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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

Aug 11: St Clare, Virgin

Aug 14: St Maximillian Mary Kolbe,
priest, martyr

Aug 15: The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Recently Deceased

Aux. Bishop Emeritus Peter John Elliott,
Michelina Bebilacqua, and
Patricia Maud Mallett

Anniversaries

Nicola Totino (4 yrs), Stefano Lucca,
Margaret (Marge) Hardiman,
Hanna Hassib Harb, Pasqua Di Fabio,
Hanna Tansey Peters,
Jirryess Habib Taouk,
Salim Mansour Taouk, Duloona Fakhry,
Pierina Capozzo, Mollie Ahern (80 yrs),
Peter Kairouz, Saba Kairouz,
Lorenzo De Marco, Teresa A Fratangelo,
Pete Dytor, and Vincenzo Friguglietti.

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official parish website:
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

9-10 August 2025

Readiness to Receive God's Gift

In today's Gospel reflection, we're invited into a powerful meditation on divine generosity and the spiritual vigilance required to truly receive the Kingdom God longs to give us.

The rather mixed series of instructions in today's Gospel comes together around two related themes: God's desire simply to load us with blessings and our need to be on the watch so as not to put obstacles in the way.

In view of the Lord's generosity, the best thing we can do with present wealth is to use it to give alms to the poor. This converts it into "credit" in a heavenly bank, literally, "treasure in heaven". Such is the only credit that endures through the barrier of death.

We may not share the anticipation of the Lord's imminent return that the early generations of believers had. But the gospels leave us with a keen sense of life as something for which we are accountable. Like the slaves awaiting their master's return, we are responsible and accountable—responsible for the welfare of others, especially the poor and disadvantaged, who, Jesus makes clear, are particularly precious to God.

This sense of accountability is not at odds with God's being "determined" to give us the Kingdom. It is precisely because such riches are at stake that the responsibility is grave.

To make the point Jesus uses examples familiar to his audience from the practice of slavery at the time, including references to punishments that defaulting slaves were wont to incur.

In so doing he neither endorses slavery nor implies that God acts just like the returning slave-owner. God's generosity is not in doubt. What needs to be attended to is our capacity and readiness to receive what God has in store.

(Sharing the Treasure Reflections, Brendan Byrne SJ)

Gracious and Generous God: *You desire to pour blessings into our lives—help us not to block the flow. Give us eyes that see the poor as precious in Your sight, And hands ready to serve with joy. May we be found vigilant and faithful, Always prepared to receive the treasure You offer—Your Kingdom of love. Help us not fear responsibility, But embrace it as a holy call, Knowing that Your mercy meets us in every moment of readiness. Amen.*

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

First Reading *Wisdom 18:6-9***A reading from the book of Wisdom**

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22*

R. *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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 of Luke 12:32-48**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings Next Week—20th Sunday in OT: 17 Aug 2025

1st Rdg: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | 2nd Rdg: Heb 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Prima lettura Sap 18,6-9**Dal libro della Sapienza**

La notte [della liberazione] fu preannunciata ai nostri padri, perché avessero coraggio, sapendo bene a quali giuramenti avevano prestato fedeltà. Il tuo popolo infatti era in attesa della salvezza dei giusti, della rovina dei nemici. Difatti come punisti gli avversari, così glorificasti noi, chiamandoci a te. I figli santi dei giusti offrivano sacrifici in segreto e si imposero, concordi, questa legge divina: di condividere allo stesso modo successi e pericoli, intonando subito le sacre lodi dei padri.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 32****Rit. _ Beato il popolo scelto dal Signore.**

L. _Esultate, o giusti, nel Signore; per gli uomini retti è bella la lode. Beata la nazione che ha il Signore come Dio, il popolo che egli ha scelto come sua eredità. **Rit.**

L. _Ecco, l'occhio del Signore è su chi lo teme, su chi spera nel suo amore, per liberarlo dalla morte e nutrirlo in tempo di fame. **Rit.**

L. _L'anima nostra attende il Signore: egli è nostro aiuto e nostro scudo. Su di noi sia il tuo amore, Signore, come da te noi speriamo. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Eb 11,1-2.8-19**Dalla lettera agli Ebrei**

Fratelli, la fede è fondamento di ciò che si spera e prova di ciò che non si vede. Per questa fede i nostri antenati sono stati approvati da Dio. Per fede, Abramo, chiamato da Dio, obbedì partendo per un luogo che doveva ricevere in eredità, e partì senza sapere dove andava. Per fede, egli soggiornò nella terra promessa come in una regione straniera, abitando sotto le tende, come anche Isacco e Giacobbe, coeredi della medesima promessa. Egli aspettava infatti la città dalle salde fondamenta, il cui architetto e costruttore è Dio stesso. Per fede, anche Sara, sebbene fuori dell'età, ricevette la possibilità di diventare madre, perché ritenne degno di fede colui che glielo aveva promesso. Per questo da un uomo solo, e inoltre già segnato dalla morte, nacque una discendenza numerosa come le stelle del cielo e come la sabbia che si trova lungo la spiaggia del mare e non si può contare. Nella fede morirono tutti costoro, senza aver ottenuto i beni promessi, ma li videro e li salutarono solo da lontano, dichiarando di essere stranieri e pellegrini sulla terra. Chi parla così, mostra di essere alla ricerca di una patria. Se avessero pensato a quella da cui erano usciti, avrebbero avuto la possibilità di ritornarvi; ora invece essi aspirano a una patria migliore, cioè a quella celeste.

Per questo Dio non si vergogna di essere chiamato loro Dio. Ha preparato infatti per loro una città. Per fede, Abramo, messo alla prova, offrì Isacco, e proprio lui, che aveva ricevuto le promesse, offrì il suo unigenito figlio, del quale era stato detto: «Mediante Isacco avrai una tua discendenza». Egli pensava infatti che Dio è capace di far risorgere anche dai morti: per questo lo riebbe anche come simbolo.

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 Lc 12,32-48****Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Non temere, piccolo gregge, perché al Padre vostro è piaciuto dare a voi il Regno. Vendete ciò che possedete e datelo in elemosina; fatevi borse che non invecchiano, un tesoro sicuro nei cieli, dove ladro non arriva e tarlo non consuma. Perché, dov'è il vostro tesoro, là sarà anche il vostro cuore. Siate pronti, con le vesti strette ai fianchi e le lampade accese; siate simili a quelli che aspettano il loro padrone quando torna dalle nozze, in modo che, quando arriva e bussa, gli aprano subito. Beati quei servi che il padrone al suo ritorno troverà ancora svegli; in verità io vi dico, si stringerà le vesti ai fianchi, li farà mettere a tavola e passerà a servirli. E se, giungendo nel mezzo della notte o prima dell'alba, li troverà così, beati loro! Cercate di capire questo: se il padrone di casa sapesse a quale ora viene il ladro, non si lascerebbe scassinare la casa. Anche voi tenetevi pronti perché, nell'ora che non immaginate, viene il Figlio dell'uomo». Allora Pietro disse: «Signore, questa parabola la dici per noi o anche per tutti?». Il Signore rispose: «Chi è dunque l'amministratore fidato e prudente, che il padrone metterà a capo della sua servitù per dare la razione di cibo a tempo debito? Beato quel servo che il padrone, arrivando, troverà ad agire così. Davvero io vi dico che lo metterò a capo di tutti i suoi averi. Ma se quel servo dicesse in cuor suo: "Il mio padrone tarda a venire", e cominciasse a percuotere i servi e le serve, a mangiare, a bere e a ubriacarsi, il padrone di quel servo arriverà un giorno in cui non se l'aspetta e a un'ora che non sa, lo punirà severamente e gli infliggerà la sorte che meritano gli infedeli. Il servo che, conoscendo la volontà del padrone, non avrà disposto o agito secondo la sua volontà, riceverà molte percosse; quello invece che, non conoscendola, avrà fatto cose meritevoli di percosse, ne riceverà poche. A chiunque fu dato molto, molto sarà chiesto; a chi fu affidato molto, sarà richiesto molto di più».

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.

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.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

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Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person via the Parish Office:
Moses El-Fahkri

Parish Notices

FINANCE REPORT:

This weekend the annual finance report is available at the back of the Church. We take this opportunity to thank our Finance Teams Chairpersons, Ross Italiano, Margaret Dimech and Margaret Harrington. They work with their teams to ensure that advice is given to Fr Shabin about financial matters across the parishes. This advice is for repairs and maintenance issues, purchase of assets, rental of properties and the general day to day running of our churches.

First Eucharist Commitment Mass

Sunday 10th August—10am at St Mary's church Thornbury
Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacred sacrament.



Friday 15 August Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Masses with school attendance

- **9:15am** at **Holy Spirit** Thornbury East
- **9:15am** at **St Anthony's** Alphington
- **11:30am** **St Joseph's** Northcote
- **11:30am** **St Mary's Thornbury**
- **7:30pm** **Holy Spirit** (Evening Mass)

The Feast of the Assumption is a holy day of obligation


MEETING ROOM AT ST ANTHONY'S:

The old carpet has been pulled up and new vinyl laid in the meeting room. We thank the Italian group who have shared the costs with us. This money was raised from the raffles and dinners that they hold across the year. We once again appreciate their generosity. The meeting room is used for most meetings across our 4 communities for: RCIA, catechetics, Vinnies, Furlan and Tamil meetings. If after usage all groups could sweep and mop the floor it would be appreciated. Thank you

Please contact the Parish Office by **Wednesday 3pm** if you would like a name included in the bulletin and Anniversary Slide —Many Thanks

WWCC corner—Applying for or Renewing a WWCC card: Wednesdays or Thursdays **1-2pm**, if you call the **parish office** 9484 2907 we can help you apply for a new Working With Children Check card or renew one **over the phone—Many Thanks**

Australian Catholic Youth Festival—Registration Now open acyf.org.au

 ACYF 2025 is a three-day national youth festival celebrating faith, community, and connection. **Interested in joining our parish group?** Scan the QR code to let us know, and we'll be in touch with more details! For more information please visit our [website](http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan).

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Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray for the people of Gaza:

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

God of light, You meet us in the darkest places. Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.' We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war. May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza. May they find healing and lasting peace. **Amen.**

