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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.

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST ANTHONY'S

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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: 9:00am Italian:

11:00am: English

Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Recently Deceased

Patrick Garmer, Giulia Mittica, Fabio Cirrito, Paul Groppi and Francesco Cozzo.

Anniversaries

Giegana Pobimane, Ma Mercedes Ogson, Nahbiha Bousen, George, Millya, Peter, Therese Antoine Taouk, Honey Boutros Amad, Joe Marouf Rahme, Frank Sagaria, Alphonse Tobin, Allen Doyle, Anwar Salem and Daniel Hanna Fakhry.

To update parish details, please visit our official parish website:

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1—2 March 2025



Ash Wednesday 5th March—Lent 2025

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season that calls for a conversion of heart by committing to prayer, fasting and almsgiving for 46 days to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday.

On Ash Wednesday our foreheads are marked with a cross of ashes by the priest during mass. Catholics and Non Christians are all invited. The ashes, a sacramental by the blessing of the church, help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The Lenten season is much more than “giving something up”. It is a time when we are called to die to our selfishness and unhealthy attachments and make time and space to grow closer in our relationship with our Lord through prayer and fasting, and with our neighbour and creation, through service and almsgiving so that we can be resurrected with Him and in Him on Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of obligation and fasting.

For ideas on what to give up and what to take up, how to fast and more, please refer to the Hallow blog, [What to Give Up For Lent 2025: Practical Fasting Ideas](http://www.hallow.com/pray).

Recommended Lenten Activities in our Parish



Lenten Program - Metanoia: To help you journey in faith in this Jubilee Year, through the sacred time of Lent you are invited to join one of the following groups facilitating the Metanoia Lenten Program produced by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong.

Wednesday Group: Starts on Wednesday 12th March at 7:30pm.
Held at a Parishioner's Home

Thursday Group: Starts on Thursday 6th March at 10:30am. Held at Holy Spirit Church.
To join either group, please inform the Parish Office for more details. Also see back page.



Looking for a way to stay focused and intentional this Lent?
The Hallow app offers a powerful Lent 2025 Challenge, featuring daily prayers, reflections, and guided meditations to deepen your spiritual journey. Sign up for free by scanning the QR code with your phone or going to hallow.com/pray.

Caritas Project Compassion 2025—See more details back of bulletin



Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025

9:15am **School Masses:**

St Joseph's & St Mary's

11:30am **School Masses:**

St Anthony's & Holy Spirit

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

First Reading Sirach 27: 4-7**A reading from the first book of Ecclesiasticus**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
 so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
 The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a
 man is in his conversation.
 The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
 quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray
 what he feels.
 Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
 since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
 to make music to your name, O Most High,
 to proclaim your love in the morning
 and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
 and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
 they will flourish in the courts of our God,
 still bearing fruit when they are old,
 still full of sap, still green,
 to proclaim that the Lord is just.
 In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

When this perishable nature has put on
 imperishability, and when this mortal nature has
 put on immortality, then the words of scripture will
 come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death,
 where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?
 Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power
 from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the
 victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
 defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
 knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring
 in vain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
 you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:39-45**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man
 guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The
 disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained
 disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you
 observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never
 notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your
 brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in
 your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own?
 Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first,
 and then you will see clearly enough to take out the
 splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor
 again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every
 tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs
 from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good
 man draws what is good from the store of goodness in
 his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store
 of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his
 heart.'

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

**Readings Next Week 9 March 2025**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Prima lettura Sir 27,5-8***Dal libro del Siràcide***

Quando si scuote un setaccio restano i rifiuti;
così quando un uomo discute, ne appaiono i difetti.
I vasi del ceramista li mette a prova la fornace,
così il modo di ragionare è il banco di prova per un uomo.

Il frutto dimostra come è coltivato l'albero,
così la parola rivela i pensieri del cuore.
Non lodare nessuno prima che abbia parlato,
poiché questa è la prova degli uomini.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 91

Rit. _ È bello rendere grazie al Signore.

L._ È bello rendere grazie al Signore
e cantare al tuo nome, o Altissimo,
annunciare al mattino il tuo amore,
la tua fedeltà lungo la notte. **Rit.**

L._ Il giusto fiorirà come palma,
crescerà come cedro del Libano;
piantati nella casa del Signore,
fioriranno negli atri del nostro Dio. **Rit.**

L._ Nella vecchiaia daranno ancora frutti,
saranno verdi e rigogliosi,
per annunciare quanto è retto il Signore,
mia roccia: in lui non c'è malvagità. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Cor 15,54-58

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, quando questo corpo corruttibile si sarà vestito
d'incorruttibilità e questo corpo mortale d'immortalità,
si compirà la parola della Scrittura:

«La morte è stata inghiottita nella vittoria.
Dov'è, o morte, la tua vittoria?
Dov'è, o morte, il tuo pungiglione?».

Il pungiglione della morte è il peccato e la forza del
peccato è la Legge. Siano rese grazie a Dio, che ci dà la
vittoria per mezzo del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo!
Perciò, fratelli miei carissimi, rimanete saldi e
irremovibili, progredendo sempre più nell'opera del
Signore, sapendo che la vostra fatica non è vana nel
Signore.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Fil 2,15.16

Alleluia, alleluia.

Risplendete come astri nel mondo,
tenendo salda la parola di vita. Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 6,39-45

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

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

«Può forse un cieco guidare un altro cieco? Non
cadranno tutti e due in un fosso? Un discepolo
non è più del maestro; ma ognuno, che sia ben
preparato, sarà come il suo maestro.

Perché guardi la pagliuzza che è nell'occhio del
tuo fratello e non ti accorgi della trave che è nel
tuo occhio? Come puoi dire al tuo fratello:

“Fratello, lascia che tolga la pagliuzza che è nel
tuo occhio”, mentre tu stesso non vedi la trave
che è nel tuo occhio? Ipocrita! Togli prima la
trave dal tuo occhio e allora ci vedrai bene per
togliere la pagliuzza dall'occhio del tuo fratello.

Non vi è albero buono che produca un frutto
cattivo, né vi è d'altronde albero cattivo che
produca un frutto buono. Ogni albero infatti si
riconosce dal suo frutto: non si raccolgono fichi
dagli spini, né si vendemmia uva da un rovo.

L'uomo buono dal buon tesoro del suo cuore trae
fuori il bene; l'uomo cattivo dal suo cattivo tesoro
trae fuori il male: la sua bocca infatti esprime ciò
che dal cuore sovrabbonda».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.



Pieter Bruegel the Elder - The Blind Leading the Blind

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Jane Spiteri, Tina Marangoni, Rita Ljubetic, Mark Cunningham, Phillip and Milly.

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 Peter.

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.melbatholic.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.melbatholic.org/s/hosan>

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person via the Parish Office:

Moses El-Fakhri

Parish Notices



Congratulations to Holy Spirit parishioner Beryl Stevens (now living in aged care) who turned 100 this week. Beryl celebrated the milestone with a few parishioners on the weekend. Thank you Beryl for all you have given to the community over the years.



The Christian Meditation group that meets every Thursday at 10.30am, at Holy Spirit Church Thornbury East will also start the Metanoia Lenten Program

Lenten Program Reflection—Metanoia-To Join / purchase booklet
contact Parish Office | Parishioners can purchase booklet for self reflection

Wednesday Group:

Starts on Wed 12th March at 7:30pm.
Held at the home of John and Anne from Holy Spirit.

Thursday Group:

Starts on Thurs 6th March at 10:30am.
Held at Holy Spirit Church.

RCIA – Aaron Fletcher is a Catechumen and therefore preparing to receive Baptism/ Eucharist/Confirmation at the Easter ceremonies this year. We thank Jim Coffey and Cheryl Sullivan for their work in preparing Aaron. The **Rite of Election** will be held at **St Patrick's Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 9 March**. Jim, Aaron and his god parent will be attending with all the candidates and catechumens across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This is a wonderful occasion for our church, please pray for Aaron as he continues his faith journey.

Friday 7th February—Anointing Mass at St Anthony's Alphington



9:15 am: Mass of Anointing of the sick preceded by First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **from 8:30 am to start of mass.**



St Anthony's Alphington 2025 Open Mornings 9:30-10:30 am
THUR 6 MAR | WED 26 MAR | MON 28 APR | TUE 13 MAY |
THUR 5 JUNE | Or Alternatively, please call to
arrange a private tour with the principal: **9489 7936** or visit:
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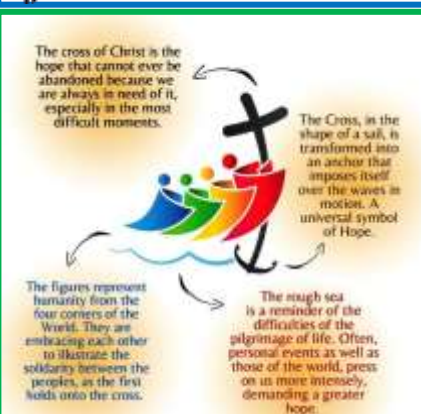
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World Day of Prayer—Australia is celebrated on Friday 7th March.



JUBILEE 2025

Understanding the Symbols of The Jubilee Logo

Coming up on this Corner—Plenary Indulgence

One of the special 'signs' of the Jubilee' is an indulgence, a priceless gift of Divine Mercy.

To learn more about the Jubilee Year, see

melbatholic.org/s/hosan
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