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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

July 29: Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
July 31: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Aug 1: St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop,
doctor

Recently Deceased

Ibtsam Gorgees, and Suad Hermiz

Anniversaries

Giuseppe Vavalà (25 yrs) and deceased
members of the Vavalà Family,
Aurelio Ciccone (25 yrs) and deceased
members of the Ciccone Family,
Alphonse Tobin, Nathan Khoury,
Kamal Rahme Souki Fakhry,
Rashida and Hassib Harb,
Denise Resk Rahme, Jovita Exposto,
Prospero Damiano, Margaret Calleja,
Santina Bonnici and Matilda Cannatelli.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

26-27 July 2025

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The Generosity of God

This week's Gospel draws us deeply into the heart of prayer through three powerful images: Jesus teaching the Our Father, a parable of persistence in prayer, and a promise that we can boldly ask and trust in God's response. Jesus offers the Our Father not as a mere ritual, but as a radical way of life. Drawing from Jewish tradition, it echoes the ancient blessing: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified... May God's kingship be established in your lifetime."

Each line of this prayer holds layers of meaning that challenge us spiritually and socially:

- **"Our Father who art in heaven"** — Jesus refers to God as Father, an intimate image of saving power that contrasts the domination of earthly rulers.
- **"Hallowed be thy name"** — A call to reverence, inviting us to honour God not only in worship, but through care for others and creation.
- **"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done"** — As Sr Veronica Lawson suggests, this is a counter-empire longing for divine justice to replace human systems of control.
- **"Give us this day our daily bread"** — Bread is God's gift, not a commodity. This prayer speaks to ecological humility, asking for just enough to sustain life.
- **"Forgive us... as we forgive"** — Forgiveness is essential to human flourishing. It offers peace of mind and healing for both giver and receiver.
- **"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"** — A plea for strength amid spiritual and societal trials. Lawson connects this to our ecological crisis, underscoring the need for God's presence in times of radical change.

Jesus follows this teaching with stories that reassure us: God responds to our persistence with compassion. He invites us to ask, seek, and knock—confident that God, who surpasses human goodness, will pour out the Holy Spirit upon those who pray.

Let this week be an invitation to reflect deeply on the words of the Our Father. May we pray it not only with our lips, but with our lives. **Veronica Lawson RSM**

First Reading *Genesis 18:20-32***A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.'

He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.'

He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

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.**

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.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading *Col 2:12-14***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Romans 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke *Luke 11:1-13***A reading the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings **Next Week—18th Sunday in OT: 3 Aug 2025**

1st Rdg: Eccl. 1:2; 2:21-23 | 2nd Rdg: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Prima lettura Gen 18,20-32**Dal libro della Genesi**

In quei giorni, disse il Signore: «Il grido di Sòdoma e Gomorra è troppo grande e il loro peccato è molto grave. Voglio scendere a vedere se proprio hanno fatto tutto il male di cui è giunto il grido fino a me; lo voglio sapere!». Quegli uomini partirono di là e andarono verso Sòdoma, mentre Abramo stava ancora alla presenza del Signore. Abramo gli si avvicinò e gli disse: «Davvero sterminerai il giusto con l'empio? Forse vi sono cinquanta giusti nella città: davvero li vuoi sopprimere? E non perdonerai a quel luogo per riguardo ai cinquanta giusti che vi si trovano? Lontano da te il far morire il giusto con l'empio, così che il giusto sia trattato come l'empio; lontano da te! Forse il giudice di tutta la terra non praticherà la giustizia?». Rispose il Signore: «Se a Sòdoma troverò cinquanta giusti nell'ambito della città, per riguardo a loro perdonerò a tutto quel luogo».

Abramo riprese e disse: «Vedi come ardisco parlare al mio Signore, io che sono polvere e cenere: forse ai cinquanta giusti ne mancheranno cinque; per questi cinque distruggerai tutta la città?». Rispose: «Non la distruggerò, se ve ne troverò quarantacinque». Abramo riprese ancora a parlargli e disse: «Forse là se ne troveranno quaranta». Rispose: «Non lo farò, per riguardo a quei quaranta». Riprese: «Non si adiri il mio Signore, se parlo ancora: forse là se ne troveranno trenta». Rispose: «Non lo farò, se ve ne troverò trenta». Riprese: «Vedi come ardisco parlare al mio Signore! Forse là se ne troveranno venti». Rispose: «Non la distruggerò per riguardo a quei venti». Riprese: «Non si adiri il mio Signore, se parlo ancora una volta sola: forse là se ne troveranno dieci». Rispose: «Non la distruggerò per riguardo a quei dieci».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 137****Rit. _Nel giorno in cui ti ho invocato mi hai risposto.**

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. Se cammino in mezzo al pericolo, tu mi ridoni vita; contro la collera dei miei avversari stendi la tua mano. **Rit.**

L._ La tua destra mi salva.

Il Signore farà tutto per me.

Signore, il tuo amore è per sempre:

non abbandonare l'opera delle tue mani. **Rit.****Seconda lettura Col 2,12-14****Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Colossèsi**

Fratelli, con Cristo sepolti nel battesimo, con lui siete anche risorti mediante la fede nella potenza di Dio, che lo ha risuscitato dai morti.

Con lui Dio ha dato vita anche a voi, che eravate morti a causa delle colpe e della non circoncisione della vostra carne, perdonandoci tutte le colpe e annullando il documento scritto contro di noi che, con le prescrizioni, ci era contrario: lo ha tolto di mezzo inchiodandolo alla croce.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Rm 8,15****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Avete ricevuto lo Spirito che rende figli adottivi, per mezzo del quale gridiamo: Abbà! Padre!

Alleluia.**Vangelo Lc 11,1-13****Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

Gesù si trovava in un luogo a pregare; quando ebbe finito, uno dei suoi discepoli gli disse: «Signore, insegnaci a pregare, come anche Giovanni ha insegnato ai suoi discepoli». Ed egli disse loro:

«Quando pregate, dite:

“Padre,
sia santificato il tuo nome,
venga il tuo regno;
dacci ogni giorno il nostro pane quotidiano,
e perdona a noi i nostri peccati,
anche noi infatti perdoniamo a ogni nostro debitore,
e non abbandonarci alla tentazione”».

Poi disse loro: «Se uno di voi ha un amico e a mezzanotte va da lui a dirgli: “Amico, prestami tre pani, perché è giunto da me un amico da un viaggio e non ho nulla da offrirgli”; e se quello dall'interno gli risponde: “Non m'importunare, la porta è già chiusa, io e i miei bambini siamo a letto, non posso alzarmi per darti i pani”, vi dico che, anche se non si alzerà a darglieli perché è suo amico, almeno per la sua invadenza si alzerà a dargliene quanti gliene occorrono. Ebbene, io vi dico: chiedete e vi sarà dato, cercate e troverete, bussate e vi sarà aperto. Perché chiunque chiede riceve e chi cerca trova e a chi bussa sarà aperto. Quale padre tra voi, se il figlio gli chiede un pesce, gli darà una serpe al posto del pesce? O se gli chiede un uovo, gli darà uno scorpione? Se voi dunque, che siete cattivi, sapete dare cose buone ai vostri figli, quanto più il Padre vostro del cielo darà lo Spirito Santo a quelli che glielo chiedono!».

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.

Silvador Kassab, and Gabrila Peters

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

An Evening Talk With Michael McGirr



When: Thursday 31 July 7.30 pm

Where: The McKillop Room.
St Anthony's Primary School.
Austin St, Alphington.



Michael McGirr is a dynamic and entertaining speaker with deep insights into modern life and spirituality. His talk entitled ***The Never Ending Journey of Hope*** will cover thought provoking subjects including: • What drives Pope Leo • The world may look crazy but God is wise • What can we learn from Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos.

Michael is a popular and award winning author, reviewer and educator. He is Mission Director of Caritas Australia.

Don't miss this thought-provoking Jubilee Year event (FREE).

Bookings can be made via this link: trybooking.com/DDGAB

Or call us on (03) 9484 2907

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community:

- ♦ Lara as she presents Rosa Guarino
- ♦ Andrew & Lucia as they present Roberto Guarino

for their baptisms at **St Joseph's** on Sunday. We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Friday 1st Aug 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 at 9:15 am.

Next Weekend Sunday 2nd/3rd August—Cuppa after mass please join Youth Mass on Sunday August 3rd at 5:30pm at St. Mary's. All Welcome!

WWCC corner—Applying for or Renewing a WWCC card:

Wednesdays or Thursdays **1-2pm**, if you call the **parish office** 9484 2907 we can help you apply for a new Working With Children Check (WWCC) card or renew one **over the phone**—we then **email you** or **you collect** from us the **QR code** you need to present at the post office for ID verification. You have 3 weeks to complete these steps from the day we lodge the application. Thanks

Australian Catholic Youth Festival—Registration Now open acyf.org.au
ACYF 2025 is a three-day national youth festival celebrating faith, community, and connection. **Interested in joining our parish group? Scan the QR code to let us know, and we'll be in touch with more details!**
For more information please visit our [website](https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan).



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A unit has become available in Padua Court, if you are a parishioner, with a DHS housing number and interested in leasing the unit, please contact the parish office. Details required: • Your name • Address • DHS number and • How long have you been a parishioner of our parish—You can also email these details to financeant@cam.org.au. **Margaret Harrington**

Granny flat/unit needed to rent:

A parish family is looking for accommodation for a family member (66 year old professional woman) who is working in Melbourne for a few months. She owns a home in Gippsland and would spend many weekends there. If you have something please contact Rosie, via the parish office.