

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 15/9: 6.30pm

Commentator: Connie Galati.

Reader: John Curry.

Communion Minister: TBA.

Musician in charge: Teddy Susanto.

SUNDAY 16/9: 8.45am

Commentator: Jill Ryan.

Reader: Jill Ryan (E) & Cesarina Zampieri (I).

Communion Minister: Mirella Morlin.

SUNDAY 16/9: 10.30am

Commentator: Donna Sookramanien.

Reader: John Horacek.

Communion Ministers: Iris Avery & Winston
Van Haltren.

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (17th Sep—22nd Sep)

Jordan Family.

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

1st Collection: House: \$ 381.50

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 574.50

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 2,450.00

Total funds raised so far: \$ 10,410.00

Special Collection—Father's Day Appeal:

\$380.00

Northern Youth Group gathering

Next group gathering:

9th September, 6.30pm - 8pm, St Monica's
Parish, Moonee Ponds (Mass at 5.30pm)
Topic: Plenary Council 2020

Death Anniversaries: Hanna Moussa Fakhry and Nusre Farr.

Sick: Maree Swan, Albert Najjar, Lorr Najjar, Luisa Castello, Jean Loulou
Taouk, Christine Coombe, Leila Taylor and Eddie Fakhry.

Diary Reminders:

Tue 11th Sep: 7.30pm—125th Anniversary Celebration Meeting, in the
parish house.

Sat 15th Sep: St Joseph's Primary School Trivia Night (please contact the
school office for further details).

Sun 16th Sep: Observance of CSSV Social Services Sunday.
: 3.00pm—Divine Mercy Rosary & Devotional Prayers.
: 4.00pm—Divine Mercy Mass.

Baptism being celebrated this weekend: Xavier Antonio Serapiglia

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... The first Good Samaritan convent
in Northcote was established in 1904. The Good Samaritan
sisters have been in partnership and serving the people of
Northcote for some 114 years and this service continues today.

Over these years approximately 400 sisters have lived and
ministered in the parish so this parish still holds a special place in
the heart of the Congregation.



**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.**

FINAL WEEK TO PLACE YOUR VOTE—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 instructions
on how to vote, on your way out today. (Voting closes on Monday
17th September at 5pm.)**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (9th September 2018)

First reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Second reading: James 2:1-5

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'be opened.' and his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Reflection on Gospel

"TOUCHING AND HEALING"

Today's Gospel describes a healing miracle that alludes explicitly to Isaiah's description of the blessings of the messianic age contained in the First Reading (Isaiah 35:4-7).

The healing itself is one of the most "physical" of all Jesus' miracles. In this non-Jewish region of Galilee (the Decapolis) Jesus acts like a pagan wonder-worker, with special gestures and words.

The man's condition, involving both a hearing and speaking disability, places him at great social disadvantage: he can neither receive verbal communication nor freely communicate his own thoughts, feelings, and reflections to others. His condition is lonely and isolated. What Jesus does for this marginalised person brings him into the hearing and speaking community. Now he can receive interpersonal communication and make known his thoughts and feelings to others.

The very physical aspect of this miracle has rendered it apt for interpretation in a symbolic sense—notably in the Christian liturgy of baptism. The man represents all who enter the community of faith through this sacrament. Before baptism we are "deaf" to the Word of life spoken to us by the Creator. In the sacrament, in the person of the minister, Christ touches our ears to give us the capacity to hear God's life-giving Word in the Scriptures proclaimed by the Church. Having heard that Word in the context of our own life-experience, we can then turn to praise God and share what we have heard and discovered with our fellow believers. Our ears are opened and our tongues "loosened" for full participation in the community of faith.

Brendan Byrne

Volunteers, have you registered to attend a Child Safety information and training session yet?

Just a reminder that our first child safety information and training sessions will be held next week, on Wednesday 12 September at 7:30pm and Saturday 15 September at 9:30am. Although we need all of our volunteers to attend a training session, it's helpful for us to know how many people to expect each time. Registering for your preferred session via the link in your email invitation is quick and easy. If you can't attend either of the sessions next week, that's no problem - simply click on the registration link, and you can tell us what day and time will suit you best.

If you volunteer at St Joseph's in any way and haven't received an invitation, or if you are just interested in learning more about the Victorian Child Safe Standards and laws, please contact the parish office and we'll send you a registration link. Alternatively, come along to one of the sessions and we'll record your details there.

Naomi Brammer

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – URGENTLY!!

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'ora o due alla settimana anziani Italiani che sono isolati e bisognosi di amicizia.

Visitare una persona isolata può dare tanto significato sia per la persona che riceve che per chi da! Ma anche dà 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.