

St. Joseph's Parish, Northcote



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Weekday Mass Times:

8:45am—9:10am Rosary, followed by
9:15am Mass on Tuesday to 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: 5.00pm 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: 31/08 5:30pm

Commentator: John Curry
Reader: Yvonne Susanto
Musician in charge: Peter Jordan

SUNDAY: 01/09 8.45am

Commentator: Kevin Fell
Reader: Cesarina Zampieri

SUNDAY : 01/09 10.30am

Commentator: Susan Moss
Reader: Donna Sookramanien
Communion Minister: Rosanna de Mel
Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon

Thank you for your generous support of our parish:

1st Collection: House: \$ 292.00
2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 603.00

Contributions to the church renovation:

This week: \$340.00
To date: \$2,260.00

Recently deceased: Felicia (Rosa) Spano
Death Anniversaries: Hanna Aborta, Najib Tunsie Fakhry

Diary Reminders:

Tues 27th Aug—7:30pm—Child Safety Team meeting
Frid 30th Aug—2pm—Seniors Mass in the Parish centre
Sat 31st Aug & Sun 1st Sept—

- * Special Father's day Mass
- * Special collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund
- * Monthly cuppa tea after all Masses

Sunday Mass will be held in the Parish Centre until further notice

Save the date!

What are YOU doing on Sunday 20 October?

Join us at the Grandview Hotel, Fairfield, for an afternoon of great music to raise funds for the church renovations, featuring St Joseph's very own "Sole Agents" cover band.

Doors open at 1:00pm, music starts at 1:30pm. Watch this space for more details!



From the Child Safety Officer

St Joseph's Child Safety Code of Conduct

At St Joseph's, our Parish staff and volunteers have an important role to play in protecting the children in our care from harm, abuse, or neglect. We expect all of our volunteers to help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for children, and to comply with our Child Safety Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct sets out guidelines for appropriate and inappropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children, and supports our volunteers by helping them to understand their obligations and responsibilities regarding child safety.

Over the coming weeks, the Child Safety Team will be reviewing the Code of Conduct to ensure that it remains relevant to our Parish and consistent with current legislation. I'll keep you informed of any changes we make.

"Naomi Brammer

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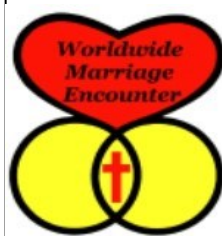
Sunday, 25 August 2019

Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Main celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2019 Victorian weekend dates: 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov.

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Organ Concert to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 6 September, 2019 at 6.30pm.

This concert will feature renowned organist Thomas Trotter.

Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEUKN> or tickets available at the door.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading Is 66:18-21
Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Reflection on the Gospel

THE NARROW GATE

Someone questions Jesus about the number who will be saved. He will not respond in quantitative terms ("How many ...?"). Rather, he turns the question back into a warning. Don't miss the opportunity while it is still available.

To make the point Jesus takes images from everyday life (without necessarily commending the behaviour involved!).

When an entrance or gateway is narrow and many are trying to get through, it pays to struggle and get to the front right away. We cannot just "coast" into salvation; effort is required.

Travellers arriving late at a large household might hope for special consideration on the grounds of being known to the owner. But the lodging is full up with others who have got in before them. Imagine how they would then feel—out on the street for the night in a strange city, the door barred against them.

In the preaching of Jesus we are all invited to the banquet of the Kingdom. But we can exclude ourselves from the banquet by not being prepared to accept that divine hospitality at the time—and in the company—of God's choosing. The Gospel summons us to go in by "the narrow gate", the gate that strips us of the various kinds of "baggage" that selfishness loads upon us.

Those who daily take the message to heart can leave the question of salvation safely left in the hands of the all-generous God, whose only desire in our regard is to have us honoured guests at the banquet of eternal life.

Brendan Byrne