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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

Recently Deceased

Emilia Rossi, Domenico Folino,

Anniversaries

Sr Helen Duffy RSM (1yr),
 Valerie Newland, Ashley Foley,
 Mariano Toaldo, Samir Kairouz (16 yrs),
 Mytonis Bahkas Fakhry, Tobia Fakhry,
 Louis Flayfel, Joe Nairfez Touak,
 Linus Hale, Adissa and Youssef Saleh,
 Fakhry, Remorn Hanna Naddaf,
 Emile Ibrahim Fakhry, Giuseppe Muleta,
 And Giuseppina Peluso

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Ascension of The Lord —Year A

17 May 2026



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
"I am with you always" Mathew 28:16-20



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

On this Ascension Sunday we also celebrate Laudato Si' Week, where Jesus sends his disciples to respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth. This mission to care for our common home flows directly from the Gospel we hear today. The liturgy for today's feast draws upon the account of the Lord's Ascension in the First Reading (Acts 1:1-11). Having escaped the clutches of his enemies by rising from the dead, the Lord ascends—like the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 2:11-12)—to heaven.

Unlike the Gospel of Luke (24:50-51), St Matthew does not depict the Ascension directly but presumes Jesus' return to the Father after the Resurrection. The claim Jesus makes in today's Gospel, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (v. 18), implies that he is already—just as we profess in the Creed—enthroned in glory at the Father's right hand.

Earlier in the Gospel (Matthew 4:8-9), Jesus had rejected Satan's offer of worldly authority. Now, having fulfilled the mission entrusted to him by the Father—overcoming the world's evil not by grasping its weapons but through self-sacrificial, divine love—he receives from the Father the true authority that Satan had falsely claimed to offer.

The Ascension is therefore a moment of commissioning: Jesus, clothed with authority, entrusts his disciples with continuing his work in the world and promises the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel reminds us that the Ascension is not about Jesus leaving us behind, but about empowering the Church to carry his presence into every place and circumstance. It emphasises that discipleship involves witness, courage, and a readiness to serve—especially in the ordinary spaces of daily life. We are invited to recognise that Christ's mission now unfolds through our hands, our voices, and our care for one another and for creation.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

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

First Reading Acts 1:1-11**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

L_ All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

L_ God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

L_ God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:17-23**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings Next Week: Feast of Pentecost Year A 17 May 26

1st Rdg: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (Year A)

Gospel: John 20:19-23 (Year A)

Prima lettura At 1,1-11**Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

Nel primo racconto, o Teòfilo, ho trattato di tutto quello che Gesù fece e insegnò dagli inizi fino al giorno in cui fu assunto in cielo, dopo aver dato disposizioni agli apostoli che si era scelti per mezzo dello Spirito Santo.

Egli si mostrò a essi vivo, dopo la sua passione, con molte prove, durante quaranta giorni, apparendo loro e parlando delle cose riguardanti il regno di Dio. Mentre si trovava a tavola con essi, ordinò loro di non allontanarsi da Gerusalemme, ma di attendere l'adempimento della promessa del Padre, «quella – disse – che voi avete udito da me: Giovanni battezzò con acqua, voi invece, tra non molti giorni, sarete battezzati in Spirito Santo».

Quelli dunque che erano con lui gli domandavano: «Signore, è questo il tempo nel quale ricostituirai il regno per Israele?». Ma egli rispose: «Non spetta a voi conoscere tempi o momenti che il Padre ha riservato al suo potere, ma riceverete la forza dallo Spirito Santo che scenderà su di voi, e di me sarete testimoni a Gerusalemme, in tutta la Giudea e la Samaria e fino ai confini della terra».

Detto questo, mentre lo guardavano, fu elevato in alto e una nube lo sottrasse ai loro occhi. Essi stavano fissando il cielo mentre egli se ne andava, quand'ecco due uomini in bianche vesti si presentarono a loro e dissero: «Uomini di Galilea, perché state a guardare il cielo? Questo Gesù, che di mezzo a voi è stato assunto in cielo, verrà allo stesso modo in cui l'avete visto andare in cielo».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 46

Rit. *Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.*

L. Popoli tutti, battete le mani!
Acclamate Dio con grida di gioia,
perché terribile è il Signore, l'Altissimo,
grande re su tutta la terra. **Rit.**

L. Ascende Dio tra le acclamazioni,
il Signore al suono di tromba.
Cantate inni a Dio, cantate inni,
cantate inni al nostro re, cantate inni. **Rit.**

L. Perché Dio è re di tutta la terra,
cantate inni con arte.
Dio regna sulle genti,
Dio siede sul suo trono santo. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Ef 1,17-23**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo agli Efesini**

Fratelli, il Dio del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, il Padre della gloria, vi dia uno spirito di sapienza e di rivelazione per una profonda conoscenza di lui; illumini gli occhi del vostro cuore per farvi comprendere a quale speranza vi ha chiamati, quale tesoro di gloria racchiude la sua eredità fra i santi e qual è la straordinaria grandezza della sua potenza verso di noi, che crediamo, secondo l'efficacia della sua forza e del suo vigore.

Egli la manifestò in Cristo, quando lo risuscitò dai morti e lo fece sedere alla sua destra nei cieli, al di sopra di ogni Principato e Potenza, al di sopra di ogni Forza e Dominazione e di ogni nome che viene nominato non solo nel tempo presente ma anche in quello futuro. Tutto infatti egli ha messo sotto i suoi piedi e lo ha dato alla Chiesa come capo su tutte le cose: essa è il corpo di lui, la pienezza di colui che è il perfetto compimento di tutte le cose.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Mt 28,19.20

Alleluia, alleluia.

Andate e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, dice il Signore.

Ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 28,16-20**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, gli undici discepoli andarono in Galilea, sul monte che Gesù aveva loro indicato.

Quando lo videro, si prostrarono. Essi però dubitarono. Gesù si avvicinò e disse loro:

«A me è stato dato ogni potere in cielo e sulla terra. Andate dunque e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, battezzandoli nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo, insegnando loro a osservare tutto ciò che vi ho comandato. Ed ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo

Ascension from the Rabbula Gospels

[Source](#)

(Unknown, circa 566)



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Tina Marangoni , Majda Brozic

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

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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

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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 !

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Amelia Mya Allen** who is presented for her baptism by her parents **Shane & Georgette** at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate the Amelia and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

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

We congratulate **Fr Shabin** on his appointment by Archbishop Peter Commensoli as interim **Chaplain** to the **Jesus Youth Melbourne Council**, in addition to his role as Parish Priest of Alphington—Thornbury East Parish and Thornbury & Northcote Parish. The part-time appointment begins **29 April 2026** and runs until February 2027. We wish him every blessing in this ministry.

May Mass Count—week 3: This week we will do a count of Men and Women.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 17th - 24th May is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his letter *Laudato Si'* to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. As a Catholic Earthcare Mission Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven *Laudato Si'* Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

Take a book mark (from church foyer) that encourages you to take one action in One week. * Come along to the Movie night, Wednesday **20th May at St Anthony's 7:15pm**. Please book via Trybooking—Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DLVEM>
* Meeting God in Nature (Darebin Parklands) if interested send an email to earthcareant@cam.org.au. Or visit our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>

The **Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP)** supports many asylum seekers across Melbourne. Thank you for your ongoing generosity, including your support at the recent Indian Dinner. **BASP is currently in urgent need of new, unopened shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, and household cleaning products.**

Synod Corner: Reflection—A Synod is not a parliament

The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.

SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY 11TH OF JUNE

Fr Brian Traynor, a Passionist Priest from Holy Cross Templestowe has been invited to speak to our parish community on the topic of Saint Francis of Assisi (as this year we celebrate the 800th anniversary of his death) and the encyclical letter of Pope Francis *Laudato Si*. We will meet in the **Mary MacKillop Room at Saint Anthony's Alphington at 7.00pm**. More details will be available closer to the day - meanwhile - pop the date into your diaries, it promises to be an informative and interesting - as well as social - time together.