PARISH of HOLY SPIRIT & ST ANTHONY'S

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Mission Prayer: Loving God, guide us as we build a joyful and inclusive community. May your Holy Spirit lead and inspire us to be the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving others and caring for all. Amen.

Reconciliation Times

10.30am Saturdays — St Mary's
4.30pm Saturdays — Holy Spirit
5.00pm Saturdays — St Joseph's

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Thornbury
Sunday: 10:00am English/Italian
5:30pm
Weekday: Wednesday, 9:15am
English/Italian

St Joseph's Northcote
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 11:00am
Weekday: Tuesday, 9:15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Weekday: Thursday, 9:15am
English/Italian

St Anthony's Alphington
Sunday: 10:30am, English/Italian
Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK
9 Nov: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 Nov: St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
11 Nov: St Martin of Tours, bishop
12 Nov: St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Recently Deceased:
Gina Grassi, Ida Brumale, and
Rev Brendan Lane R.I.P.

Anniversaries
Luigi Fontinovo, Mario Costantini,
MariaRosa Italiano 2 Yrs,
Elio Durante 3 Yrs, Maria Reginato 5 Yrs,
Sheila Doherty 6 Yrs,
Michael & Melia & family,
Terry & Almaza & family,
Boutros & Debbie & family,
Margaret Machado,
Mary & Enzo Marcon,

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary —Year A 7-8 November 2026



BE PREPARED! *- Matthew 25: 1-13*

The parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids addresses the situation of the Church as it awaits the return of its Lord (the "Bridegroom"). The time of waiting has become very long indeed but the Church still proclaims, "Christ will come again", and lives in that hope and in the sense of accountability that goes with it. The key thing is to use the time of waiting profitably so as not to be caught out when the Bridegroom arrives, whether that be at the moment of death or end of time.

The five wise and five foolish bridesmaids depict, respectively, two possibilities for believers. The oil needed for their lamps represents the good deeds that Jesus commends in this Gospel, especially the works of mercy that feature so prominently in the scene of the Great Judgement (Matthew 25:41-56). The five wise bridesmaids will meet the Bridegroom with their lamps blazing with this "oil". The five foolish, on the other hand, represent the kind of believers who cry out, "Lord, Lord" but have no good works to accompany their confession of faith.

The parable and the Gospel as a whole remind us that the words of dismissal at the Eucharist, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life", are no perfunctory conclusion to the rite but a programme for living the twin commandment of love of God and love of neighbour. Those who take them to heart have always with them the "oil" required for salvation; they can "sleep" without anxiety about being caught short by the sudden arrival of the Lord. (Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

Picture: The Parable of the Ten Virgins (section) - Phoebe Anna Traquair (1852–1936)

PARISH CONSULTATION MEETING

We warmly invite all parishioners to our next consultation meeting, which will be held on Sunday 8 November 2026 at 12.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 197 Clarendon Street, Thornbury East.

Facilitated by the Take the Way of the Gospel Change Management Team, this gathering will focus on our shared journey and the way forward for 2027. It will also be an opportunity to listen, share ideas, ask questions, and contribute to the future of our parish community. We hope you can join us.

Anniversaries Continued: *Mario & Maria Cicero, Michele, Carmela & Gesualda(Vardina) Costa, Bader Hayaf Fakhry, Yvonne Ghostine Fakhry, Julian Di Julio, Youssef Faddoul, Linda Polazzon, Elias Boutros Taouk, Antonio Marchionda, Rose Mastropolo, Leo & Rosa Arcadia, Tom Arcadia , Lino Cendron, Ernesto & Iolanda Alberti and Sandro, John , Mark , Gabriella, & Christian Di Lisio.*

First Reading *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she
makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully
grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly
leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are
worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them
as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to
meet them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 62:2-8*

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

L_ O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

L_ So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

L_ So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

L_ On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42, 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 25:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel of Mathew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings: Next Week: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 15 November 2026
1st Rdg: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
2nd Rdg: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Prima lettura *Sap 6,12-16*

Dal libro della Sapienza

La sapienza è splendida e non sfiorisce,
facilmente si lascia vedere da coloro che la amano
e si lascia trovare da quelli che la cercano.
Nel farsi conoscere previene coloro che la desiderano.
Chi si alza di buon mattino per cercarla non si affaticherà,
la troverà seduta alla sua porta.
Riflettere su di lei, infatti, è intelligenza perfetta,
chi veglia a causa sua sarà presto senza affanni;
poiché lei stessa va in cerca di quelli che sono degni di lei,
appare loro benevola per le strade
e in ogni progetto va loro incontro.
Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale *(Sal 62)*

Rit. _ Ha sete di te, Signore, l'anima mia.

L._ O Dio, tu sei il mio Dio,
dall'aurora io ti cerco,
ha sete di te l'anima mia,
desidera te la mia carne
in terra arida, assetata, senz'acqua. **Rit.**

L._ Così nel santuario ti ho contemplato,
guardando la tua potenza e la tua gloria.
Poiché il tuo amore vale più della vita,
le mie labbra canteranno la tua lode. **Rit.**

L._ Così ti benedirò per tutta la vita:
nel tuo nome alzerò le mie mani.
Come saziato dai cibi migliori,
con labbra gioiose ti loderà la mia bocca. **Rit.**

L._ Quando nel mio letto di te mi ricordo
e penso a te nelle veglie notturne,
a te che sei stato il mio aiuto,
esulto di gioia all'ombra delle tue ali. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura *1Ts 4,13-18*

Dalla prima lettera di san Giovanni apostolo ai Tessalonicési

Non vogliamo, fratelli, lasciarvi nell'ignoranza a proposito di quelli che sono morti, perché non siate tristi come gli altri che non hanno speranza. Se infatti crediamo che Gesù è morto e risorto, così anche Dio, per mezzo di Gesù, radunerà con lui coloro che sono morti.
Sulla parola del Signore infatti vi diciamo questo: noi, che viviamo e che saremo ancora in vita alla venuta del Signore, non avremo alcuna precedenza su quelli che sono morti.
Perché il Signore stesso, a un ordine, alla voce dell'arcangelo e al suono della tromba di Dio, discenderà dal cielo. E prima risorgeranno i morti in Cristo; quindi noi, che viviamo e che saremo ancora in vita, verremo rapiti insieme con loro nelle nubi, per andare incontro al Signore in alto, e così per sempre saremo con il Signore.
Confortatevi dunque a vicenda con queste parole.

Parola di Dio
Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo *Mt 24,42.44*
Alleluia, alleluia.
Vegliate e tenetevi pronti,
perché, nell'ora che non immaginate,
viene il Figlio dell'uomo.
Alleluia.

Vangelo *Mt 25,1-13*

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli questa parabola:

«Il regno dei cieli sarà simile a dieci vergini che presero le loro lampade e uscirono incontro allo sposo. Cinque di esse erano stolte e cinque sagge; le stolte presero le loro lampade, ma non presero con sé l'olio; le sagge invece, insieme alle loro lampade, presero anche l'olio in piccoli vasi. Poiché lo sposo tardava, si assopirono tutte e si addormentarono. A mezzanotte si alzò un grido: "Ecco lo sposo! Andategli incontro!". Allora tutte quelle vergini si destarono e prepararono le loro lampade. Le stolte dissero alle sagge: "Dateci un po' del vostro olio, perché le nostre lampade si spengono". Le sagge risposero: "No, perché non venga a mancare a noi e a voi; andate piuttosto dai venditori e compratevene". Ora, mentre quelle andavano a comprare l'olio, arrivò lo sposo e le vergini che erano pronte entrarono con lui alle nozze, e la porta fu chiusa. Più tardi arrivarono anche le altre vergini e incominciarono a dire: "Signore, signore, aprici!". Ma egli rispose: "In verità io vi dico: non vi conosco". Vegliate dunque, perché non sapete né il giorno né l'ora».

Parola del Signore
Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 2 weeks, then a new request is required. *Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Mary Buttifant, , and Vittoria Calidonna.*

HOUSE VISITATIONS

Do you or someone you know require any of the following:

- Annual House Visits
- Visits to the Sick
- Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin or Fr Tuong.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATI O CONFINATI A CASA

Se conoscete persone che sono malate o confinate a casa e vorrebbero ricevere visite o la comunione a casa siete pregati di mettervi in contatto Parish Office **9484 2907**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation on Thursdays at 10:30am at Holy Spirit Parish, resumes in Feb 2027

BAPTISMS: By Appointment Only

1st Sunday of the month—St Mary's
2nd Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit
3rd Sunday of the month—St Anthony's
4th Sunday of the month—St Joseph's

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SENIORS

After the Thursday 9:15am Mass at Holy Spirit Parish Hall.
Dopo messa Bingo e carte nella sala, si offre caffe e biscotti. Tutti benvenuti.
After Mass, bingo and cards in the hall, with coffee and biscuits offered. All Welcome.

Last Friday of the month

St Joseph's Seniors Mass every last Friday of the Month at 10:30am in the church.
Parrochiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdi del messe alle 10:30am.**

Masses of Anointing of the Sick

First Wednesday of the month

9:15am: St Mary's Thornbury
Messa in italiano con il Sacramento dell'Unzione degli Infermi.
9:15 am: St Mary's Thornbury
Anointing of the sick Mass in Italian

First Friday of the month

9:15am: St Anthony's Alphington, Anointing of the sick Mass in English. Benediction 8:45am

"Telephone Prayer meeting"

When: Every Tuesday at 11:30am
Dial: **07- 5660 6012** (call from home)
Access code: **722762 #**
Cost: Cost of a local call. Open to all.

Catholic Religious Education Classes for children attending government schools in preparation for the Sacraments

Please call the Parish Office 9484 2907 or go to our website at **https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan**

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person via the Parish Office:
Moses El-Fahkri

Parish Notices



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community ***Illiana*** who is presented for her baptism by her parents *Johnathan & Krista* at ***Holy Spirit*** this Sunday. We congratulate **Iliana** and her family, and pray for her continued spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



November is the Month of the Holy Souls

"We pray for them out of love and hope," …
"Their journey to God continues, and
our prayers strengthen them—
and bring healing to us." *(Archbishop Peter Comensoli)*



*We Congratulate **Andrew Tran**, who completed his Parish Placement in our Parishes in Partnership in 2024, on his ordination to the Diaconate. With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, your prayers and presence are requested at the Ordination of **Andrew Tran** to the Diaconate, to be conferred by Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli DD, ArchBishop of Melbourne, on Saturday **14 November** 2026, at **10**am,*

at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

Artwork: Garofalo, Christ washing the Disciple's feet—Courtesy of the Art gallery of Washington.

***2026 Advent Reflection*: The Way of the Heart** *will commence on Thursday, **26** November, at **10:30am** in the church narthex at Holy Spirit Church, Thornbury. The reflection series will run for four weeks, concluding on 16 December. All are welcome.*

***Faith in Action: An election guide** from the Bishops of Victoria Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.*



St Joseph's
Anointing Mass & Christmas Lunch

*Friday **4th** December*
11.00am
In the Parish Centre
$25.00 per person

Sign up sheets at the back door of the church



***EarthcareANT** has applied for a grant to create a community garden at Holy Spirit Church. While we await the outcome, we warmly invite parishioners from all our churches to help bring this garden to life. You can help build the garden, donate tools, gardening supplies or seeds, or join a team working with EarthcareANT to coordinate opening hours, supervision and vegetable planting. Everyone is welcome! To get involved, please email John: earthcareant@gmail.com by 25 Nov.*



***COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2027**: The calendars are on sale for $10 each, they are available at the back of the church. If you would like to use the Tap and Go machines, do so and put the envelope in the basket with TAP AND GO on it. Thank you Parish Office.*