topics related to child safety that will be open to everyone.

For more information about the Professional Standards Unit, their contact details, and links to a range of helpful resources, visit <https://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards>

**Naomi Brammer**



The Rotary Club of Manningham invites you to a Community Christmas Luncheon to be held on Saturday 15 December at 12 Midday at the Salvation Army Hall Gooch & High Sts, Thornbury. Please complete your details on the sign up sheet at the back of the Church, if you would like to attend.



**Combined St Joseph's Parish & FCI - Italian Committee Raffle**

Funds raised will assist St Joseph's Parish & the Italian Committee to continue to provide a social group for the Italian members of our community. We have many lovely hampers and prizes on offer this year. Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

