St. Joseph's Parish, Northcote

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<u>Weekday Mass Times</u>:

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:**

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Wednesday: 4.00pm—5.00pm R.E. classes for State Primary and Secondary School children in the Parish House.

ROSTERS:

SATURDAY 22/9: 6.30pm Commentator: Lucy Han. Reader: Donna Sookramanien. Communion Minister: Sr. Therese Denny. Musician in charge: Peter Jordan. SUNDAY 23/9: 8.45am

Commentator: Salv Caleo. **Reader:** Raffaele Capetola (I) & Salv Caleo (E). **Communion Minister:** TBA.

SUNDAY 23/9: 10.30am

Commentator: Winston Van Haltren. **Reader:** Melanie Pinto.

Communion Ministers: Hugh McGinlay & TBA.

Musician in charge: Brad Pinto.

CHURCH CLEANING (24th Sep—29th Sep) Bolzan Family.

Thank you for your generous support of our

Recently Deceased: Talal Fakhry.

Death Anniversaries: Johnny El-Fahkri.

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

Diary Reminders:

Sun 16th Sep: Observance of CSSV Social Services Sunday.

- : 3.00pm—Divine Mercy Rosary & Devotional Prayers.
 - : 4.00pm—Divine Mercy Mass.
- **Tue 18th Sep:** 7.30pm—Well Being Committee Meeting, in the parish house.



Child Safety Representatives for the weekend Mass times

As part of our commitment to the safety and well-being of children, we've appointed two Child Safety Representatives for each weekend Mass time. Their role is to be alert for potential risks to child safety before, during, or after the Mass, and to take appropriate action. If you notice any hazards or have any concerns, you can raise it with one of the representatives at your Mass or report it to the Parish Priest or Parish Office directly. Our Child Safety Representatives are:

parish:

1st Collection: House: \$ 444.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 838.00

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 650.00 Total funds raised so far: \$ 11,060.00

JESUIT COLLEGE OF SPIRITUALITY: OPEN DAY: Thursday 27 September, 3–5.30pm Jesuit College of Spirituality, 175 Royal Parade, Parkville

We welcome and encourage prospective students to attend our Open Day. It will be an opportunity to meet the JCS Staff, faculty and existing students and to see the college and ask questions. **Details:** <u>http://jcs.edu.au/events/open-day/</u>

Saturday 6:30pm: Moses El Fakhri and Yvonne Susanto Sunday 8:45am: Kevin Fell and Paula Lanti

Sunday 10:30am: Franca Henger and Naomi Brammer

Volunteer with Palms Australia- Make a wheel difference!

It's not just teachers – Mission also needs mechanics, tools and trades! What skills can you share with our neighbours? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333.



Palms Australia

Right now, the community of Mawlmayine, Myanmar requires a volunteer mechanic to provide mentoring and support for local livelihood programs. For more mission opportunities, visit <u>palms.org.au/volunteer</u>

Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter tour to Timor Leste or Samoa- Call us 02 9560 5333 or go to <u>palms.org.au/encounters</u>

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (16th September 2018)

First reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Second reading: James 2:14-18

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it.'

Reflection on Gospel

"WHAT KIND OF MESSIAH?"

Jesus explicitly raises the issue of his identity. While Peter's answer ("You are the Christ") is correct, Jesus neither confirms nor applauds him. Instead, enjoining silence on the matter, he speaks of his coming passion and death in Jerusalem. The knowledge that he is Messiah is not to be separated from the kind of Messiah he is to be: not one who will be served and honoured, like the rulers of this world, but one who will "serve and give his life as a ransom for many" (10:45).

From this point on, the disciples will struggle—unsuccessfully as it turns out—to hold two truths together: that Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Messiah and that he will fulfil his messianic role by entering into the pain and suffering of the world, even unto death—something quite unforeseen in conventional Jewish messianic expectation.

Peter's remonstrance voices the perceived incompatibility between the two truths. Why should God allow the Messiah, indeed God's own Son, to suffer in this way?

But to attempt to deflect Jesus from this path would be to play Satan's game, frustrating God's gift of life to the world through the cross. Disciples of Jesus must go the same way, take up their cross and follow after him.

The fact that Peter who has just got something so splendidly right stumbles so badly at the prospect of suffering is, surely, an encouragement—a recognition in the Gospel that we all do badly at suffering. Each new cross that comes our way places us anew before the dilemma of this scene.

Brendan Byrne

<u> VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – URGENTLY!!</u>

Co.As.It. through the Visitation Program offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organization is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one to two hours per week to visit aged persons of Italian origin, who are lonely and in need of company.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life, and your own. If you are interested to volunteer or would like to know more about the program, please call the Regional Coordinator Filomena on 0418 995 525.

CERCHIAMO VOLONTARI - URGENTE!!

Il Comitato Assistenza Italiani (Co.As.It.) di Melbourne, cerca persone di lingua italiana per visitare un'orata o due alla settimana anziani Italiani che sono isolati e bisognosi di amicizia.

Visitare una persona isolata puó dare tanto significato sia per la persona che riceve che per chi da! Ma anche da l'opportunità a persone che sanno parlare l'italiano di essere collegati con la lingua e la cultura italiana. Se siete interessata/o chiamate il Coordinatrice Regionale Filomena sul 0418995525.