

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 25/8: 6.30pm

Commentator: Yvonne Susanto.

Reader: Vony Juwond.

Communion Minister: TBA.

Musician in charge: Peter Jordan.

SUNDAY 26/8: 8.45am

Commentator: Kevin Fell.

Reader: Cesarina Zampieri (I) & Kevin Fell (E).

Communion Minister: Mirella Morlin.

SUNDAY 26/8: 10.30am

Commentator: Naomi Brammer.

Reader: Susan Moss.

Communion Ministers: Hugh McGinlay.

Musician in charge: Brad Pinto.

CHURCH CLEANING (27th Aug—1st Sep)

Sean Pinder.

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

1st Collection: House: \$ 507.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 988.50

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 50.00

Total funds raised so far: \$ 5715.00

Recently Deceased: Br Patrick Henigan OFM, Milhem Elzain Taouk, Antoine Badwia Fakhry, Jamil Saba Geagea and Youssef Toufic Fakhry.

Death Anniversaries: Italina Zuliani, Giuseppina Sorgiovanni, Nicolo Peter Gori, Adriana Lucietto, Rimo Lucietto, Silvio Rufata, Antonio Battagin and deceased family members, Assunta, Santo, Alfonso and Fausto Pino.

Sick: Maree Swan, Albert Najjar, Lorr Najjar, Luisa Castello, Salv Caleo, Simon Fakhry and Laila Taylor.

Diary Reminders:

Sun 19th Aug: 3.00pm—Divine Mercy Rosary & Devotional Prayers.
: 4.00pm—Divine Mercy Mass.

Tue 21st Aug: 7.30pm—Well Being Committee Meeting, in the parish house.

Wed 22nd Aug: 4.00pm—Religious Education classes, in the parish house.

Sun 26th Aug: 10.30am—Confirmation Commitment Mass.

Next weekend: Special Collection-Vinnies Winter Appeal.

: Observance—National Day for Migrants & Refugees.

A FAITHFUL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE...

St Joseph's 125 years



On Sunday October 14
Mass will be celebrated at 2pm,
followed by an afternoon tea and a 'Walk through the Past' at the school.

A bit of our History...

Our parish archives have a copy of insurance policies from 1963. They show the value of the Church, School and Parish House.

Church: £60,000

School: £60,000

Parish House: £13,000



WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THE 125 ANNIVERSARY A GREAT OCCASION SO IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP ADD YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS TO THE LIST AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH / IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Dear friends,

We have sought funding to commission a mural on the exterior wall of the Parish Centre at 133 Westbourne Grove, Northcote. It is the building located at the tennis courts that belongs to St Joseph's. The project idea has been accepted and the application progressed to the voting stage. We need your vote for this project to be selected for the Victorian Government grant. Click on this link to vote : <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas/mural-for-community-hall#.W3Vwpr4P4ao.link> To vote you must be 16 years or older and reside in the local community. The more votes the more likely this project will receive funding. Voting closes at 5pm on Monday 17 September 2018.

Thank you very much for your support. Franca Henger, on behalf of the St Joseph's Parish Wellbeing Committee

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (19th August 2018)

First reading: Prov 9:1-6

Second reading: Eph 5:15-20

GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Reflection on Gospel

"WORD AND SACRAMENT"

Today's Gospel begins by repeating from last week Jesus' claim that the "Bread" that he will give for the life of the world is his own "flesh". The reference is to the revelation of God's love that will occur when he lays down his life upon the cross. However, his audience (still named here "the Jews") take the reference literally. Understandably, they balk at what sounds like cannibalism.

In reply, Jesus adds to the notion of eating his flesh the even more repugnant idea (especially to Jews) of drinking his blood. He is attempting to draw his audience away from a purely physical understanding to a symbolic interpretation stemming from the Wisdom tradition of Israel. This tradition interpreted the Manna the Israelites ate in the wilderness in terms of divine revelation. To "eat" in this sense refers to accepting revelation.

Jesus' flesh and his blood will be separated in his death on the cross. Within the same Wisdom tradition to "eat" Jesus' flesh and "drink" his blood means to accept his death as the life-giving revelation that God is love (1 John 4:8).

The text is also open, of course, to a sacramental interpretation. To eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood in the Eucharist is to be brought sacramentally before his cross on Calvary. Our Eucharistic participation draws us into the rhythm of his self-sacrificing love poured out for the life of the world.

Jesus is, then, our "Bread from Heaven" in two senses: as life-giving *Word* of revelation and as "real" food and drink in the *Sacrament* of his Body and Blood.

Brendan Byrne

Child safety information and training sessions for volunteers

If you're a volunteer at St Joseph's, in any ministry or group, you'll soon receive an invitation to attend a child safety information and training session. We'll initially be offering two sessions - one on Wednesday 12 September at 7:30pm, and one on Saturday 15 September at 9:30am - but extra sessions may be held later if needed. The sessions will run for approximately two hours, and refreshments will be provided.

Training is required for all volunteers, so please try to be available for one of those dates if you can.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Naomi Brammer

