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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 1/9: 6.30pm

Commentator: Virginia Gori.
Reader: Sr Rita Hayes.
Communion Minister: Sr Therese Denny.
Musician in charge: Rusman Priyana.

SUNDAY 2/9: 8.45am

Commentator: Jill Ryan.
Reader: Jill Ryan (E) & Raffaele Capetola (I).
Communion Minister: TBA.

SUNDAY 2/9: 10.30am

Commentator: Alexandra Gunaratnam.
Reader: Hugh McGinlay.
Communion Ministers: Winston Van Haltren &
Adelma Meilak.

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (3rd Sep—8th Sep)

Malith Perera & Tania Fernando.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish:

1st Collection: House: \$ 494.00
2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 652.00

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 295.00
Total funds raised so far: \$ 6010.00

Special Collection for CatholicCare Appeal raised: \$346.00

Recently Deceased: Fr. Thomas 'Tom' Brophy and Fr. Joseph Benedict Dargan.

Month's Mind: Teresa Salvo.

Death Anniversaries: Tony Zabboughi and Salim Mansour Taouk.

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

Diary Reminders:

This weekend: Special Collection-Vinnies Winter Appeal.

: Observance—National Day for Migrants & Refugees.

Wed 29th Aug: 4.00pm—Religious Education classes, in the parish house.

Thu 30th Aug: 9.15am—Morning Mass will include the children from the Junior H class.

Fri 31st Aug: 2.00pm—Seniors' Mass, in the Parish Centre.

: 7.00pm—Confirmation for the St Joseph's Primary school children.

Next Weekend: Special Collection for Priests Retirement Foundation

Baptisms being celebrated this weekend:

Sherie Maree McLean & Hannah Sherie Bland

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...

"On Thursday evening, October 19, at 8.0'clock, St. Joseph's Red Cross Emergency Group was formed. The group comprises 54 members of women and girls from the Catholic Women's Social Guild and Girls' Club respectively."

(Taken from an article in *The Ambassador* December 1939 – three months after the outbreak of World War 2.)

The article also tells us that Dr Cashmore (a parishioner) and St. John's Ambulance First Aid Corps gave lectures on first aid, burns, fractures etc., and transport of the injured.



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.



Congratulation on the children from the Religious Education Class, who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (26th August 2018)

First reading: Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

Second reading: Eph 5:21-32

GOSPEL

Jn 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Reflection on Gospel

"GOD IS LOVE"

Today's Gospel describes the mixed reaction Jesus' instruction on the Bread of Life receives. Many of his hearers, including some disciples, describe it as "intolerable" and leave him.

But what precisely is the "hard teaching" that they find impossible to accept (v. 60)? At first sight it might seem to be Jesus' claim that his flesh is real food and his blood real drink. Yet his response, "What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?" (v. 62) suggests that, beyond the Eucharistic reference, the problem is his more fundamental claim to be the "Bread of Life *come down from heaven*", a new "Manna" superior in life-giving power to the Law of Moses.

Many of his audience, it would seem, felt more comfortable with precepts to live by such as the Mosaic Law. God would remain in heaven, they would keep the laws, and all would be well. Jesus' response (v. 62) implies, "If you have difficulty with this idea of a divine descent from heaven to live "among us" (1:14), how will you cope when the same Son of Man returns to where he has come from via a cross!"—the ultimate revelation that "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

The negative reaction of the crowd reflects their inability, without the Spirit, to accept the image of God revealed by Jesus.

Peter, however, gets it right. Apart from Jesus, where else would one turn to find life and love? His response has comforted many down the ages.

Brendan Byrne

For our volunteers: What can you expect at the child safety information and training sessions?

The child safety sessions for volunteers will be held in the Church, so that we can take full advantage of the new audio-visual system. Most of the session will focus on the various laws and regulations that are designed to keep children safe in Victoria, including the seven Child Safe Standards, and how those measures will be implemented at St Joseph's. If you've been following these articles, you'll already be familiar with some of the ways that we are working to make our Parish a safe and welcoming place for children. There will also be opportunities for you to ask questions and practice thinking about issues related to child safety.

The Child Safety Team is eager to share this information with you, so check your email for your invitation.

Naomi Brammer



Mural for Community Hall: 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.

Please collect a flyer with instruction on how to vote, on your way out today.