

## 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 10/11: 6.30pm**

**Commentator:** Layla El-Fahkri.

**Reader:** Yvonne Susanto.

**Communion Minister:** Licia Marchese.

**Musician in charge:** Rusman Priyana.

#### **SUNDAY 11/11: 8.45am**

**Commentator:** Salv Caleo.

**Reader:** Salv Caleo (E) & Jill Ryan (I).

**Communion Minister:** Cesarina Zampieri.

#### **SUNDAY 11/11: 10.30am**

**Commentator:** Winston Van Haltren.

**Reader:** Margaret Dimech.

**Communion Minister:** Margaret Dimech &  
TBA.

**Musician in charge:** Nick McKinnon.

### **CHURCH CLEANING (12th Nov—17th Nov)**

Jo Hadjistamatis.

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

**1st Collection: House: \$ 943.00**

**2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 783.85**

All parishioners are cordially invited to the  
**2018 Lourdes Day Mass**  
**At St Patrick's Cathedral**  
**At 10.30am on Saturday 1st**  
**December**

This is an occasion to come together in  
prayer with those who are sick, infirm or  
elderly, and their carers. As many are  
unlikely to ever visit Lourdes, in a sense,  
it's like Lourdes coming to them.

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Leo Patrick Griffin.

**Death Anniversaries:** Youssef Faddoul and Salma Hanna Fakhry.

**Sick:** Harry & Roma Carboon, Giancarlo Pierobon, Fr. Anthony  
Baron, Badr Habchi and Jean Loulou Taouk.

### **November All Souls Mass Intentions:**

*We pray for all the deceased loved ones, of our parish families, during the  
month of November. We pray for everyone who has asked for special  
prayer intentions during this time.*

### **Diary Reminders:**

**Wed 7th Nov:** 7.00pm—Baptism Preparation Meeting, in the parish  
house.

**Sun 11th Nov:** Remembrance Day.

**Next Weekend:** Special Collection—Catholic Deaf.

**\*\*Please save the date:** On Sunday 25th November we will be  
having a Parish Social Event with a BBQ after the 10.30am Mass. We  
would love to see everyone there.



Congratulations to our St Joseph's Primary  
School, grade four students, who received their  
First Holy Communion on Sunday 28th October.  
The children participated in the Mass with true  
reverence and a great sense of understanding  
about the sanctity of receiving the sacrament.  
Well done to everyone involved!



### **2019 Columban Art Calendars**

The 2019 Columban Calendar, is available at a cost of  
\$9.00. If you would like a calendar it can be ordered  
through the Parish Office on 9489 8008. View the 2019  
Art Guide at: [www.columban.org.au/2019artguide](http://www.columban.org.au/2019artguide)

### **Plenary Council 2020**

**'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'**

You are invited to a listening and dialogue  
encounter session on the Plenary Council  
2020 topic—What do you think God is  
asking of us in Australia at this time?  
Details : Wednesday 15th November 2018  
at 7.30pm in the Parish house.

**(Please note change of date.)**

All welcome.

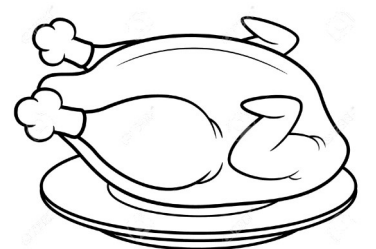


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### **Anointing Mass & Christmas Lunch for Seniors 2018**

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.



## **Thirtyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (4th November 2018)**

**First reading:** Dt 6:2-6

**Second reading:** Heb 7:23-28

### **GOSPEL**

**Mark 12:28-34**

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

### **Reflection on the Gospel**

#### **"TWIN COMMANDMENT OF LOVE"**

Scribes are usually hostile figures in the Gospels but the scribe who questions Jesus seems to be a genuine enquirer. His question—which commandment of the Torah is the "first"?—was an item of discussion in the Jewish world of Jesus' time.

Jesus first gives a conventional response, quoting the commandment recited by Jews each day in the Shema prayer (Deut 6:5).

He then goes further, laying alongside the "first" commandment a "second" taken from Lev 19:18: "to love one's neighbour as oneself". The combination seems to have been something distinctive of Jesus—though Jewish parallels are not lacking from a later period.

Loving one's neighbour "as oneself" may not seem all that demanding. One only has to put the neighbour's interests on an equal level with one's own, implying by the same token a healthy valuing of oneself.

But on closer inspection it is really asking an act of the imagination in high degree. It requires asking myself: "What do I really want from another person?—understanding, tolerance, respect, loyalty, compassion?"—then to ensure that all my actions in regard to that person enact, rather than contradict, such qualities.

There is an attractive moment of mutual affirmation at the end. The Jewish legal expert acknowledges that Jesus' teaching conforms to the claim of Israel's prophets that the rituals of sacrifice, such as those practiced in the Temple, are worthless unless accompanied by justice and love. This renders the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God" in the sense that the onset of the kingdom is rendering such rituals obsolete through the twin commandment of love.

**Brendan Byrne**

#### **Child safety matters - Creating Child Safe Parishes Workshop**

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering an interactive two-hour workshop in November on the topic of "Creating Child Safe Parishes". The aim of the workshop is to give an overview of the key elements needed to keep children and young people safe within a parish context, and to provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions and share their ideas. This workshop is open to everyone, and is particularly suitable for anyone who has a leadership role in the parish.

The workshop will be held in the Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne, on two dates:

- Wednesday 14 November, 7:00pm to 9:00pm (light supper provided)
- Wednesday 28 November, 10:30am to 12:30pm (light lunch provided)

Attendance at the workshop is free, but registration is required. To register, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/YJGN>, select your preferred session, and enter your details.

**Naomi Brammer**