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**ST MARY'S THORNBURY**

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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:** 10:30am, English/Italian  
**Weekday:** Friday, 9:15am

**FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK**

**Recently Deceased**

Shirley Kimball FCJ, John Green,  
Anna Musolino

**Anniversaries**

Lorenzo De Marco (3 yrs),  
Immacolata Natoli,  
Emile Khairallah Kairouz,  
Georgette Shannon, Reginald J Fallon,  
Don Giuseppe Scarpetti,  
Chegade Elias Eid Taouk,  
Angelina De Fazio, Maria Ivelja,  
Marie Franklin, Rhema Mansoor (1yr),  
Yousif Mansoor (20 yrs),  
Hanah John (25 yrs),  
Narmy Yousif (30 yrs).

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our official parish website:  
[www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan](http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan)



**Fifth Sunday in Lent —Year A**

**22 Mar 2026**

**Eternal Life—John 11: 1-45**

*This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus enters our human experience fully, even our grief. His delay in visiting Lazarus allows him to stand with Martha, Mary, and all who mourn, revealing that faith is not an escape from sorrow but a place where Christ meets us. When Jesus proclaims, "I am the resurrection and the life," he shows that eternal life begins now for those who believe. The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Jesus' own journey from the "safe country" of divine glory into our world, where he gives his life so that we might share in his. As we approach Holy Week, we are invited to see ourselves in Lazarus—the beloved friend for whom Jesus lays down his life. (Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)*



**St Joseph's Feast Day**

**Sunday 22rd of March 2026**

**11am at St Joseph's church**

**Northcote**

*Prayer to St Joseph*

*St Joseph, faithful guardian of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family,  
watch over our parish and school community  
with the same quiet strength and loving care.*

*Guide us in our work, deepen our trust in God's providence,  
and help us to live with the humility, courage, and compassion you showed.*

*On your feast day, pray for us and for all families,  
that we may grow in faith and walk always in God's peace. Amen.*

**We congratulate and wish the community of St Joseph's  
a Happy Feast Day!**

*Refreshments will be served afterwards in the church garden*

*Please bring a plate of food to share. All are welcome.*



Next Sunday **29 March** is **Palm Sunday** marking the beginning of Holy Week. Please bring your own palm, or olive branch. Some will be available at the entrance of the church. Domenica Prossima è **la Domenica delle Palme e l'inizio della Settimana Santa**. Portate le proprie palme o rami di oliva.

**First Reading** *Ezekiel 37:12-14***A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 129*

**R** *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**L** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

**L** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

**L** My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

**L** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

**Second Reading** *Romans 8:8-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 11:25, 26*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Gospel of John** *John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45***A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life,

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and **hands** bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Readings Next Week—Palm Sunday Year A—29 Mar 2026**

1st Rdg: Is 50:4-7

2nd Rdg: Phil 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Mt 26:14—27:66

**Prima lettura** Ez 37,12-14**Dal libro del profeta Ezechièle**

Così dice il Signore Dio: «Ecco, io apro i vostri sepolcri, vi faccio uscire dalle vostre tombe, o popolo mio, e vi riconduco nella terra d'Israele.

Riconoscerete che io sono il Signore, quando aprirò le vostre tombe e vi farò uscire dai vostri sepolcri, o popolo mio.

Farò entrare in voi il mio spirito e rivivrete; vi farò riposare nella vostra terra. Saprete che io sono il Signore. L'ho detto e lo farò». Oracolo del Signore Dio.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Salmo responsoriale Sal x**

**Rit.** *Il Signore è bontà e misericordia.*

**L.** Dal profondo a te grido, o Signore; Signore, ascolta la mia voce.

Siano i tuoi orecchi attenti alla voce della mia supplica. **Rit.**

**L.** Se consideri le colpe, Signore, Signore, chi ti può resistere?

Ma con te è il perdono: così avremo il tuo timore. **Rit.**

**L.** Io spero, Signore.

Spera l'anima mia, attendo la sua parola.

L'anima mia è rivolta al Signore più che le sentinelle all'aurora. **Rit.**

**L.** Più che le sentinelle l'aurora, Israele attenda il Signore, perché con il Signore è la misericordia e grande è con lui la redenzione.

Egli redimerà Israele da tutte le sue colpe. **Rit.**

**Seconda lettura** Rm 8,8-11**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani**

Fratelli, quelli che si lasciano dominare dalla carne non possono piacere a Dio.

Voi però non siete sotto il dominio della carne, ma dello Spirito, dal momento che lo Spirito di Dio abita in voi. Se qualcuno non ha lo Spirito di Cristo, non gli appartiene. Ora, se Cristo è in voi, il vostro corpo è morto per il peccato, ma lo Spirito è vita per la giustizia. E se lo Spirito di Dio, che ha risuscitato Gesù dai morti, abita in voi, colui che ha risuscitato Cristo dai morti darà la vita anche ai vostri corpi mortali per mezzo del suo Spirito che abita in voi.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Canto al Vangelo** Gv 11,25.26

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Io sono la risurrezione e la vita, dice il Signore, chi crede in me non morirà in eterno.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

**Vangelo** GV 11, 3-7.17.20-27.33b-45**Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni**

In quel tempo, le sorelle di Lazzaro mandarono a dire a Gesù: «Signore, ecco, colui che tu ami è malato». All'udire questo, Gesù disse: «Questa malattia non porterà alla morte, ma è per la gloria di Dio, affinché per mezzo di essa il Figlio di Dio venga glorificato». Gesù amava Marta e sua sorella e Lazzaro. Quando sentì che era malato, rimase per due giorni nel luogo dove si trovava. Poi disse ai discepoli: «Andiamo di nuovo in Giudea!». Quando Gesù arrivò, trovò Lazzaro che già da quattro giorni era nel sepolcro. Marta, come udì che veniva Gesù, gli andò incontro; Maria invece stava seduta in casa. Marta disse a Gesù: «Signore, se tu fossi stato qui, mio fratello non sarebbe morto! Ma anche ora so che qualunque cosa tu chiederai a Dio, Dio te la concederà». Gesù le disse: «Tuo fratello risorgerà». Gli rispose Marta: «So che risorgerà nella risurrezione dell'ultimo giorno». Gesù le disse: «Io sono la risurrezione e la vita; chi crede in me, anche se muore, vivrà; chiunque vive e crede in me, non morirà in eterno. Credi questo?». Gli rispose: «Sì, o Signore, io credo che tu sei il Cristo, il Figlio di Dio, colui che viene nel mondo». Gesù si commosse profondamente e, molto turbato, domandò: «Dove lo avete posto?». Gli dissero: «Signore, vieni a vedere!». Gesù scoppiò in pianto. Dissero allora i Giudei: «Guarda come lo amava!». Ma alcuni di loro dissero: «Lui, che ha aperto gli occhi al cieco, non poteva anche far sì che costui non morisse?». Allora Gesù, ancora una volta commosso profondamente, si recò al sepolcro: era una grotta e contro di essa era posta una pietra. Disse Gesù: «Togliete la pietra!». Gli rispose Marta, la sorella del morto: «Signore, manda già cattivo odore: è lì da quattro giorni». Le disse Gesù: «Non ti ho detto che, se crederai, vedrai la gloria di Dio?». Tolsero dunque la pietra. Gesù allora alzò gli occhi e disse: «Padre, ti rendo grazie perché mi hai ascoltato. Io sapevo che mi dai sempre ascolto, ma l'ho detto per la gente che mi sta attorno, perché credano che tu mi hai mandato». Detto questo, gridò a gran voce: «Lazzaro, vieni fuori!». Il morto uscì, i piedi e le mani legati con bende, e il viso avvolto da un sudario. Gesù disse loro: «Liberatelo e lasciatelo andare». Molti dei Giudei che erano venuti da Maria, alla vista di ciò che egli aveva compiuto, credettero in lui.

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.

Jarmeila & John, Ronnie, Mona, and 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

- 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 <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

### Congratulations and Happy 91st Birthday!

With gratitude and joy, we congratulate **Anna Sartoretto** on her **91st birthday** and celebrate her 63 years of faithful parish life on this Feast of St Joseph.

**RCIA:** We thank Jim Coffey and Cheryl Sullivan for preparing our Catechumens: Jake, Kyle, Caitlin, Max and Candidate Lucy in their journey to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter. We keep our Catechumens and Candidate in our prayer as they do their Third Scrutiny this Sunday.

We congratulate the children in our Parish primary schools who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We also pray for the children in the Parish Sacramental Program (PSP) who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend, and for those preparing to receive it next week. May they all experience the gentle forgiveness and boundless love of



### Friday 27 March—Seniors Mass 10:30 am

at **St Joseph's** Northcote, **Anointing Mass** followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.

Calling for peace, social justice, and for a fair treatment of **refugees and asylum seekers** this **Palm Sunday** - 1pm: Gather on Princes Bridge - 1.30pm: Walk to **Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr** (near the 'Angel' sculpture) [See map here](#) 2pm - 3.30pm: Main program. speakers, etc. Please see poster in church foyers. **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project.**

**Tuesday 31 March: \* No weekday 9:15am Mass at St Joseph's** as our priests will be attending the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

**Chrism Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral—at 10:00 am**—Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, **31 March**, where the oils for the coming year's Sacraments will be blessed. We hope many of you can join. *To learn more, see: [Melbourne Catholic, what-is-the-chrism-](#)*

Parish Reconciliation: Tuesday **31 March**—7:30pm, St Anthony's Alphington (**English**)  
**Riconciliazione:** Mercoledì **1º Aprile, ore 9:15** — St Mary's Thornbury (**Italiano**)



### Ecumenical Way of the Cross-Good Friday 3 April All Nations Park—10:30 am

All Christians from the City of Darebin gather on Good Friday to unite in prayer at All Nations Park for the Ecumenical Way of the Cross. **Soup Kitchen:** Vegetables needed to make soup for Good Friday's Ecumenical way of the Cross. Please bring to the church by **Sunday 29 March** not before or after that date. Your help is very much appreciated.

**Choose Chocolate Free from Labour Exploitation This Easter**— Children, men and women are too often forced to work in exploitative conditions to bring us chocolate in Australia. Use the Chocolate Scorecard to see if the brand you use is ethical by reading the Poster "A Sweet Solution" at the back of the church or using this QR code to find out more of what you can do.



**Project Compassion 2026: Please collect your project compassion box from the back of the church.** The funds raised will help provide women like **Manaini**, a grandmother from rural Fiji, with the skills to turn leftover crops into flour, creating a sustainable income for her family. **Donate** via website: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion/sisilia-story/](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion/sisilia-story/) | or call: 1800 024 413



**Melbourne Synod 2026**— Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has formally convoked a synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of **4-6 December 2026**. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at [melbournecatholic.org/synod2026](https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026).