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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

24 Aug: St Bartholomew, apostle
27 Aug: St Monica
28 Aug: St Augustine, bishop, doctor
29 Aug: The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

Recently Deceased

Octavio Garcia,
Anna Garcia-Staunton,
Leonardo D'Amore

Anniversaries

Patricia Belia 2 Yrs,
Ngoc-Hoang Nguyen 3 Yrs,
David Reginato 4 Yrs, Felicia Spano,
Giuseppe Spano,
Rosario Machado, Sarda & Khalil Mytenis,
Terry Moroney, Tony Zabboughi,
Caterina Valenzisi, Eileen Ada Doyle,
Chris Bramananda,
Therese Catherine Geagea and
Fouad Toufic Taouk.

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

22-23 August



Parish Synod Consultation Evening with Cathy Jenkins

Program Lead: Melbourne Synod 2026

Fr Shabin and the Pastoral Leadership Team warmly invite our Parish Leadership Teams, together with members of our wider parish and school communities, to join us for a

Parish Reflection, Spiritual Discernment and Consultation Evening.

Cathy Jenkins, Program Lead for Melbourne Synod 2026, will kindly facilitate these Conversations in the Spirit as we begin drafting our Partnership Parishes response to the Melbourne Synod questions outlined in the thematic papers circulated in July: Formation and Participation, Missionary Leadership, and Young Discipleship.

These documents are available to download from our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>. Participants are encouraged to select and read at least one thematic paper prior to attending the consultation evening.

*The Consultation Evening will be held on Tuesday, 25 August, at **St Anthony's, MacKillop Room**, commencing at **7.00 pm**. As Fr Shabin was away, our preparation timeframe has been shorter than usual, and we apologise for the late notice.*

*Feedback gathered through the **Conversations in the Spirit** session will be compiled and will contribute to the Working Document that will be presented to the Synod.*

We look forward to your participation and valuable contribution.

TREASURED KNOWLEDGE *Matthew 16:13-20*

Jesus asks his disciples who people say he is, revealing that true faith goes beyond popular opinion. Peter's inspired confession—recognizing Jesus as the Son of the Living God—shows that faith is a gift from God. Jesus blesses Peter, entrusting him with leadership and authority in the Church, built on the "rock" of revealed knowledge and enduring faith. The passage reminds us that the Church, guided by divine wisdom, continues to discern God's will in every age.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)



First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

L_ I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

L_ I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

L_ The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**



[Christ gives the keys of the kingdom to Peter, detail](#)

Pietro Perugino (1448-1523)

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Ps Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**Readings: Next Week: 22st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 30 August 2026**

1st Rdg: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd Rdg: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Prima lettura Is 22,19-23*Dal libro del profeta Isaia*

Così dice il Signore a Sebna, maggiordomo del palazzo:

«Ti toglierò la carica,
ti rovescerò dal tuo posto.
In quel giorno avverrà
che io chiamerò il mio servo Eliakim, figlio di
Chelkia;
lo rivestirò con la tua tunica,
lo cingerò della tua cintura
e metterò il tuo potere nelle sue mani.
Sarà un padre per gli abitanti di Gerusalemme
e per il casato di Giuda.
Gli porrò sulla spalla la chiave della casa di
Davide:
se egli apre, nessuno chiuderà;
se egli chiude, nessuno potrà aprire.
Lo conficcherò come un piolo in luogo solido
e sarà un trono di gloria per la casa di suo
padre».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale** (Sal 137)**Rit. _ Signore, il tuo amore è per sempre.**

L._ Ti rendo grazie, Signore, con tutto il cuore:
hai ascoltato le parole della mia bocca.
Non agli dèi, ma a te voglio cantare,
mi prostro verso il tuo tempio santo. **Rit.**

L._ Rendo grazie al tuo nome per il tuo amore e la
tua fedeltà:
hai reso la tua promessa più grande del tuo nome.
Nel giorno in cui ti ho invocato, mi hai risposto,
hai accresciuto in me la forza. **Rit.**

L._ Perché eccelso è il Signore, ma guarda verso
l'umile;
il superbo invece lo riconosce da lontano.
Signore, il tuo amore è per sempre:
non abbandonare l'opera delle tue mani. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Rm 11,33-36**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani**

O profondità della ricchezza, della sapienza e della
conoscenza di Dio! Quanto insondabili sono i suoi
giudizi e inaccessibili le sue vie!
Infatti,
chi mai ha conosciuto il pensiero del Signore?
O chi mai è stato suo consigliere?

O chi gli ha dato qualcosa per primo
tanto da riceverne il contraccambio?
Poiché da lui, per mezzo di lui e per lui sono tutte le
cose. A lui la gloria nei secoli. Amen.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo** Mt 16,18**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Tu sei Pietro e su questa pietra
edificherò la mia Chiesa
e le potenze degli inferi non prevarranno su di essa.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 16,13-20**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù, giunto nella regione di Cesarèa di
Filippo, domandò ai suoi discepoli:

«La gente, chi dice che sia il Figlio dell'uomo?».

Risposero:

«Alcuni dicono Giovanni il Battista, altri Elia, altri
Geremia o qualcuno dei profeti».

Disse loro:

«Ma voi, chi dite che io sia?».

Rispose Simon Pietro:

«Tu sei il Cristo, il Figlio del Dio vivente».

E Gesù gli disse:

«Beato sei tu, Simone, figlio di Giona, perché né carne né
sangue te lo hanno rivelato, ma il Padre mio che è nei cieli.
E io a te dico: tu sei Pietro e su questa pietra edificherò la
mia Chiesa e le potenze degli inferi non prevarranno su di
essa. A te darò le chiavi del regno dei cieli: tutto ciò che
legherai sulla terra sarà legato nei cieli, e tutto ciò che
scioglierai sulla terra sarà sciolto nei cieli».

Allora ordinò ai discepoli di non dire ad alcuno che egli era il
Cristo.

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. *Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Young Charbel Kayrouz, and Max Gomez*

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

Friday 28 August —Seniors Mass 10:30 am at St Joseph's Northcote, Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome.



PARISH AMALGAMATION—A Framework and process for renewal

This week we look at the dimension from the Renewal Framework of being a Vital Parish.

Vital parishes read the signs of the times with faith, hope, and a missionary vision. They know their neighbourhoods, cherish their history and culture, and honour the journey that has shaped them. At the same time, they trust that God continues to lead them forward. With openness and courage, they recognise that some past approaches may no longer serve the needs of today, and they remain attentive to where the Spirit is calling them now.

Parish vitality is about a community discerning together how God is inviting them to grow. It is about asking, "What is the Lord asking of us at this time?" and responding with generosity and trust. Vital parishes nurture three deeply connected areas of life:

A shared missionary vision that inspires and unites the community in purpose.

A collaborative spirit of leadership, where clergy and lay faithful recognise one another's gifts and work together in service of the Gospel, with creativity and courage.

An outward-looking heart, attentive to those beyond parish boundaries and willing to walk alongside other parishes and ministries within the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This journey is not always easy. It calls for humility, listening, learning, and prayerful discernment. Yet it is also a journey filled with hope, because the same God who has guided the parish in the past continues to lead it into the future. Please forward your thoughts either via the Question box in your foyer or email margaret.harrington@cam.org.au.

FQA: How was the decision reached for our Parishes to consider amalgamation?

- Our parishes have been working together in partnership for four years. There has been increased collaboration during this time. During the partnership we have experienced a strengthening of our community and forming one parish will help us create a vital, vibrant and viable community. We have received encouragement from Bishop Rene following his visit earlier this year to consider formal steps to amalgamation.

FAQ: Come si è giunti alla decisione di avviare il processo di amalgamazione delle nostre parrocchie?

- Le nostre parrocchie collaborano in partenariato da quattro anni. In questo periodo la collaborazione si è intensificata e rafforzata. Durante questo percorso abbiamo sperimentato una crescita e un consolidamento della nostra comunità, e la costituzione di un'unica parrocchia ci aiuterà a creare una comunità vitale, dinamica e sostenibile. Abbiamo inoltre ricevuto l'incoraggiamento del Vescovo René che, in occasione della sua visita all'inizio di quest'anno, ci ha invitati a considerare passi concreti verso una formale unificazione delle parrocchie.

The Knights of the Southern Cross Vic are proud to announce the **Archbishop's Dinner—Friday 16th October 2026—7pm—Held at Grand Star Reception & Convention Centre—to Support the education of our clergy. Cost \$170—If you would like to join Fr Shabin and other parishioners—6 places are still available on the Table. RSVP by Friday 11th September, 2026. Guest Speaker: Peta Credlin AO—Peta is an Australian political commentator and former senior adviser. She became prominent within the Liberal Party as chief of staff to Prime Minister Tony Abbott (2013–2015). She later moved into media and now hosts Credlin on Sky News Australia. Please contact the Parish the Office if you would like to attend. adminANT@cam.or.au or call: 9484 2907.**

Happy Birthday Fr Shabin! We thank God for your generous service to our Parish. May God Bless you with good health, peace and renewed strength in the year ahead.