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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

Oct 22: St John Paul II, Pope
Oct 23: St John of Capistrano, priest
Oct 24: St Anthony Claret, bishop

Recently Deceased

Giuliana Pino (Lambardi)

Anniversaries

Maurice D'Rozario (1 yr),
Marisa Della Vittoria (1 Yr),
Emilia Favala, Emma Rodighiero,
Maria Rosa Licastro, Michael Doyle,
Terence John Doyle, Gilbert Davies,
Youssef Hanna Souki Fakhry,
Keith Meynell, Johnny El-Fakhri,
Youssef El-Ferez Taouk and
Carlos Baker

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our official parish website:
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

18-19 Oct 2025

19 October—World Mission Sunday—



This World Mission Month, Pope Leo XIV echoes Pope Francis' invitation to be "missionaries of hope among all peoples" and urges us to step out in faith, walk with those on the margins, and share the hope of Christ through acts of love—especially by actively participating in World Mission Sunday on October 19th, and supporting the spread of the Gospel and the pastoral, educational, and health needs of communities around the world. (vaticannews.va)



In the rural town of Mpika, Zambia, Sharon and her husband Victor grow maize to feed their four children. But the ongoing effects of the drought forces them into an impossible choice: sell their harvest to afford daily essentials or keep it and go without the basic needs. And for women, it can be especially tough.



*Your Generous donation to **Catholic Mission** can provide tools for change: Seeds, tools and sustainable farming education tailored to harsh, changing conditions. Food Security: Harvest that feed their families first - and provide surplus for income. Empowered Women - A space where women learn, grow and support one another in faith and action.*

Protecting Life and Conscience: A Call to Prayer and Action

The Victorian Government is proposing changes to euthanasia and assisted suicide laws that would weaken safeguards for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object.

In response, the **Bishops of Victoria** have written to Catholics urging them to contact their local MPs and oppose the Bill. As MPs will have a conscience vote, their decision is not bound by party lines.

Instead of attempting to expand euthanasia and assisted suicide, the Bishops urge Members of Parliament to continue expanding access to good palliative care to all Victorians, particularly for those in the regions.

Take Action



Read the Bishops' pastoral letter on euthanasia and assisted suicide [here](#).



Pray for the common good to be served, for the dignity of all human life to be respected, for those who are near death, and for the loved ones and caregivers who accompany them.



Contact your local Members of Parliament. You can find details of your local state parliamentarians [here](#). (<https://melbournecatholic.org/euthanasia-bill/>)

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

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13**A reading from the book of Exodus**

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 120

R *Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

L I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

L May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

L The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

L The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**

**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke 18:1-8**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week—30th Sunday in OT: 26 Oct 2025

1st Rdg: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

2nd Rdg: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Prima lettura Es 17,8-13**Dal libro dell'Èsodo**

In quei giorni, Amalèk venne a combattere contro Israele a Refidim.

Mosè disse a Giosuè: «Scegli per noi alcuni uomini ed esci in battaglia contro Amalèk. Domani io staròritto sulla cima del colle, con in mano il bastone di Dio». Giosuè eseguì quanto gli aveva ordinato Mosè per combattere contro Amalèk, mentre Mosè, Aronne e Cur salirono sulla cima del colle.

Quando Mosè alzava le mani, Israele prevaleva; ma quando le lasciava cadere, prevaleva Amalèk. Poiché Mosè sentiva pesare le mani, presero una pietra, la collocarono sotto di lui ed egli vi si sedette, mentre Aronne e Cur, uno da una parte e l'altro dall'altra, sostenevano le sue mani. Così le sue mani rimasero ferme fino al tramonto del sole.

Giosuè sconfisse Amalèk e il suo popolo, passandoli poi a fil di spada.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 120

Rit. _ Il mio aiuto viene dal Signore.

L. Alzo gli occhi verso i monti:
da dove mi verrà l'aiuto?

Il mio aiuto viene dal Signore:
egli ha fatto cielo e terra. **Rit.**

L. Non lascerà vacillare il tuo piede,
non si addormenterà il tuo custode.
Non si addormenterà, non prenderà sonno
il custode d'Israele. **Rit.**

L. Il Signore è il tuo custode,
il Signore è la tua ombra
e sta alla tua destra.
Di giorno non ti colpirà il sole,
né la luna di notte. **Rit.**

L. Il Signore ti custodirà da ogni male:
egli custodirà la tua vita.
Il Signore ti custodirà quando esci e quando entri,
da ora e per sempre. **Rit.**



Widow and Judge

Anonymous artists from New York hired by Pacific Press Publishing Company expressly to illustrate Christ's Object Lessons by Ellen Gould Harmon White

Seconda lettura 2Tm 3,14-4,2**Dalla seconda lettera di san Paolo apostolo a Timòteo**

Figlio mio, tu rimani saldo in quello che hai imparato e che credi fermamente. Conosci coloro da cui lo hai appreso e conosci le sacre Scritture fin dall'infanzia: queste possono istruirti per la salvezza, che si ottiene mediante la fede in Cristo Gesù.

Tutta la Scrittura, ispirata da Dio, è anche utile per insegnare, convincere, correggere ed educare nella giustizia, perché l'uomo di Dio sia completo e ben preparato per ogni opera buona.

Ti scongiuro davanti a Dio e a Cristo Gesù, che verrà a giudicare i vivi e i morti, per la sua manifestazione e il suo regno: annuncia la Parola, insisti al momento opportuno e non opportuno, ammonisci, rimprovera, esorta con ogni magnanimità e insegnamento.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Ebr 4,12

Alleluia, alleluia.

La parola di Dio è viva ed efficace,
discerne i sentimenti e i pensieri del cuore.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 18,1-8**Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

In quel tempo, Gesù diceva ai suoi discepoli una parabola sulla necessità di pregare sempre, senza stancarsi mai:

«In una città viveva un giudice, che non temeva Dio né aveva riguardo per alcuno. In quella città c'era anche una vedova, che andava da lui e gli diceva: "Fammi giustizia contro il mio avversario".

Per un po' di tempo egli non volle; ma poi disse tra sé: "Anche se non temo Dio e non ho riguardo per alcuno, dato che questa vedova mi dà tanto fastidio, le farò giustizia perché non venga continuamente a importunarmi"».

E il Signore soggiunse: «Ascoltate ciò che dice il giudice disonesto. E Dio non farà forse giustizia ai suoi eletti, che gridano giorno e notte verso di lui? Li farà forse aspettare a lungo? Io vi dico che farà loro giustizia prontamente. Ma il Figlio dell'uomo, quando verrà, troverà la fede sulla terra?».

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.

Max Gomez, Doris Zhara, Baby Sofia, Phoenix Toma, Onyx Toma, Wafa Ibrahim, Suhalia Yousif, Jamal Gorgees

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

<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

2026 Columban Calendars available for Purchase at the back of the church—\$10.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



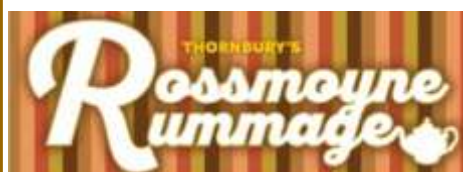
We welcome into the Christian Community: **Chloe & Joshua** as they present **Delilah** for her baptism at **St Anthony's** this Sunday. We congratulate the family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Sunday 19 October 2025:

Holy Spirit Primary School

FETE

10:30am - 3:30pm—197 Clarendon St Thornbury Come along and enjoy food and beverages, children's rides, entertainment, animal farm, stalls, raffles & auctions!



10am-3pm Rossmoyne St Thornbury—**St Mary's Primary School** hosting stalls and more. [f Rossmoyne Street Thornbury](#)

Christmas Hamper Raffle 🎄 - Tickets: \$5.00 per envelope (10 tickets). Sales start this weekend. **Draw:** Sunday, **21st December** after the 10:30 am Mass at St Anthony's. St Anthony's Italian Committee.

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP Please know that we are very happy to receive the following items and deliver them safely. Cooking oil, 1 litre bottles; Basmati rice; Sweet biscuits; Washing powder small packets. Thank you for your generosity.

Friday 31 Oct —Seniors Mass 10:30 am at **St Joseph's Northcote**—Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.

Earthcare —Next meeting: Thursday, 20th Nov, 7:30pm @ Holy Spirit Church



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Australian Catholic Youth Festival—YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025 UPDATE

Six young people from Alphington-Thornbury East, Northcote, and Thornbury parishes will attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival this year.

Youth (Year 9–25) can still register via the parish QR code or email the Parish office. Details: <https://acyf.org.au/>



Please keep our participants in your prayers. If you would like to help cover the registration cost (\$390) for our young people or leaders, please speak with our priests or make an online donation to the "Church" account, using the reference "ACYF25." Thank you for your ongoing prayers and generosity.