

St. Joseph's Parish, Northcote



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Weekday Mass Times:

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

Weekend Mass Times:

5:30pm: Saturday-Vigil Mass.

8.45am: Sunday-Italian/English Mass.

10.30am: Sunday-Family Mass.

Parish Office hours:

Tue-Fri 10am-3.30pm

You may contact the office at any time and leave a message when the office is unattended on 94898008 and Fr. Minh or Secretary will get back to you as soon as possible.

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 Church.

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 04/05: 5:30pm

Commentator: Taniya Fernando

Reader: Malith Perera

Communion Minister: Lahiru Perera & Nadeesha Wijerathne

Musician in charge: Teddy Susanto

SUNDAY 05/05 8.45am

Commentator: Salv Caleo

Reader: Cesarina Zampieri

Communion Minister: Lucinda Exposto

SUNDAY 05/05 10.30am

Commentator: Cristina Persico

Reader: John Persico

Communion Minister: Winston van Haltren & Audrey van Haltren

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon

CHURCH CLEANING (06th May)

Malith Perera & Tania Fernando

Thank you for your generous support of our parish:

1st Collection: House: \$ 1032.40

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 1216.20

Recently Deceased: Michael Colosimo-Minniti, Assunta de Lorenzo, Madeleine Bains Hakme and all who died in the church and hotel bombings in Sri Lanka on the Sunday of the Resurrection

Sick: Bob Hatch & Margaret Mary Sain

Death Anniversaries: Maria Rosa Pierobon, Felice Antonio Isabella Bonacci, Hares Kodaih, George Raffoul Rahme & Henry Malcolm.

Diary Reminders:

Saturday Mass will change to 5:30pm from Saturday 4th May 2019

Tues 30th April— 7:30pm Child safety Team meeting

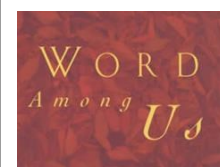
Tues 30th April— 7:30pm Maintenance Ministry Meeting

Wed 1st May - 4pm to 5pm—Religious Education Classes

Thurs 2nd May—09:15am—Class Mass grades 3 & 4

Thurs 2nd May—7pm to 8pm—Gospel Reflection & Meditation

Wed 22nd May—New weekly Senior Social day—Bingo Club from 10am to 12pm



St Joseph's Gospel discussion & Meditation group.

Every first and third Thursday of the month;

Beginning Thursday May 2, 2019. 7.00pm to 8.00pm



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

Dear Parish Friends

You would now be aware of the tragic situation that unfolded in Sri Lanka on Easter morning. The horror of the suicide bomb attacks has ricocheted across the globe.

At this moment the most pressing work of the Church in Sri Lanka is the burying of the dead and the consoling of the faithful, however, we want to be ready to support the Sri Lankan Bishops and the local Church to rebuild their places of worship and heal the wounds.

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses next Saturday and Sunday 4th & 5th May 2019 in support of the above appeal.



Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Learn How to Run a Retreat and then practise your skills as you are mentored in leading a live-in weekend retreat. Sat 4 May 2019, 10am-4pm for the Preparation day in Box Hill, and Fri 7 Jun, 4pm to Sun 9 Jun, 4pm at the quiet and beautiful precinct of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham. Participants must attend both events. Cost \$305 includes Sat 4 May (BYO lunch) and accommodation and catering on 7-9 Jun. Book & Pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne or contact us at holsc@bigpond.com or tel **9890 1101** for more information and bookings.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre



2019 OPEN DAY

The Mary MacKillop Museum at 362 Albert St East Melbourne tells the inspiring story of

Australia's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Museum has a special Open day on Saturday 4th May from 10am to 4pm with a guided Mary MacKillop Tour at 11am including a visit to Mary's birth place. A special morning or afternoon tea available between 11am and 3pm.

See flyer on notice board for further information.

Second Sunday of Easter - Year C

.First reading Acts 5:12-16

Second reading Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Reflection on the Gospel

ENCOUNTERING OUR RISEN LORD

Thomas is one of the most clearly defined characters in the Gospels. Born loser, realist, pessimist, he has missed out on the Easter night appearance of Jesus. He won't believe that Jesus has been raised simply on the other disciples' claim "We have seen the Lord". He insists on seeing, touching, hearing for himself.

Eight days later, with divine "courtesy", Jesus is prepared to meet Thomas' conditions exactly. But, at the sight of his risen Lord, Thomas abandons them. He, the late-comer, the obtuse one, goes on to make the most exalted act of faith contained in the gospel: "My Lord and my God!" It is Thomas, the hesitant, the doubter, who brings out the full identity of Jesus.

Jesus adds a comment that brings us into the picture too: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe". Thomas has believed because, like the other disciples present in the room, he has now seen the risen Lord. Succeeding generations of believers will not have the privilege of seeing the risen Lord. We have to believe simply the testimony handed down in the Church. We are not at a disadvantage. We are in fact "blessed" – because from us a faith greater than that of Thomas will be drawn. And the greater the faith, the more scope for the power of God to enter and transform our lives. The gospel imparts to those who believe all the knowledge necessary for a life-giving encounter with the Lord.

Brendan Byrne