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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

Recently Deceased

Rita Durante, Iklas Mansoor,
Giuseppe Denaro, Evelyn Steinfort

Anniversaries

Vince Calvi (1mth)
Theresa Elizabeth Ellis, Emile
and Layla Nabih Fakhry, Jamil
Majid Kayrouz, Denise Elzain
Tawk, Norma Loubnane, Kashlah
Gebrael Taouk, Maria Reginato,
Andy Anderson, Doris May Scott,
John Edward Scott.

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our official parish website:
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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

14 June 2026

St Anthony's Feast Day Mass

Sunday 14th June — 10:30am Mass

*With Blessing of the Bread and
Blessing of Children*

St Anthony's Church, Alphington



Anthony of Padua, OFM, or Anthony of Lisbon; born Fernando Martins de Bulhões was a Portuguese Catholic priest and member of the Order of Friars Minor. Anthony was born to and raised by a wealthy family in Lisbon, Portugal, and died in Padua, Italy.

St. Anthony of Padua is best known as the Catholic patron saint of lost things, a title he earned after fervently praying for the return of a stolen book. He is also celebrated as a "Wonder-Worker" for his numerous miracles, a brilliant theologian, and a powerful preacher.

The first is the story of St. Anthony's bread. Many people give donations to help the poor in thanksgiving for gifts they've attributed to St. Anthony's intercession. They call this St. Anthony's bread. The story of St. Anthony's bread is said to have began in 1263, when a beloved child drowned near the basilica of St. Anthony. The child's mother prayed for St. Anthony's intercession and promised that if the child was restored to her, she would give the child's weight in grain to the poor in order that they could make bread – a very great gift in a time of widespread poverty and hunger. When the child was miraculously restored to life, the woman was true to her word and the tradition of giving alms to the poor in St. Anthony's name was begun. It is a beautiful tradition of generosity and charity to the poor. And it is fitting that it is done in St. Anthony's name, since he is the patron saint of the poor.

Anthony was a simple and humble friar who preached the good news lovingly and with fearless courage. The youth whom his fellow friars thought was uneducated became one of the great preachers and theologians of his day. He was a man of great penance and apostolic zeal. But he was primarily a saint of the people. His effectiveness in calling people back to the faith through his preaching was just as important as his peacemaking and calls for justice.



First Reading Exodus 19:2-6**A reading from the book of Exodus**

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:2-3, 5

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Readings**

**Next Week: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 14 June 2026**

1st Rdg: Ex 19: 2-6

2nd Rdg: Roman 5: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

PRIMA LETTURA ([Es 19,2-6](#))

Sarete per me un regno di sacerdoti e una nazione santa.

Dal libro dell'Èsodo
In quei giorni, gli Israeliti, levate le tende da Refidim, giunsero al deserto del Sinai, dove si accamparono; Israele si accampò davanti al monte. Mosè salì verso Dio, e il Signore lo chiamò dal monte, dicendo: «Questo dirai alla casa di Giacobbe e annuncerai agli Israeliti: “Voi stessi avete visto ciò che io ho fatto all’Egitto e come ho sollevato voi su ali di aquile e vi ho fatti venire fino a me. Ora, se darete ascolto alla mia voce e custodirete la mia alleanza, voi sarete per me una proprietà particolare tra tutti i popoli; mia infatti è tutta la terra! Voi sarete per me un regno di sacerdoti e una nazione santa”».

Parola di Dio

SALMO RESPONSORIALE ([Sal 99](#))

Rit: Noi siamo suo popolo, gregge che egli guida.

Acclamate il Signore, voi tutti della terra,
servite il Signore nella gioia,
presentatevi a lui con esultanza.

Riconoscete che solo il Signore è Dio:
egli ci ha fatti e noi siamo suoi,
suo popolo e gregge del suo pascolo.

Buono è il Signore,
il suo amore è per sempre,
la sua fedeltà di generazione in generazione.

SECONDA LETTURA ([Rm 5,6-11](#))

Se siamo stati riconciliati per mezzo della morte del Figlio, molto più saremo salvati mediante la sua vita.

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, quando eravamo ancora deboli, nel tempo stabilito Cristo morì per gli empì.
Ora, a stento qualcuno è disposto a morire per un giusto; forse qualcuno oserebbe morire per una persona buona. Ma Dio dimostra il suo amore verso di noi nel fatto che, mentre eravamo ancora peccatori, Cristo è morto per noi.
A maggior ragione ora, giustificati nel suo sangue, saremo salvati dall’ira per mezzo di lui. Se infatti, quand’eravamo nemici, siamo stati riconciliati con Dio per mezzo della morte del Figlio suo, molto più, ora che siamo riconciliati, saremo salvati mediante la sua vita. Non solo, ma ci gloriamo pure in Dio, per mezzo del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, grazie al quale ora abbiamo ricevuto la riconciliazione.
Parola di Dio

Canto al Vangelo ([Mc 1,15](#))

Alleluia, alleluia.

Il regno di Dio è vicino:
convertitevi e credete nel Vangelo.
Alleluia.

VANGELO ([Mt 9,36-10,8](#))

Chiamati a sé i suoi dodici discepoli, li mandò.

In quel tempo, Gesù, vedendo le folle, ne sentì compassione, perché erano stanche e sfinite come pecore che non hanno pastore. Allora disse ai suoi discepoli: «La messe è abbondante, ma sono pochi gli operai! Pregate dunque il signore della messe perché mandi operai nella sua messe!».
Chiamati a sé i suoi dodici discepoli, diede loro potere sugli spiriti impuri per scacciarli e guarire ogni malattia e ogni infermità.

I nomi dei dodici apostoli sono: primo, Simone, chiamato Pietro, e Andrea suo fratello; Giacomo, figlio di Zebedèo, e Giovanni suo fratello; Filippo e Bartolomeo; Tommaso e Matteo il pubblicano; Giacomo, figlio di Alfeo, e Taddeo; Simone il Cananeo e Giuda l’Iscariota, colui che poi lo tradì.

Questi sono i Dodici che Gesù inviò, ordinando loro: «Non andate fra i pagani e non entrate nelle città dei Samaritani; rivolgetevi piuttosto alle pecore perdute della casa d’Israele. Strada facendo, predicate, dicendo che il regno dei cieli è vicino. Guarite gli infermi, risuscitate i morti, purificate i lebbrosi, scacciate i demòni. Gratuitamente avete ricevuto, gratuitamente date».

Parola del Signore



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Majda 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 **Josephine Rosemary** who is presented for her baptism by her parents **David and Ellen Commins** at **Holy Spirit** this Sunday. We congratulate Josephine and her family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Pastoral Leadership Team report, June 2026

Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 3 June to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed at the meeting were:

- the Parish Community Faith Walk, which was held on Saturday 2 May
- the upcoming talk by Fr Brian Traynor on Thursday 11 May
- a review of activities and events marking Laudato Si' week.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 19 August. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our discussions and decisions.

Congratulations to Gabby Fachry

Congratulations to Holy Spirit parishioner Gabby Fachry who was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the King's Birthday honours list announced on Monday.

Gabby received the award for 'service to the Lebanese community'. She is also known to many in our combined parishes for her tireless work helping asylum seekers and refugees. She has personally, and as part of various networks, supported asylum seekers for decades. She encouraged many of us to respond when asylum seekers, released from detention in the early 2000s, were dropped at bus stops around Melbourne with no income or place to sleep. Gabby mobilised people to support these stranded and traumatised people, also running a support house in Dundas St, Thornbury for many years. Gabby's great work continues to inspire our Combined Parishes Asylum Seeker Support Group, and we are grateful for her leadership, service and commitment.



Pranzo della festa di Sant'Antonio — St Anthony's Luncheon

St Anthony's Feast Day lunch to be held Sunday 21 June at 12noon, MacKillop Room.

Three course meal, BYO and music. \$35 per head. RSVP by June 15—to Lina after mass—or contact the parish office: 94842907 or email: adminANT@cam.org.au to book your seats. Lina.



Pranzo della festa di Sant'Antonio, domenica 21 giugno alle ore 12, presso la Mackillop room. Menu di tre portate, BYO e musica. Costo: \$35 a persona. RSVP entro il 15 giugno — a Lina dopo la Messa — oppure contattando l'ufficio parrocchiale 94842907 o all'indirizzo adminANT@cam.org.au per prenotare i vostri posti. Lina.

Reuse & Recycle Your Household Goods.

Do you have unwanted household items like old clothing, furniture, toys, crockery, electricals etc? Don't bin it—instead reuse or recycle it. Our Earthcare group in response to Laudato Si goals is sharing simple, practical tips to help us care for creation by reducing waste.

Please take a moment to read the Earthcare poster in the church foyer or website—there are suggestions for passing on or recycling unwanted items (in good condition).

Questions or keen to help? Contact the Parish Office and an Earthcare member will be in touch. See: www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan



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Synod Corner: Reflection—Synodality and bishops ?

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.