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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.

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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

22 Jun: Sts John Fisher bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs.

Recently Deceased

Giovanna Bettiol, Veronica D'Amore, Alessandra Libertone, Les Mezzalira.

Anniversaries

Nino Costa, John Cooney 1 Yr,
 Hudson de Kretser 1 Yr,
 Ibtisam Gorgees 1 Yr, Anka Ivelja 4 Yrs,
 Carmelo (Mino) Friguglietti 5 Yrs,
 Elayne Saunders, Neil Hosking,
 Gorgees Zora 20 yrs, Bessie Caldwell,
 Brian Maslin, Anna Samanna,
 Carl G Bacash, Lahoud Raffoul Rahme,
 Joe Jamil Najjar, Dibeh H E Taouk,
 Haifa Moussa Fakhry, Nancy Naiken,
 Barbara Flynn, Masahiro Murata, and
 Herbert Schmidt.

To update parish details, please visit our official parish website:
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Twelve Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

21 June 2026



**Of Whom To Be Afraid
 Mathew 10:26-33**



*“As a basic human emotion, fear can go two ways. It can be a safeguard and protection. Or it can be a force that cripples and disables.”
 The key thing is to distinguish well-founded fear from that which is illusory or based on deception.*

Today's Gospel addresses the challenges believers face in living out and giving witness to their faith by noting that fear can either protect us or paralyse us. Spiritual discernment involves recognising which fears are real and which arise from deception. Jesus' repeated message — “Do not fear” — acknowledges that disciples will encounter situations that cause anxiety, yet they must learn to discern which fears are appropriate.

Disciples should not fear persecutors who can harm only the body, because our lives are held securely in God's hands. We are precious in God's sight, far more than sparrows, whose falling does not escape God's notice. In the face of all threats, we can be confident that God will see us through to eternal life.

The only fear that truly matters is the fear of losing God's favour. The warning about the one “who can destroy both body and soul in hell” is interpreted as referring to those whose evil influence could lead a disciple away from God. God desires only to impart eternal life, but we can so alienate ourselves from the outreach of divine love as to face eternal loss. It is only such a consequence that people ought truly to fear. (Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)



International Speaker:
Sherry Weddell
 Founder of the
 Catherine of Siena Institute

“Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation.” Mark 16:15

An inspiring two-day event to form, equip and send you to share Christ in your communities. International Speaker Sherry Weddell will give keynotes on encountering Christ, accompanying disciples, and building a mission focused parish culture.

Friday: For clergy and parish leaders, focusing on creating a culture of discipleship (including youth leaders).

If Parish Pastoral Leadership members or other parish committee members would like to attend this event, please contact the parish office to register by **23 June 2026**.

Discover the program and/or register yourself at melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

First Reading *Jeremiah 20:10-13***A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
 "'Terror from every side!"
 Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
 All those who used to be my friends
 watched for my downfall,
 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
 Then we will master him and take our revenge!
 But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
 my opponents will stumble, mastered,
 confounded by their failure;
 everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
 But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with
 justice,
 who scrutinise the loins and heart,
 let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
 for I have committed my cause to you.
 Sing to the Lord,
 praise the Lord,
 for he has delivered the soul of the needy
 from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

R. *Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

L. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
 that shame covers my face,
 that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
 an alien to my own mother's sons.
 I burn with zeal for your house
 and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

L. This is my prayer to you,
 my prayer for your favour.
 In your great love, answer me, O God,
 with your help that never fails:
 Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
 in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

L. The poor when they see it will be glad
 and God-seeking hearts will revive;
 for the Lord listens to the needs
 and does not spurn servants in their chains.
 Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
 the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

**Second Reading** *Romans 5:12-15***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through
 sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole
 human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in
 the world long before the Law was given. There was no
 law and so no one could be accused of the sin of
 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to
 Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was
 not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
 considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that
 through one man's fall so many died, it is even more
 certain that divine grace, coming through the one man,
 Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 15:26, 27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
 and you also will be my witnesses.*

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 10:26-33***A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be
 afraid. For everything that is now covered will be
 uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made
 clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
 what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-
 tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot
 kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body
 and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a
 penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without
 your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has
 been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are
 worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of
 men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my
 Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the
 presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my
 Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Readings Next Week: 13th Sunday in OT Year A 28
 June 2026**

1st Rdg: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

2nd Rdg: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Prima lettura Ger 20,10-13**Dal libro del profeta Geremia**

Sentivo la calunnia di molti:

«Terrore all'intorno!

Denunciatelo! Sì, lo denunceremo».

Tutti i miei amici aspettavano la mia caduta:

«Forse si lascerà trarre in inganno,

così noi prevarremo su di lui,

ci prenderemo la nostra vendetta».

Ma il Signore è al mio fianco come un prode valoroso,

per questo i miei persecutori vacilleranno

e non potranno prevalere;

arrossiranno perché non avranno successo,

sarà una vergogna eterna e incancellabile.

Signore degli eserciti, che provi il giusto,

che vedi il cuore e la mente,

possa io vedere la tua vendetta su di loro,

poiché a te ho affidato la mia causa!

Cantate inni al Signore,

lodate il Signore,

perché ha liberato la vita del povero

dalle mani dei malfattori.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 68

Rit. _ Nella tua grande bontà rispondimi, o Dio.

L. Per te io sopporto l'insulto

e la vergogna mi copre la faccia;

sono diventato un estraneo ai miei fratelli,

uno straniero per i figli di mia madre.

Perché mi divora lo zelo per la tua casa,

gli insulti di chi ti insulta ricadono su di me. **Rit.**

L. Ma io rivolgo a te la mia preghiera,

Signore, nel tempo della benevolenza.

O Dio, nella tua grande bontà, rispondimi,

nella fedeltà della tua salvezza.

Rispondimi, Signore, perché buono è il tuo amore;

volgiti a me nella tua grande tenerezza. **Rit.**

L. Vedano i poveri e si rallegrino;

voi che cercate Dio, fatevi coraggio,

perché il Signore ascolta i miseri

non disprezza i suoi che sono prigionieri.

A lui cantino lode i cieli e la terra,

o mari e quanto brùlica in essi. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Rm 5,12-15**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani**

Fratelli, come a causa di un solo uomo il peccato è entrato nel mondo e, con il peccato, la morte, così in tutti gli uomini si è propagata la morte, poiché tutti hanno peccato.

Fino alla Legge infatti c'era il peccato nel mondo e, anche se il peccato non può essere imputato quando manca la

Legge, la morte regnò da Adamo fino a Mosè anche su quelli che non avevano peccato a somiglianza della trasgressione di Adamo, il quale è figura di colui che doveva venire.

Ma il dono di grazia non è come la caduta: se infatti per la caduta di uno solo tutti morirono, molto di più la grazia di Dio, e il dono concesso in grazia del solo uomo Gesù Cristo, si sono riversati in abbondanza su tutti.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Gv 15,26-27

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lo Spirito della verità darà testimonianza di me, dice il Signore, e anche voi date testimonianza.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 10,26-33**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi apostoli:

«Non abbiate paura degli uomini, poiché nulla vi è di nascosto che non sarà svelato né di segreto che non sarà conosciuto. Quello che io vi dico nelle tenebre voi ditelo nella luce, e quello che ascoltate all'orecchio voi annunciatelo dalle terrazze.

E non abbiate paura di quelli che uccidono il corpo, ma non hanno potere di uccidere l'anima; abbiate paura piuttosto di colui che ha il potere di far perire nella Geenna e l'anima e il corpo.

Due passeri non si vendono forse per un soldo? Eppure nemmeno uno di essi cadrà a terra senza il volere del Padre vostro. Perfino i capelli del vostro capo sono tutti contati. Non abbiate dunque paura: voi valete più di molti passeri!

Perciò chiunque mi riconoscerà davanti agli uomini, anch'io lo riconoscerò davanti al Padre mio che è nei cieli; chi invece mi rinnegherà davanti agli uomini, anch'io lo rinnegherò davanti al Padre mio che è nei cieli».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo



<https://stfrancis.org/bible-study/back-porch/12th-sunday-a/>

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 2 weeks, then a new request is required.

Madja Brozic, Tina Marangoni.

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. ALL WELCOME.

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

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

SENIORS

After the Thursday 9:15am Mass at Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

- Dopo messa Bingo e carte nella sala, si offre caffè 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.

Parrocchiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdì del mese alle 10:30am.**

Mass of Anointing of the Sick

9:15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place on the first Friday of the month at St Anthony's Alphington.

"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 **Bonnie Marie, Sanita Rose, Luna Thuy, and Sariah Rose** who are presented for their baptism by their parents **Luke & Rachel, George & Thuy, and Joanne & Solomona** at **St Anthony's** this Sunday. We congratulate the children and their family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) - Keeping the Faith Alive—Guest Speaker at St Mary's Thornbury This Sunday 21 June 2026— Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend we welcome at St Mary's an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



Pranzo della festa di Sant'Antonio — St Anthony's Feast Day Luncheon Sunday 21 June at 12noon, MacKillop Room



Thank You Lina.



Our heartfelt thanks to Lina and the Italian Committee of St Anthony's for preparing a beautiful luncheon in honour of Saint Anthony's Feast. This is a joyful and delicious celebration—a wonderful occasion for parishioners and friends to come together, share stories, and strengthen our bonds of community and faith.



St Mary's Thornbury • St Joseph's Northcote • Holy Spirit East Thornbury • St Anthony's Alphington —You are warmly invited to celebrate 70 years of the Pastorelle Sisters in Australia and to welcome new Pauline Cooperators into the Pauline Family.

Thanksgiving Celebration

28th June 2026—St Damian's Parish, Bundoora

1:00pm Mini concert of joy & gratitude

2:00pm Eucharistic Celebration Followed by Afternoon Tea

Kindly text: **0401 356 298** or **0411 361 081** For catering purposes

The Pastorelle Sisters have been closely connected with St Mary's, Thornbury since the early 1960s, living first in Smith Street and later in Comas Grove until 2005. Their pastoral ministry—especially among the Italian community—included parish work, collaboration with clergy and lay leaders, and running a kindergarten in Smith Street until the late 1980s. They also served in the parishes of Holy Spirit, East Thornbury, and St Joseph's, Northcote.



Reuse & Recycle Your Household Goods.

See: www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan

The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) are in urgent need of new, unopened shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, and household cleaning products. Thank you



Synod Corner: Reflection—Synodality and Priests ?

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.