

## 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 24/11: 6.30pm**

**Commentator:** Yvonne Susanto.

**Reader:** Vony Juwond.

**Communion Minister:** TBA.

**Musician in charge:** Teddy Susanto.

#### **SUNDAY 25/11: 8.45am**

**Commentator:** Salv Caleo.

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

**Communion Minister:** Cesarina Zampieri.

#### **SUNDAY 25/11: 10.30am**

**Commentator:** John Horacek.

**Reader:** TBA.

**Communion Minister:** Adelma Meilak &  
Audrey Van Haltren.

**Musician in charge:** Brad Pinto.

### **CHURCH CLEANING (26th Nov—1st Dec)**

Bolzan Family.

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

**1st Collection: House: \$ 420.00**

**2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 613.50**

**Special Collection-Catholic Deaf: \$ 146.50**

### **Plenary Council 2020—What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

Thank you to the people who came and contributed to the Listening and Dialogue encounter about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. For those people who weren't able to attend and would like to have your say you can pick up a copy of the handout in the foyer. You can submit your response online or by post.

**Recently Deceased:** Roger Dutton and Jean Loulou Taouk.

**Death Anniversaries:** Tannous Youssef Taouk and Moussa Hanna Fakhry.

**Sick:** Badr Habchi.

### **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:**

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

**Tue 20th Nov:** 11.00pm—Funeral Mass for "Roger Dutton" (RIP).  
7.30pm—Well Being Committee Meeting, in the parish house.

**Sun 25th Nov:** 10.30am—Junior Family Mass, followed by a Parish Social Event with a BBQ afterwards. We would love to see everyone there.

**\*\*Please save the date:** On Sunday 9th December we will be having a Parish end of year celebration. Everyone is Welcome!

Dear Parishioners,

I inform you that Franca the parish Pastoral worker, will be leaving the parish on Friday, December 21, 2018. The Parish is grateful for Franca's contribution and commitment to our Parish. In my short time at St Joseph, I have become aware she assisted in many pastoral areas. Her valuable involvement will be missed.

I specially thank her for her personal assistance to me. The Parish wishes her every success and happiness in her future.

With all God's blessings  
Fr. Minh Tran

### **This Sunday, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, has been instituted by Pope Francis as the World Day of the Poor.**

Pope Francis asks of us, that as we enter Advent and prepare for Christmas, we examine what we are doing for our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than ourselves. He says:

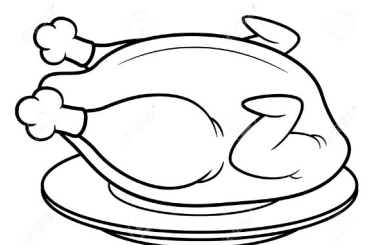
"I invite my brother bishops, priests and, in particular, deacons, on whom hands have been laid for the service of the poor (Acts 6:1-7), as well as religious and the lay faithful – men and women – who in parishes, associations and ecclesial movements make tangible the Church's response to the cry of the poor, to live this World Day as a special moment of new evangelization. The poor evangelize us, helping us to discover every day the beauty of the Gospel. Let us not waste this opportunity for grace. Let all of us feel on this day that we are debtors towards the poor because, stretching out our hands reciprocally one to another, a salvific encounter be created which strengthens our faith, renders our charity active and enables our hope to continue secure on the journey towards the Lord who is returning."

The full message can be viewed at:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/gmdp/2018/messaggio.html>

### **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.



**Thirtythird Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (18th November 2018)**

**First reading:** Dn 12:1-3

**Second reading:** Heb 10:11-14, 18

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

**Reflection on the Gospel**

**"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO GOD"**

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year we have a Gospel drawn from the long instruction Jesus gives to his disciples at the close of his ministry in Jerusalem. The instruction looks ahead to the future life of the Church after his death and resurrection. Jesus foresees and foretells a great many trials and temptations that his followers will have to face: the destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, wars and turmoil on an international scale, the persecution of his followers, and even betrayal and deceit within the community.

The chief purpose of the instruction is to give strength and encouragement to the Church. All the dismaying things that will happen have been foreseen by Jesus. They will not frustrate the final victory when he himself will return in glory to extend God's rule over the universe once and for all.

The Gospel for today describes this climactic moment. It is couched in language and imagery typical of the Jewish worldview of the time known as "apocalyptic". Such imagery causes problems if we take it literally and expect things to happen exactly as described. The highly symbolic imagery, however, is not meant to frighten the faithful but to convey a message of assurance and vindication. Things may be tough and dismaying now but, as Jesus' resurrection shows, the future belongs to God, rather than to the forces of death and exploitation.

Understood in this way, the Gospel addresses very fittingly the present uncertain situation of our world and our Church, and the dismay many experience as a result.

**Brendan Byrne**

**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)

**Child Safety matters - extra child safety information and training session for volunteers**

To cater for those volunteers who could not attend one of the child safety information and training sessions in September, we'll be running a **repeat session** on **Tuesday 27 November** at **7:30pm** in the church. The session will run for approximately two hours, and light refreshments will be provided.

*If you volunteer at St Joseph's in any way and **didn't** attend one of the sessions held in September, you should have received an invitation to the November session via email.*

Although training is required for all our volunteers, it's helpful for us to know how many people will be attending. You can register for the session via the link in your email invitation. If you haven't received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact the parish office.

**Naomi Brammer**