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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

May 24: Our Lady, Help of Christians

#### Recently Deceased

David Colosimo, Sebastiano Palazzolo

#### Anniversaries

Caterina Favero (1yr Anni), Brian Caesar Bacash, Samir Shaheed Kairouz, Remorn Hanna Naddaf, Jamilla Rahme, Antoine Bakhos Fakhry, Samir Kairouz, Val Newland, Ashley Foley, and Paulino Exposito.

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### 5th Sunday of Easter Year C

17—18 May 2025

## Pope Leo XIV



(Photo: OSV News/Dylan Martinez, Reuters)

*We unite with Catholics from our local church, from Australia and all around the world to give thanks to God for the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the 267th successor of St Peter.*

*Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, OSA, born in Chicago, Illinois. He joined the Augustinian Order in 1977, served in Peru for more than 20 years, first as a missionary and later as bishop of Chiclayo.*

*Pope Leo XIV, the first Augustinian and American Pope, brings decades of missionary, pastoral and curial experience to the papacy. He was appointed prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in 2023 and played a key role in shaping episcopal leadership globally.*

*Taking the name Leo XIV, the new pontiff situates himself in a lineage of reformers and bridge-builders. He urged the church to strive to be a missionary church, a church that walks closely with those who suffer, that builds bridges, that is a place of welcome and fosters dialogue.*

*In his Urbi et Orbi address, the new pope emphasized the humble and persevering peace of the Risen Christ, which comes from God's unconditional love. He reminded the world that: "God loves us, ... , and evil will not prevail!"*

*On 9 May, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli of Melbourne congratulated Pope Leo XIV and offered prayers on behalf of the local Church as he assumes the role of successor of Peter. He prayed for the Holy Spirit to guide the Pope with wisdom, courage, compassion, and strength, entrusting his ministry to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Augustine, and giving thanks for his leadership at this pivotal moment.*

*The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) extended also their heartfelt congratulations to the new pope, expressing hope and confidence in his leadership.*  
[\[Melbourne Catholic, May 2025\]](http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan)

**First Reading Acts 14:21-27*****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles***

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13**

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

**Second Reading Revelation 21:1-5*****A reading from the book of the Apocalypse***

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from

their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation John 13:34**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 13:31-35*****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John***

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Readings Next Week: 25 May 2025**

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

**Prima lettura At 14,21-27****Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

In quei giorni, Paolo e Bàrnaba ritornarono a Listra, Icònio e Antiòchia, confermando i discepoli ed esortandoli a restare saldi nella fede

«perché – dicevano – dobbiamo entrare nel regno di Dio attraverso molte tribolazioni».

Designarono quindi per loro in ogni Chiesa alcuni anziani e, dopo avere pregato e digiunato, li affidarono al Signore, nel quale avevano creduto. Attraversata poi la Pisidia, raggiunsero la Panfilia e, dopo avere proclamato la Parola a Perge, scesero ad Attàlia; di qui fecero vela per Antiòchia, là dove erano stati affidati alla grazia di Dio per l'opera che avevano compiuto.

Appena arrivati, riunirono la Chiesa e riferirono tutto quello che Dio aveva fatto per mezzo loro e come avesse aperto ai pagani la porta della fede.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Salmo responsoriale Sal 144**

**Rit.** *Benedirò il tuo nome per sempre, Signore.*

L. Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore, lento all'ira e grande nell'amore. Buono è il Signore verso tutti, la sua tenerezza si espande su tutte le creature. **Rit.**

L. Ti lodino, Signore, tutte le tue opere e ti benedicano i tuoi fedeli. Dicano la gloria del tuo regno e parlino della tua potenza. **Rit.**

L. Per far conoscere agli uomini le tue imprese e la splendida gloria del tuo regno. Il tuo regno è un regno eterno, il tuo dominio si estende per tutte le generazioni. **Rit.**

**Seconda lettura Ap 21,1-5****Dal libro dell'Apocalisse di san Giovanni apostolo**

Io, Giovanni, vidi un cielo nuovo e una terra nuova: il cielo e la terra di prima infatti erano scomparsi e il mare non c'era più.

E vidi anche la città santa, la Gerusalemme nuova, scendere dal cielo, da Dio, pronta come una sposa adorna per il suo sposo.

Udii allora una voce potente, che veniva dal trono e diceva:

«Ecco la tenda di Dio con gli uomini!  
Egli abiterà con loro  
ed essi saranno suoi popoli  
ed egli sarà il Dio con loro, il loro Dio.

E asciugherà ogni lacrima dai loro occhi e non vi sarà più la morte né lutto né lamento né affanno, perché le cose di prima sono passate».

E Colui che sedeva sul trono disse:

«Ecco, io faccio nuove tutte le cose».

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Canto al Vangelo Gv 13,34**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Vi do un comandamento nuovo, dice il Signore: come io ho amato voi, così amatevi anche voi gli uni gli altri.

**Alleluia.**

**Vangelo Gv 13,31-35****Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni**

Quando Giuda fu uscito [dal cenacolo], Gesù disse:

«Ora il Figlio dell'uomo è stato glorificato, e Dio è stato glorificato in lui. Se Dio è stato glorificato in lui, anche Dio lo glorificherà da parte sua e lo glorificherà subito.

Figlioli, ancora per poco sono con voi. Vi do un comandamento nuovo: che vi amiate gli uni gli altri. Come io ho amato voi, così amatevi anche voi gli uni gli altri.

Da questo tutti sapranno che siete miei discepoli: se avete amore gli uni per gli altri».

Parola del Signore

**Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.**



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## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Julie Mamo, Suad Hermiz, Mark Cunningham, and Mary Buttfont.

## 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

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

**Please call the Parish Office 9484 2907 or go to our website at**

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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 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

**Combined choir rehearsal:** Next Sunday **25th May** at St Anthony's after Mass commencing **at 12.15 pm** to cover the two subsequent Feast Day celebrations as follows:  
Sunday the 8th June 9.30 am at Holy Spirit. St Anthony's the following week on Sunday 15th June to attend at 10.30 am.  
If you wish to attend, please **RSVP** your availability to the choir leader for your church **by 23rd May.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community:

- ♦ **Natasha & Ricky** as they present **Rocco Petrelli**
- ♦ **Antonio & Luisa** as they present **Alyssia Aspromonte**

for their baptisms at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

## Monsignor Tom's 91st Birthday and Farewell:



We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who assisted and parishioners who joined us for morning tea last Sunday to celebrate Monsignor Tom's 91st birthday and farewell. Parishioners from our four churches gathered at St Anthony's to greet Monsignor Tom. As they entered the MacKillop room, they were warmly welcomed by Monsignor Tom, offered a cup of tea and cake, and enjoyed the opportunity to chat with him and fellow parishioners. Though saddened that Monsignor Tom is moving to Clifton Hill, it was a lovely moment spent sharing, connecting with each other and being thank full to God for the gift of Monsignor Tom to our community. ❤️

Fathers Shabin, Peter, Margaret and Pauline are delighted to welcome Fran Adamopoulos to the permanent position of Parish Secretary. Fran has volunteered for a number of years at St Anthony's and has been an active participant of Alpha, Choir and Sacristan. Fran gained secretarial experience at St Monica's Moonee Ponds and then began in the parish office producing the bulletin after Mirella retired. This is added to her previous working life as an IT teacher at RMIT. Welcome Fran and we hope you enjoy this added role in the combined parishes.



## Our Lady Help of Christians Patronnes of Australia Feast day 24th May

### Prayer for the safety of Australia:

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, Help of Christians.

Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Under her protection, may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Imprimatur 1975 Archbishop of Melbourne T.F. Little)

As the cold weather approaches, please keep in mind those less fortunate—  
If you would like to contribute to the Asylum Seekers Support Group:  
Asylum Seekers Charity Account BSB 083 347 Acc: 140666074

In May we take part in the archdiocese Annual mass count. Everyone who attends Mass through May will be counted.

**Please return your project compassion boxes. Thank you**