

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 13/10: 6.30pm

Commentator: Moses El-Fakhri.

Reader: Tannous El-Fakhri.

Communion Minister: Sr. Therese El-Fakhri.

Musician in charge: Teddy Susanto.

SUNDAY 14/10: 8.45am

Commentator: Salv Caleo.

Reader: Raffaele Capetola (I) & Salv Caleo (E).

Communion Minister: Cesarina Zampieri.

SUNDAY 14/10: 10.30am

No 10.30am Mass—replaced with 2.00pm

125th Anniversary Mass and Celebration.

CHURCH CLEANING (15th Oct—20th Oct)

Aruna Nair.

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

1st Collection: House: \$ 496.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 857.00

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 90.00

Total funds raised so far: \$ 12,400.00

125th Anniversary Mass Celebration:

For the 125th Celebration, we are
fortunate that the Mass will be
celebrated by the Vicar General,
Monsignor Greg Bennet.

We are also happy to announce that
Fr. Michael Sims, Fr. Prakash Cutinha
and Fr. Shabin Raphael, will also be
joining us for this special event.

Recently Deceased: Lorr Najjar.

Death Anniversaries: Farid Tunsey Fakhry and Salvatore Frazzetto.

Sick: Antoun Tannous Raffoul, Simon Fakhry and Luigi Bochi.

Diary Reminders:

Tue 9th Oct: 7.30pm—125 Anniversary Celebration Meeting, in the parish
house.

Sun 14th Oct: 8.45am—English/Italian Mass.

: **No 10.30am Sunday Mass.**

: 2.00pm—125th Anniversary Mass and Celebration.

Baptism being celebrated this weekend: Romina Grazia Arico



Mary MacKillop Today Appeal

An enormous 'thank you' to the parishioners of
St Joseph's, Northcote for their faith-filled
support.

The money raised on the weekend of 4/5 August
will be used to support the works of Mary
MacKillop Today in Australia and overseas.

Your support means that we can continue our
community partnerships supporting men,
women, children and communities with practical
life skills in education, health, financial inclusion
and livelihoods.

We thank you for your support and mostly for
your ongoing prayers.

"We must teach more by example than by word"

Mary MacKillop 1867

www.marymackilloptoday.org.au



We would like to thank the
following people for their help
around our parish over the last
few weeks:

- Tony Bolzan, for cleaning up of the rubbish around the parish centre and house and for taking that to the tip.
- The gardening group, Leo Maynes and Tony Bolzan, for the clean up of the Secret Garden area.
- Everyone who worked on the Church clean-up Saturday morning in the lead up to the 125th Celebration.
- Those who voted in the Pick my project "Mural for community Hall". Even though we just found out this week that we were unsuccessful, we would like to thank everyone who took the time out to vote, however we ended up with less than 50 votes received for our submission.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (7th October 2018)

First reading: Gen 2:18-24

Second reading: Heb 2:9-11

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.'

Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Reflection on the Gospel

"FIDELITY AND GRACE"

Jesus challenges the Pharisees' reliance upon the Law of Moses to "permit" divorce. The law does not "permit" divorce. It recognizes it as a reality of human life and seeks (Deut 24:1-4) to limit its harsh consequences for women.

But this provision, introduced because of human "hardness of heart", yields before the Creator's original design for marriage, now being reclaimed by Jesus. He draws on the biblical account of creation (Gen 2:18-24, as in the First Reading) to call to mind the sense of companionship and mutual knowledge intended to surround sexual union in marriage. Marital love-making should be the physical expression of life-long intimacy and commitment.

Jesus then rules out divorce and remarriage. Yet this ruling is given in the context of an expectation, shared by the early community, that the world as presented constituted was soon to pass away (cf. Mark 9:1; 13:5-36; 1 Cor 7:29-35) and where life expectancy was less than half that prevailing in Western societies today. These considerations must clearly be taken into account when Jesus' ruling on divorce is applied to later situations, something already beginning in the New Testament (Matt 5:32; 19:9; 1 Cor 7:10-16) and continuing in the canonical practice of the Church.

Congregations now contain many people in second marriages. Today's Gospel must be proclaimed and heard with sensitivity to the fact that, in the course of life, people make mistakes, relationships fail, and new ones are forged. Without surrendering the values of Jesus, the key thing is that people find in all their life journey the grace of a loving God.

Brendan Byrne

Child safety matters: Who needs a Working with Children Check?

Under Victorian law, any person who is working or volunteering in a role that involves direct contact with children must hold a valid WWCC. Some organisations also have their own policies concerning the WWCC. In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, most staff and volunteers are expected to have a WWCC, even if their usual role does not involve direct contact with children. This reflects the Archdiocese's strong commitment to child safety, and the high levels of trust and responsibility given to church staff and volunteers.

In line with Archdiocese policy, we're now asking all volunteers at St Joseph's to ensure they have a current WWCC. This will make it easier for volunteers to move between roles and will help the Parish Office keep up-to-date records, as required by law. I'll give more details about how to apply for a WWCC, and how to check if your WWCC is current, in the coming weeks.

Naomi Brammer

Life, Marriage & Family Sunday—7 October 2018: Living Icons—Mothers, Fathers & the Gospel of the Family

Love and salvation are for most of us, discovered within the ordinariness of every day family life. God chooses ordinary and imperfect people – mums and dads – to reveal his extraordinary love. For this reason, Pope Francis describes married couples as "living icons" of God's creative love.

This year, the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Life, Marriage & Family Sunday takes up this idea with the theme: Living Icons - Mothers, Fathers and the Gospel of the Family. Resources created, look at the unique yet complementary gifts of motherhood and fatherhood and the powerful role, parents play in raising and forming their children. While none of us are perfect, children are best served when those they look up – especially their parents – resolve never to stop striving for the perfection that Christ calls us to (Mt 5:48).

The video link can be viewed on our parish Facebook page, or via the website www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily. Please collect your copy of the booklet from the church foyer, on your way out today.

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.

SOME MORE OF OUR PAST...

Following the days of Fr Gallivan, Fr Daniel Coakley took the reins at St Joseph's Northcote in 1939.

Fr Coakley, on assuming this role, is quoted as saying "without any exaggeration, Fr Gallivan is one of the very fine body of gentlemen who stand out in my memory. And now I find myself trying to follow in his footsteps." On this note of gracious humility, Father Daniel Coakley began a pastorate at Northcote which was to last 25 years until he died in March 1965.



Fr Coakley with a Class of First Communicants

Fr Coakley was a man way ahead of his time in some ways. Nobody had heard of the Vatican Council so there was no such thing as a Dialogue Mass. (The altar boys always 'answered the Mass'). Fr Coakley believed in active participation in the Liturgy. His talks on that would be better than anything that was ever written but his implementation of it was absolutely hilarious at times. He'd have the Children of Mary all lined up in their cloaks and veils and he'd turn around and say "Dominus vobiscum." The girls would mumble their response. He would then say loudly and insistently "I SAID DOMUNUS VOBISCUM" and they'd all say "Et cum spiritu tuo" a little louder. "That's better" he'd say, "Now, you're nearly as bad as the Essendon Football Team. You simply will not respond to the coach."

SCHOOL DAYS...

The following are some random snapshots of people and happenings at St Joseph's School throughout the ages.



“There were no luxuries in the classroom, such as heating in the winter, or carpets on the floor. On cold winter days, cocoa was served in the little room in the lunch shed.”
“We learned our tables parrot fashion in a sing-song repetition but I can vouch for the fact that they stayed with me all the years since.”
“There was no special uniform as such. Many families had trouble clothing the children in anything much less a special uniform.”

“Sister Norbert was an old nun and a bit eccentric. She kept a dustpan and brush in the room for the children to sweep up the ‘H’s’ and the ‘G’s’ that they dropped.”

“Mr McDonald took us for drill as it was known. Not P.E. or any high-falutin name, just drill – and drill it was. He also prepared us for the St Patrick’s Day display at the Exhibition Buildings.”



“Once a year Mr O’Driscoll the school inspector came, much to the dread of pupils and teachers alike. White collars were distributed, plus royal blue ribbons for the girls, especially for his visit.”

“There were 5 or 6 nuns in the school, with one old lady who was a lay-teacher. The children would bring sixpence a week. It was the curate’s job to count that money and pay the lay-teacher. It usually came to £10. The nuns got nothing. A visiting priest came in once a year to make an appeal for the nuns. About £500 would be raised. This was all the nuns got the whole year. They lived and worked under very difficult conditions. That’s the sort of history we should be recording. The contribution they made to the Church in this country was magnificent.”