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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.

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

St Mathias apostle

Recently Deceased

Jose Orazco, Lianqi Han,
 Vincenzo Calvi, Filippo Minelli,
 Gus Scholz

Anniversaries

Antonio Verrochi,
 James Robert Joyce, Denis Rose,
 Gualtiero Martinelli (60 years),
 Maria Bianco, Ibrahim Emile Fakhry,
 Harba Youssef Taouk,
 Mansour Youssef Taouk,
 Assaad Saba Geagea, Rachel Corica,
 and Youssef Toufic Taouk.

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Sixth Sunday Of Easter —Year A

10 May 2026

**Laudato Si'- Care For Our Common Home Week
 16th-24th May Activities**



During **Laudato Si'** Week, the new Earthcare Group of Alphington, Northcote and Thornbury Mission Parish invites parishioners to reflect on Pope Francis' call to care for our common home given in his letter **Laudato Si'**.

All are warmly encouraged to deepen their understanding and lived response to **Laudato Si'** by attending the weekend masses of The Ascension and Pentecost and joining the two special activities outlined below.



Attend The Movie Night: "The Letter: A message For Our Earth"
 Wednesday 20th May 7:15pm

Mackillop room at St Anthony's Church Alph.

Trybooking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLVEU>



The Mission Parishes' Earthcare Group warmly invites parishioners to a screening of The Letter: A Message for Our Earth (2022), a moving and hope-filled film inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si'. Through real stories, it brings to life our call to care for creation and shows how small steps, taken together, can make a real difference for our common home. Please register via the TryBooking link or QR code provided.



Meeting God in Nature: Saturday 23rd May, 10am -1pm

Darebin Parklands—Facilitator: Mr Peter Hay
 (Centre of Heart Of Life Formation Team Leader)

Register: by Wednesday 20th May by sending an email to earthcareant@cam.org.au

"Nature as a whole not only manifests God but is also a locus of God's presence. (LS 88)

Guided by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', Parishioners are invited to spend a few hours in Darebin Parklands to become open to the wonder and awe of God's presence in nature. Through walking, sitting, and simply being, we will engage with the natural environment and explore our spiritual connection to the land around us opening ourselves to God's presence. **Only 10 places remain. Acceptance emails will follow with participation details.**



Reuse & Recycle Your Household Goods Information To Come

The Earthcare Group has several initiatives planned, including education and practical guidance on being responsible citizens in a complex world of climate change, waste, recycling and environmental care. After Laudato Si' Week, we will share more information on how you can reuse or recycle household goods.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

L. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

L. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

L. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

L. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave your orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings Next Week: Ascension of The Lord Year A 17 May 26

1st Rdg: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Rdg: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:19, 20

Prima lettura At 8,5-8.14-17**Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

In quei giorni, Filippo, sceso in una città della Samaria, predicava loro il Cristo. E le folle, unanimi, prestavano attenzione alle parole di Filippo, sentendolo parlare e vedendo i segni che egli compiva. Infatti da molti indemoniati uscivano spiriti impuri, emettendo alte grida, e molti paralitici e storpi furono guariti. E vi fu grande gioia in quella città.

Frattanto gli apostoli, a Gerusalemme, seppero che la Samaria aveva accolto la parola di Dio e inviarono a loro Pietro e Giovanni. Essi scesero e pregarono per loro perché ricevessero lo Spirito Santo; non era infatti ancora disceso sopra nessuno di loro, ma erano stati soltanto battezzati nel nome del Signore Gesù. Allora imponevano loro le mani e quelli ricevevano lo Spirito Santo.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 65

Rit. _ Acclamate Dio, voi tutti della terra.

L. Acclamate Dio, voi tutti della terra, cantate la gloria del suo nome, dategli gloria con la lode.

Dite a Dio: «Terribili sono le tue opere! **Rit.**

L. A te si prostri tutta la terra, a te canti inni, canti al tuo nome».

Venite e vedete le opere di Dio, terribile nel suo agire sugli uomini. **Rit.**

L. Egli cambiò il mare in terraferma; passarono a piedi il fiume: per questo in lui esultiamo di gioia. Con la sua forza domina in eterno. **Rit.**

L. Venite, ascoltate, voi tutti che temete Dio, e narrerò quanto per me ha fatto. Sia benedetto Dio, che non ha respinto la mia preghiera, non mi ha negato la sua misericordia. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Pt 3,15-18**Dalla prima lettera di san Pietro apostolo**

Carissimi, adorare il Signore, Cristo, nei vostri cuori, pronti sempre a rispondere a chiunque vi domandi ragione della speranza che è in voi.

Tuttavia questo sia fatto con dolcezza e rispetto, con una retta coscienza, perché, nel momento stesso in cui si parla male di voi, rimangano svergognati quelli che malignano sulla vostra buona condotta in Cristo.

Se questa infatti è la volontà di Dio, è meglio soffrire operando il bene che facendo il male, perché anche Cristo è morto una volta per sempre per i peccati, giusto per gli ingiusti, per ricondurvi a Dio; messo a morte nel corpo, ma reso vivo nello spirito.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Gv 14,23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Se uno mi ama, osserverà la mia parola, dice il Signore, e il Padre mio lo amerà e noi verremo a lui.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 14,15-21**Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«Se mi amate, osserverete i miei comandamenti; e io pregherò il Padre ed egli vi darà un altro Paràclito perché rimanga con voi per sempre, lo Spirito della verità, che il mondo non può ricevere perché non lo vede e non lo conosce. Voi lo conoscete perché egli rimane presso di voi e sarà in voi.

Non vi lascerò orfani: verrò da voi. Ancora un poco e il mondo non mi vedrà più; voi invece mi vedrete, perché io vivo e voi vivrete. In quel giorno voi saprete che io sono nel Padre mio e voi in me e io in voi.

Chi accoglie i miei comandamenti e li osserva, questi è colui che mi ama. Chi ama me sarà amato dal Padre mio e anch'io lo amerò e mi manifesterò a lui».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo



Duccio di Buoninsegna (1260–1318)

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Tina Marangoni, Tony Gribeh, Suhalia Yousif, Jamal Gorgees, Lidia Gorgees, Iklas Mansoor, Korke Toma

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



Holy Spirit Feast Day Mass on Pentecost Sunday—24th May 2026
9:30 am Mass will be followed by morning Tea
Holy Spirit Church - East Thornbury
Please bring a plate to share if you can.
All Welcome!



With gratitude we celebrate all who care with a mother's heart. Wishing you a grace-filled Mother's Day. May God bless you with Peace and Joy



We warmly welcome Belinda Cheong as Principal of Holy Spirit Primary School, Thornbury East, as she commences her appointment on Monday 11 May 2026. We wish her every success as she begins her leadership journey as Principal of Holy Spirit Primary School.

We keep in our prayers all the children from our Parish Schools, and those in the Parish Sacramental Program, as they make their commitment next weekend and prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the end of May.

May Mass Count—week 2: This week will be a general count. As directed by the Australian Bishops Conference, this year's count will follow a different method from previous years. * Week 3— a count of Men and Women
* Week 4—a count of different age groups



Synod Corner: Reflection—Synodality is not new

Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen, and discern together. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.

In Person Safeguarding Essentials Training Sunday 17 May—St Anthony's—12:15pm

All members of our Partnership Parishes are required to complete **Safeguarding Essentials Training** (every 3 years for volunteers). This is an important part of our shared commitment to creating a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable parishioners.

To support volunteers who are unable to complete the training online, an **in-person session** will be held at **St Anthony's on Sunday 17 May at 12:15 pm**. The session runs for **30–60 minutes**. A **light lunch** will be provided by the parish—you are welcome to **bring a plate to share**.

Following the training, volunteers will be able to:

- **Sign the new Code of Conduct**, and
- **Receive assistance** with applying for or updating their **Working With Children Check**.

Your participation helps strengthen our culture of care and safety across the parish community. **We look forward to welcoming you.**