

## 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 14/7: 6.30pm**

**Commentator:** Moses El-Fakhri.

**Reader:** Virginia Gori.

**Communion Minister:** Sr. Therese Denny.

**Musician in charge:** Teddy Susanto.

#### **SUNDAY 15/7: 8.45am**

**Commentator:** Kevin Fell.

**Reader:** Raffaele Capetola (I) & Kevin Fell (E).

**Communion Minister:** Cesarina Zampieri.

#### **SUNDAY 15/7: 10.30am**

**Commentator:** Susan Moss.

**Reader:** Winston Van Haltren.

**Communion Ministers:** TBA & Hugh McGinlay.

**Musician in charge:** Nick McKinnon.

#### **CHURCH CLEANING (16th July—21st July)**

Bolzan Family.

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

**1st Collection: House: \$ 464.00**

**2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 1014.00**

#### **2018 Fundraising Appeal**

**Funds raised this past week: \$ 575.00**

**Total funds raised so far: \$ 4,245.00**

#### **2018 ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**Sunday 29 July, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral,  
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th  
wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage and  
Family Office invites you and your families to join us at  
the 2018 annual Anniversary Mass. All couples  
registering will receive a commemorative pack and  
certificate. Register by Friday 13 July on 9287 5587 or  
[lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)

**Death Anniversaries:** Antonio Marasco, Monica Josephine Perry, Carmen  
Zerafa, Claudio Zuliani and Boutros Saleh Fakhry.

**Pray for the soul of:**

**Sick:** Elvis Kaffrouni, Angela Spadanuda and Harry Carboon.

### **Diary Reminders:**

**This Weekend:** Special Collection—Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

**Tue 10th Jul—Fri 13th Jul:** There will be no 9.15am Morning Mass, there will  
be a Communion Service instead.

**Wed 11th Jul:** 10.00am—Legion of Mary Meeting, in the parish house.



*'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the  
messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...'  
Isaiah 52:7*



In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St  
John's School is educating local children with a child-centred  
methodology. Three of the teachers at St John's have been  
trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in  
Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children  
learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support  
through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to  
continue training teachers and help improve education across the  
country. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure  
continuity of education, and become economically sustainable.  
You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this  
inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular  
contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

**Freecall: 1800 257 296**

[catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar](http://catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar)

### **VINNIES VOLUNTEERS**

The Vinnies Northcote Central plaza shop (Separation St, Northcote) is  
asking for volunteers to help during the day. The shop is open 7 days a  
week and needs more volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please  
contact Maja Spiero (Store Manager) on 9486 7653, or call into the shop  
and see her.

### **St Vincent de Paul Society Diamond Valley Region—TRIVIA NIGHT**

The Vinnies region is having a Trivia night on 4 August at 7.15pm to raise  
funds for the Diamond Valley sleep out for assisting homeless people. We  
are trying to organise a few tables from Alphington/Northcote areas to  
attend. Please refer to the flyer on the notice board for further details. Any  
one interested in attending, please contact Tony Bolzan on 0448015383 so  
he can co-ordinate tables.

### **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RE-ENERGISED with KATRINA ZENO**

Take a fresh look at St John Paul II's Theology of the Body (TOB). The TOB has  
been called a "theological timebomb" which will transform the way Catholics under-  
stand the faith. For nearly 20 years Katrina Zeno has been helping parents, teach-  
ers, priests and lay Catholics to unpack the rich truths the TOB contains. In this sem-  
inar she will give an overview of the Theology of the Body and show how Catholics  
can integrate it into their lives and their relationship with God and others.

**When: Sunday 15th July, 10.30am-5.30pm**

**Where: St Francis Pastoral Centre, Corner of Lonsdale St and Elizabeth St.,  
CBD**

**Cost: \$30 (includes lunch)**

**Registration:** [parousiamedia.com/events](http://parousiamedia.com/events)

**Contact:** John Smyth 0406 747 123, [johnsmyth@parousiamedia.com](mailto:johnsmyth@parousiamedia.com)

## **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**First reading:** Ezek 2: 2-5; 2

**Second reading:** Cor 12: 7-10

### **GOSPEL**

**Mk 6:1-6**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### **Reflection on Gospel**

#### **THE FAMILIAR CAN GET IN THE WAY**

Jesus returns to his hometown, Nazareth, and teaches in the synagogue. His former townsfolk are amazed at the authority and wisdom of his words. But they fail to believe that one so familiar to them could really be a prophet sent from God to instruct them. Small-town prejudice and narrow-mindedness blinker their perception.

St Mark comments: "And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them" (v. 5). "Deeds of power" in Mark's Gospel refer to setting people free from spiritual, psychological and physical afflictions which de-humanise them, alienating them from God and fellow-human beings. In the worldview of Jesus' time such conditions were attributed to possession by demons.

What is remarkable here is the way in which the Gospel frankly records Jesus' helplessness to do any such deeds of power for his townsfolk because of their lack of faith. Faith or the lack of it *conditioned* his power to help. Put more positively, it is faith that allows God's power to be effective in our world.

The greatest enemy to faith can simply be "familiarity": a refusal to believe that God could visit us in so familiar a form as the person next door. Progress in the spiritual life is almost always marked by an increasing ability to recognize God in the ordinary, the everyday. The Incarnation means not only that the Son of God became a human being but that he took human form in a town as ordinary and insignificant as Nazareth (see Nathaniel's comment in John 1:46).

**Brendan Byrne**

### **From the Child Safety Officer - Child Safe Standard 2**

*"A Child Safe Policy or Statement of Commitment to Child Safety."*

Our Child Safety Policy has been prepared by the Child Safety Team in consultation with the Well-being Committee and school and parish families. It outlines our commitment to children's safety and the actions we're taking to implement the other Child Safe Standards. We've committed to reviewing the policy annually, to ensure that it remains current and relevant to our Parish.

If you'd like a copy of the Child Safety Policy, please contact the Parish office.

**Naomi Brammer**