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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

3 Sept: St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Recently Deceased

Simon Khoury SNR

Anniversaries

Luigi Rischitelli (1 mth),
Rafaele Galli (3yrs), David Reginato,
Carolina Filippin, Garzi Fakhry,
Akram Aboujama, Aldo Pozzobon,
Theresa Catherine Geagea,
Angela De Fazio, Hanna Moussa Fakhry,
Hanna & Badwia Ghosting,
Francesco & Rosina Iannella, and
Aldo Melone.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
www.melbocatholic.org/s/hosan



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 30-31 August 2025



Archbishop's Campaign 2025

Parish Collections

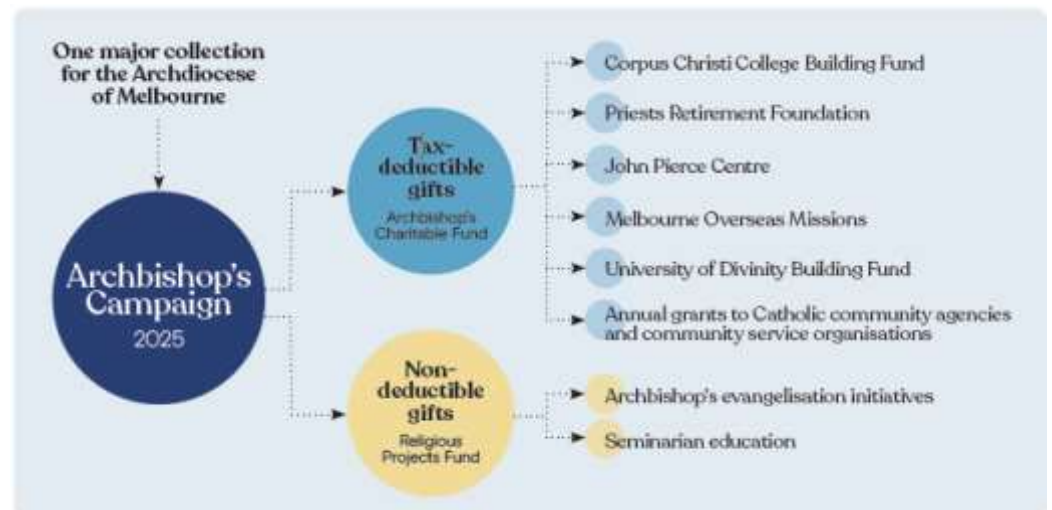
will be held on the weekends of
6-7 September and 13-14 September

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The Archbishop's Campaign is an annual appeal supporting vital Archdiocesan ministries. In our parish, it will run from 6-7 September to 13-14 September. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider a one-time or monthly pledge to help sustain the vital ministries listed below. Campaign envelopes will be in the pews.

For more information please visit: melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign



Season of Creation—Peace With Creation 2025

From **September 1 to October 4** an annual global celebration of prayer and action is promoted to protect our common home, earth.

Join Our Earthcare Initiative! An information night will be held on Thursday, **September 11th** at **7pm** in **Holy Spirit Church**. Find more information at the back of the Bulletin.

First Reading *Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29***A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave
humbly, and then you will find favour with the
Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 67:4-7, 10-11*

**R. God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.**

L_ The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence **R.**

L_ Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

L_ You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new
life. It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

What you have come to is nothing known to the
senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total
darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the
great voice speaking which made everyone that
heard it beg that no more should be said to them.
But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the
city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where
the millions of angels have gathered for the festival,
with the whole Church in which everyone is a
'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have
come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been
placed with spirits of the saints who have been
made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who
brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 11:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke 14:1, 7-14**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house
of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him
closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he
had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He
said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding
feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A
more distinguished person than you may have been
invited, and the person who invited you both may come
and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to
your embarrassment, you would have to go and take
the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your
way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when
your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up
higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will
see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be
exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a
dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or
rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by
inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite
the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they
cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate,
because repayment will be made to you when the
virtuous rise again.'

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



Readings **Next Week—23rd Sunday in OT: 7 Sept 2025**

1st Rdg: Wisdom 9:13-18

2nd Rdg: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Prima lettura Sir 3,17-20.28-29**Dal libro del Siràcide**

Figlio, compi le tue opere con mitezza,
e sarai amato più di un uomo generoso.
Quanto più sei grande, tanto più fatti umile,
e troverai grazia davanti al Signore.
Molti sono gli uomini orgogliosi e superbi,
ma ai miti Dio rivela i suoi segreti.
Perché grande è la potenza del Signore,
e dagli umili egli è glorificato.
Per la misera condizione del superbo non c'è
rimedio, perché in lui è radicata la pianta del male.
Il cuore sapiente medita le parabole,
un orecchio attento è quanto desidera il saggio.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 67****Rit. _Hai preparato, o Dio, una casa per il povero.**

L. I giusti si rallegrano,
esultano davanti a Dio e cantano di gioia.
Cantate a Dio, inneggiate al suo nome:
Signore è il suo nome. **Rit.**

L. Padre degli orfani e difensore delle vedove
è Dio nella sua santa dimora.
A chi è solo, Dio fa abitare una casa,
fa uscire con gioia i prigionieri. **Rit.**

L. Pioggia abbondante hai riversato, o Dio,
la tua esausta eredità tu hai consolidato
e in essa ha abitato il tuo popolo,
in quella che, nella tua bontà,
hai reso sicura per il povero, o Dio. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Eb 12,18-19.22-24**Dalla lettera agli Ebrei**

Fratelli, non vi siete avvicinati a qualcosa di
tangibile né a un fuoco ardente né a oscurità,
tenebra e tempesta, né a squillo di tromba e a suono
di parole, mentre quelli che lo udivano
scongiuravano Dio di non rivolgere più a loro la
parola.

Voi invece vi siete accostati al monte Sion, alla città
del Dio vivente, alla Gerusalemme celeste e a
migliaia di angeli, all'adunanza festosa e
all'assemblea dei primogeniti i cui nomi sono scritti
nei cieli, al Dio giudice di tutti e agli spiriti dei giusti
resi perfetti, a Gesù, mediatore dell'alleanza nuova.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Mt 11,29****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prendete il mio giogo sopra di voi, dice il Signore,
e imparate da me, che sono mite e umile di cuore.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 14,1.7-14**Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

Avvenne che un sabato Gesù si recò a casa di uno dei
capi dei farisei per pranzare ed essi stavano a
osservarlo.

Diceva agli invitati una parabola, notando come
sceglievano i primi posti:

«Quando sei invitato a nozze da qualcuno, non
metterti al primo posto, perché non ci sia un altro
invitato più degno di te, e colui che ha invitato te e lui
venga a dirti: "Cèdigli il posto!". Allora dovrai con
vergogna occupare l'ultimo posto. Invece, quando sei
invitato, va' a metterti all'ultimo posto, perché
quando viene colui che ti ha invitato ti dica: "Amico,
vieni più avanti!". Allora ne avrai onore davanti a
tutti i commensali. Perché chiunque si esalta sarà
umiliato, e chi si umilia sarà esaltato».

Disse poi a colui che l'aveva invitato:

«Quando offri un pranzo o una cena, non invitare i
tuoi amici né i tuoi fratelli né i tuoi parenti né i ricchi
vicini, perché a loro volta non ti invitino anch'essi e
tu abbia il contraccambio. Al contrario, quando offri
un banchetto, invita poveri, storpi, zoppi, ciechi; e
sarai beato perché non hanno da ricambiarti.
Riceverai infatti la tua ricompensa alla risurrezione
dei giusti».

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.

Olga Conte, Mary Buttifant 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 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



Congratulations to the children from our **Parish Sacramental Program** who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this Sunday **31 August: 5:30pm St Mary's Thornbury**. May this sacred milestone deepen their love for Jesus and strengthen their journey of faith.

Caritas Australia: Gaza Pledge (closes this Sunday 31 August 2025):

By September 9, new NGO registration rules risk severely cutting the already limited flow of aid into Gaza. While Caritas Australia's local partners remain unaffected, the organisation has launched a pledge to highlight the impact of further reductions. **Learn more and sign the pledge:** caritas.org.au/gaza

Michael McGirr—Mission Facilitator



Friday 5 Sept Anointing Mass—at St Anthony's Alphington—9:15 am

First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Anthony's Alphington starting at 8:30 am followed by Anointing Mass: 9:15 am.

Next Weekend Sunday 6/7 September—Join us after Mass for a special Father's Day cuppa and conversation.

Youth Mass on Sunday 7 September at 5:30pm at St. Mary's. All Welcome!



Season of Creation—Peace With Creation 2025—Join Our Earthcare Initiative!

From **September 1 to October 4** an annual global celebration of prayer and action is promoted to protect our common home, earth.

This special season is a time to honour God as Creator and recognize our role in caring for all of Creation. As followers of Christ, we share a common call to nurture and protect the Earth, acknowledging that our well-being is intertwined with its health.

Our mission parishes aim to establish an Earthcare group to work towards the goals of Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" letter and to prepare activities for this annual event. We appreciate those who have already expressed interest. If you are considering joining this active, engaging, and prayerful group, please come to our information night on Thursday, **September 11th at 7pm** in the narthex of **Holy Spirit Church** in East Thornbury. We need more people to be involved. **RSVP** by contacting the **Parish Office**.

New Parish Safeguarding Committee: Dear Parishioners, We are pleased to announce the formation of a new Safeguarding Committee representing our combined Mission Parishes. This committee has been established to support and uphold the safety and wellbeing of all members of our parish communities. **Committee Members:**

- **St Joseph's & St Mary's:** Moses El-Fahkri (**Chair**), Barry McLellan and Enri Dalton
- **Holy Spirit & St Anthony's:** Ophelia Fernandez, Barbara Brozic, and Max Gomez

The committee will work in close collaboration with: Fran—Parish Secretary, Fr Shabin Kaniampuram— Parish Priest and Fr Peter Nguyen – Assistant Priest.

We thank the safeguarding committee members for their commitment to fostering a safe and welcoming environment across all our parishes.

WWCC: Call the parish office (9484 2907) Wednesdays or Thursdays, **1–2pm** for help