

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 29/9: 6.30pm

Commentator: Moses El-Fakhri.

Reader: Sr Therese Denny.

Communion Minister: TBA.

Musician in charge: TBA.

SUNDAY 30/9: 8.45am

Commentator: Kevin Fell.

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

Communion Minister: Mirella Morlin.

SUNDAY 30/9: 10.30am

Commentator: Christiane Khalil.

Reader: Audrey Van Haltren.

Communion Ministers: Adelma Meilak & TBA.

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (1st Oct—6th Oct)

John Horacek.

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

1st Collection: House: \$ 418.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 570.00

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 250.00

Total funds raised so far: \$ 11,310.00

Recently Deceased: Marion Clarke-Wishart.

Death Anniversaries: Helena Hanna Fakhry and Jamil & Nazha Najjar.

Pray for the Soul of: Siro Mizzi.

Sick: Jean Loulou Taouk, Christine Coombe, Leila Taylor and Eddie Fakhry.

Diary Reminders:

Fri 28th Sep: No Seniors' Mass for the month of September.

Sun 30th Sep: Social Justice Sunday.

Please save the date: Saturday 6th October—for a Church cleaning bee.
Further details will follow.

Baptism being celebrated this weekend: Archer Samuel Alfie Useli

Social Justice Sunday

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30th September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'.

The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

Jubilee Australia

Earlier this year the Jubilee team went to Bougainville, and while they were there, went to the capital, Arawa, and visited Arawa Secondary School which is the main school in the area. Many adults in Bougainville did not receive schooling because it coincided with the civil war in the 1990's, and they work hard to send their children to school to give them an opportunity that they missed out on.

Mary, the school's wonderful librarian, said that the children have a real desire to learn and that the teachers are dedicated to giving them a solid education. The school's resources are however limited, which means that the shelves in the library are almost bare, and that many of the books they do have are quite old and outdated.

The right to education is a fundamental human right and having access to books is an important tool for Arawa Secondary School to give their students the best education. Mary, the teachers, students and parents at the school, and Jubilee Australia, would be forever grateful if you have any books that you could send to the school. A range of books are needed, fiction and non-fiction alike, but please keep in mind that the literacy levels are not the same as here in Australia.

Books can be sent to: *Mary, Arawa Secondary School, PO Box 20, Arawa, AROB, Papua New Guinea.*

Feel free to contact Jubilee Australia on 02- 8286 9706 if you have any questions, and be sure to follow on facebook to get updates.



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Q&A: October 16, 5.30PM - Ross House Association, 247 Flinders Lane

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (23rd September 2018)

First reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Second reading: Jas 3:16—4:3

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Reflection on the Gospel

"HUGGED BY GOD"

Still cherishing hopes of sharing Jesus' messianic glory understood in purely conventional terms, the disciples are fixated on sorting out which of them will be "the greatest".

To counter this false ambition, Jesus takes a child from the house and sets it in front of them all. Then putting his arms around the child, he makes an extraordinary statement of self-identification: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me".

To grasp the full force of this action, we have to put aside the idealisation of childhood that is actually rather recent in Western society. In the ancient world children were precious, no doubt, to their parents. But they had no social or civic status whatsoever; until adulthood children were nobodies.

Thus for someone outside the family to "welcome" a child turns prevailing values upside down. It requires setting aside self-importance and adult status, and simply meeting the child as an equal. That, says Jesus, is what the disciples must "practice"—because in so doing they will be welcoming not only him but also the Father who stands behind his entire life and mission.

Here is a profound revelation of God's love. Jesus' gesture of hugging the child in front of all shows more powerfully than words could express the preciousness to God of each and every human life, no matter how small, how insignificant. We are all—in our "littleness" rather than our achievement—in this moment hugged by God.

Brendan Byrne

We had a great response to our first child safety information and training sessions!

Thanks to everyone who attended - I hope you found the session informative and worthwhile. If you didn't sign a copy of the Child Safety Code of Conduct on the day, please remember to sign and return it to the Parish Office as soon as you can.

For those volunteers who couldn't attend in September, we're planning to run another session soon. We want to choose a time that's convenient for as many people as possible, so please let the Parish Office know if there are any particular days or times that suit you best.

Naomi Brammer

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.

TAKING A STEP BACK...



Father Thomas Brazil

Thomas Brazil was born February 1863 in Tipperary, ordained June 1887 and arrived in Victoria on board the 'Austral' just four months later. He was one of the many Irish priests who volunteered to serve the church "in the colonies." His first appointment was at St Mary's Geelong... and then to Northcote.

On Sunday April 24 1891, Archbishop Carr had blessed and opened a new wooden church in Arthurton Road, Northcote. The pattern for parish buildings in the Archdiocese was evident in Northcote: the school building served as a church on Sunday, a school Monday to Friday. Then there were the inevitable extensions and additions to cope with the increasing numbers of children wanting a Catholic education.

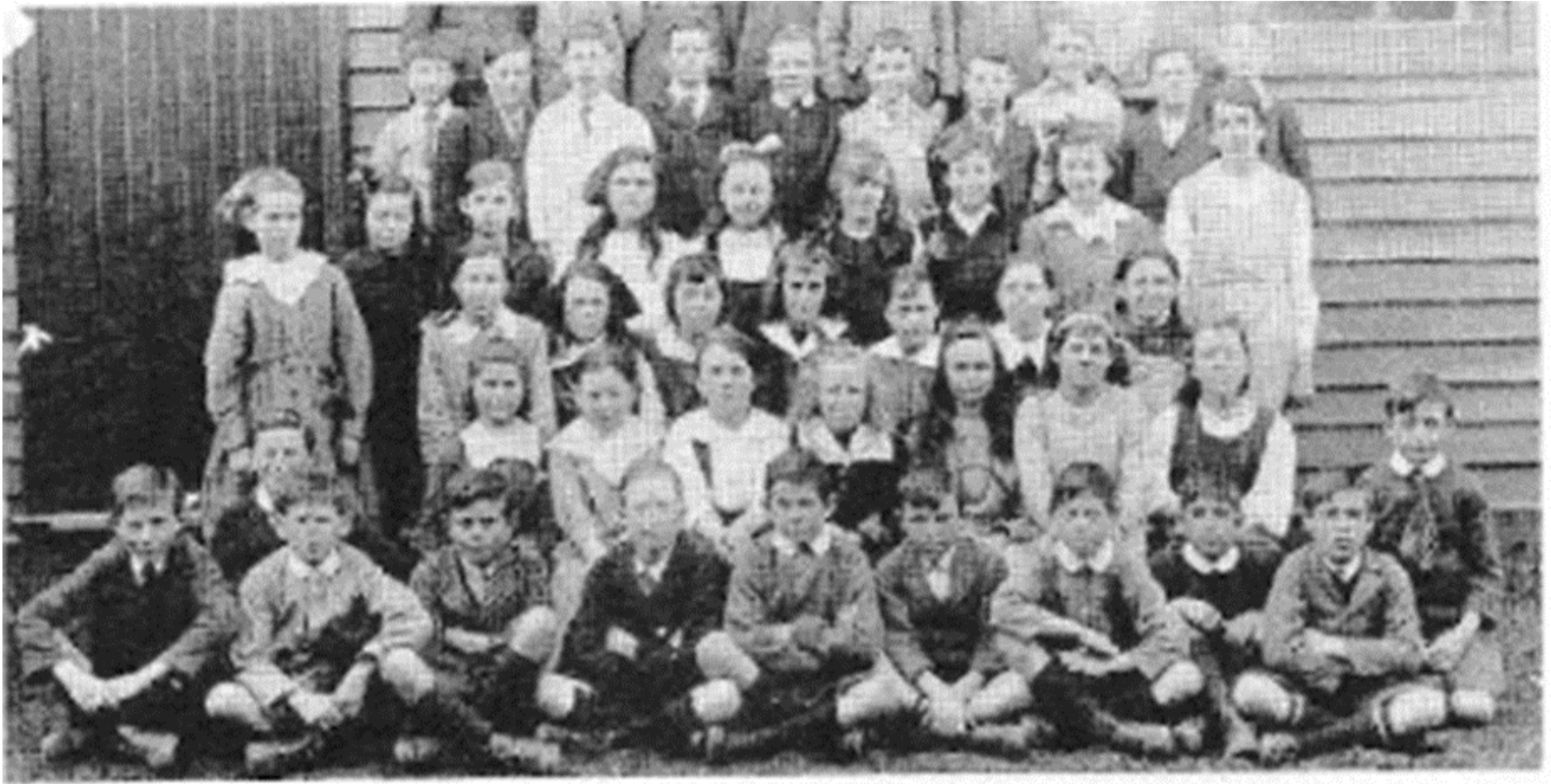
In March 1897, a 25ft extension was added to the building and an infant classroom was built. "The erection of the infant classroom will greatly facilitate the work of the efficient staff of teachers in charge of the school which has an attendance of 132. Archbishop Carr congratulated Fr Brazil on his work and expressed his admiration for the beautiful church." (*The Advocate* 13 March 1897)

To finance the work Fr Brazil went door to door around the parish and raised £230. Fairs and bazaars were organised to make money.

By 1897, Fr Brazil had chosen a more suitable site for the church and presbytery – a fine block of land in Westbourne Grove, Ruckers Hill, the most commanding situation in the town. "It is proposed to build a commodious two-storey presbytery at a cost of £1400, sufficient land being left for the future erection of a church, in place of the one situated in the low-lying land to the north." (*The Advocate* 17 September 1898)

We today might agree with Archbishop Carr: "In the future, the parishioners would realise and admire the sound judgement and foresight at the pastor's action in the matter."

In February 1900, Fr Brazil was transferred to Williamstown, where he remained as parish priest for 24 years until his death in 1924.



Arthurton Road School group in early 1900's

For the next five years, the parish was in the care of Fr Cornelius Sheahan. Born in 1857 in Killarney, ordained June 1992, he too had signed up to work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. In 1903, a school hall was blessed and opened. It was a weatherboard building, costing £500. A portion of the hall was fitted up with desks on a gradually ascending platform for the accommodation of the infant classes.

Extracts from "St Joseph's Northcote, Celebrating 100 years, 1893-1993"



Reverend Father C. Sheahan P.P.

At the back of the church is a flyer for donations of food for the afternoon tea, and an RSVP slip. If you are attending the afternoon tea please fill in the RSVP and any help with plates of food (cakes, slices, biscuits, sausage rolls) will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help out on the day – the sign-up sheets remain at the back of the church – *many hands make light work!!*