

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 17/11: 6.30pm

Commentator: Tannous El-Fahkri.

Reader: Connie Galati.

Communion Minister: TBA.

Musician in charge: Peter Jordan.

SUNDAY 18/11: 8.45am

Commentator: Kevin Fell.

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

Communion Minister: Lucinda Exposto.

SUNDAY 18/11: 10.30am

Commentator: Audrey Van Haltren.

Reader: Christiane Khalil.

Communion Minister: Winston Van Haltren &
Iris Avery.

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (19th Nov—24th Nov)

Jordan Family.

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

1st Collection: House: \$ 349.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 817.50

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: Michele Carone and Peter McCulloch Jnr.

Death Anniversaries: Natale Della Vittoria and Rosa Hanna
Fakhry.

Month's Mind: Domenico Coluccio.

Sick: 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:

Mon 12th Nov: 10.30am—Rosary and Funeral Mass for "Michele
Carone" (RIP).

Tue 13th Nov: 7.30pm—Finance Committee Meeting, in the parish
house.

Thu 15th Nov: 7.30pm—Plenary Council discussion group, in the parish
house.

Fri 16th Nov: 7.30pm—Sacrament of Confirmation, for the children
from the Religious Education Classes.

Sun 18th Nov: 3.00pm—Divine Mercy Rosary & Devotional Prayers and
4.00pm—Divine Mercy Mass.

This 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.

Dear Parishioners,

I inform you that Caterina the parish secretary, will be leaving the parish
on 24/12/2018. The Parish is grateful for Caterina's commitment as
secretary to the life of the parish and the valuable contribution she has
made.

I particularly thank her for making my appointment to St Joseph so much
easier as I became familiar with the parish.

We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

With all God's blessings

Fr. Minh Tran

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

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.

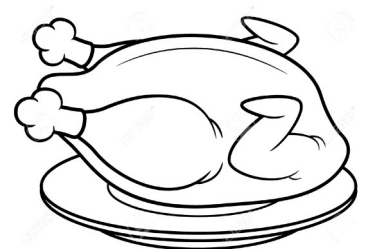
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All welcome.



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.



Thirtysecond Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (11th November 2018)

First reading: 1 King 17:10-16

Second reading: Heb 9:24-28

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Reflection on the Gospel

"TRUST OR EXPLOITATION?"

Jesus' comment upon the action of the widow in today's Gospel can be understood in two ways. We can see him pointing to the widow's action as an extreme example of generosity and trust in God. It is not the amount contributed that counts before God but the trust and self-giving it represents. While some give just what they have left over after making good allowance for their comfort, the widow gives everything. She becomes an example of faith to admire and possibly to emulate, according to our circumstance and calling.

The alternative is to see Jesus deploring rather than commending what is happening here. In the preceding scene Jesus has denounced the scribes for taking the places of honour at banquets (where they will be well fed), while "swallowing the property of widows". In the scene immediately following he foretells the destruction of the Temple to whose treasury the widow has contributed. This wider context suggests that Jesus interprets the widow's act as an instance where religious law, as interpreted by the scribes, induces "little ones", such as her, to contribute to the treasury far more than they can afford. The scene then becomes a warning against the way in which religion, falsely interpreted and promoted, can oppress rather than liberate the poor and vulnerable, for whose cause and whose life Christ shed his blood on the cross.

We do not necessarily have to choose between these two interpretations; both are valid and valuable. We can admire the widow's generosity and faith while remaining critical of the abuse of religion that drove her to it.

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.

Also, we are running another **Child Safety Information and Training session** at St Joseph's on **27th November at 7.30pm in the church** for our volunteers and anyone else who would like to attend who couldn't attend the September sessions. Please book from the following Trybooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/XNEO> or by calling the Parish office on 9489 8008. Volunteers will receive an email with the Trybooking link as well.

Naomi Brammer