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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

20 Aug: St Bernard, abbot, doctor
21 Aug: St Pius X, pope
22 Aug: The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Recently Deceased

Giuseppina Leone,
Maria De Amicis (Carnevale), and
Sheila.

Anniversaries

Giuseppina Nesci 1 Year,
Vickey Fava (12 years), Jirjes Habib Taouk,
Salim Mansour Taouk, Mario Christofis,
Italina Zuliani, Hanna Aborta Succar,
Nina Simic, Virginia Crosato, Uncle Peter,
and Saba Jnr.

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our official parish website:
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

15-16 August



FAITH THAT BREAKS BOUNDARIES

Matthew 15:21-28



The perseverance and faith of the desperate Canaanite woman in today's Gospel is all the more striking because of the treatment she initially receives. Jesus' response seems heartless. First he ignores her. Then he insists that his mission is restricted to Israel. Finally, he rebuffs her with a heartless image about throwing the children's food to dogs. Instead of taking offence at what the image implies for her and her people, the woman seizes upon the image and turns it to her advantage. She notes that food prepared for the children is not intended for domestic animals. But children eat untidily, that provides opportunity for pet dogs under the table to gobble up the scraps that fall to the floor. In this way, the woman boldly challenges the restriction of Jesus' messianic mission to Israel alone, and in her recognition that he is Messiah not only for Jews but also the One "in whose name Gentiles (non-Jews like herself) will place their hope" (Matthew 12:21). The boundary-breaking faith of this woman of Canaan foreshadows the great mission to the nations of the world, upon which at the end of the Gospel, the risen Lord will send the infant Church (Matthew 28:16-20). Today, the woman also stands in for women of faith of all times, including our own, who challenge the outworn structures and restricted vision that cause the Church to lag behind the Spirit's prompting and the outreach of God's grace.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

Image: The Canaanite Woman asks for healing for her daughter—*Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib (1684)*

We congratulate the students from our Mission Parishes primary schools: St Mary's, Holy Spirit and St Anthony's, and the children from our RCIS program, together with their families, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 15 August.

Come, Holy Spirit, bless these newly confirmed children and their families. Fill them with courage, joy and love, and guide them each day to walk faithfully with Christ. May Your presence remain with them always. Amen.



This weekend the Annual Finance Statements for each Parish will be available at the back of the churches.

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the finances of the parishes via Envelopes, Credit Card, Direct Debit, Tap and Go machines and collection baskets. Your support is appreciated. Margaret Harrington Finance Officer.

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

First Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *x*

R. *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

L. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

L. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

L. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Ps Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.*

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 15:21-28***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings: Next Week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 23 August 2026

1st Rdg: Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Rdg: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Prima lettura *Is 56,1.6-7**Dal libro del profeta Isaia*

Così dice il Signore:

«Osservate il diritto e praticate la giustizia, perché la mia salvezza sta per venire, la mia giustizia sta per rivelarsi. Gli stranieri, che hanno aderito al Signore per servirlo e per amare il nome del Signore, e per essere suoi servi, quanti si guardano dal profanare il sabato e restano fermi nella mia alleanza, li condurrò sul mio monte santo e li colmerò di gioia nella mia casa di preghiera. I loro olocausti e i loro sacrifici saranno graditi sul mio altare, perché la mia casa si chiamerà casa di preghiera per tutti i popoli».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale** (*Sal 66*)**Rit. _ Popoli tutti, lodate il Signore.**

L._ Dio abbia pietà di noi e ci benedica, su di noi faccia splendere il suo volto; perché si conosca sulla terra la tua via, la tua salvezza fra tutte le genti. **Rit.**

L._ Gioiscano le nazioni e si rallegrino, perché tu giudichi i popoli con rettitudine, governi le nazioni sulla terra. **Rit.**

L._ Ti lodino i popoli, o Dio, ti lodino i popoli tutti. Ci benedica Dio e lo temano tutti i confini della terra. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura *Rm 11,13-15.29-32***Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani**

Fratelli, a voi, genti, ecco che cosa dico: come apostolo delle genti, io faccio onore al mio ministero, nella speranza di suscitare la gelosia di quelli del mio sangue e di salvarne alcuni. Se infatti il loro essere rifiutati è stata una riconciliazione del mondo, che cosa sarà la loro riammissione se non una vita dai morti?

Infatti i doni e la chiamata di Dio sono irrevocabili! Come voi un tempo siete stati disobbedienti a Dio e ora avete ottenuto misericordia a motivo della loro disobbedienza,

così anch'essi ora sono diventati disobbedienti a motivo della misericordia da voi ricevuta, perché anch'essi ottengano misericordia. Dio infatti ha rinchiuso tutti nella disobbedienza, per essere misericordioso verso tutti!

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo** *xxxx***Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gesù annunciava il vangelo del Regno e guariva ogni sorta di infermità nel popolo.

Alleluia.**Vangelo** *Mt 15,21-28***Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, partito di là, Gesù si ritirò verso la zona di Tiro e di Sidone. Ed ecco una donna Cananèa, che veniva da quella regione, si mise a gridare:

«Pietà di me, Signore, figlio di Davide! Mia figlia è molto tormentata da un demone».

Ma egli non le rivolse neppure una parola. Allora i suoi discepoli gli si avvicinarono e lo implorarono:

«Esaudiscila, perché ci viene dietro gridando!».

Egli rispose: «Non sono stato mandato se non alle pecore perdute della casa d'Israele».

Ma quella si avvicinò e si prostrò dinanzi a lui, dicendo:

«Signore, aiutami!».

Ed egli rispose:

«Non è bene prendere il pane dei figli e gettarlo ai cagnolini».

«È vero, Signore – disse la donna –, eppure i cagnolini mangiano le briciole che cadono dalla tavola dei loro padroni».

Allora Gesù le replicò:

«Donna, grande è la tua fede! Avvenga per te come desideri».

E da quell'istante sua figlia fu guarita.

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. *Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Young Charbel Kayrouz, Sharbel Kayrous, special intentions for Nancy Ronnie Lichar & Maria Lichar, Mark, Milly & Eve Cunningham, Phillip, and Max Gomez*

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



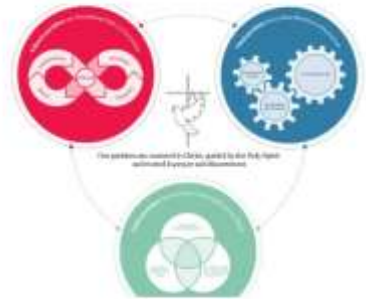
Parish Notices



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community **Sylvie, Louis and Robbie Austin** who are presented for their baptism by their parents **Luke and Bianca** at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate Sylvie, Louis and Robbie and their family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Mission Parishes of Alphington-Thornbury East Northcote & Thornbury



PARISH AMALGAMATION

Last weekend we launched the Amalgamation Process across the 3 Parishes. The Transition team will discuss concerns raised and come back with some answers in coming weeks.

This week we want to think about 'Take the Way of the Cross' which is the Archdiocese of Melbourne's response to Pope Francis' dream of a 'missionary option'. For us it is an invitation to come together in prayer to discern how we might grow as vibrant, vital and viable communities of faith, so that fresh energy and vigour can animate us well into the future. Our parishes are centred in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in prayer and discernment. The framework of becoming a Vibrant, vital and Viable parish will help us explore the characteristics and qualities that we want for our faith community.

FAQ

What is the difference between **Partnered Parishes** and **Amalgamated Parishes**?

- **Partnered Parishes** are a collection of two or more individual Parishes that share a Priest(s). Each Parish is responsible for its own property, records, assets and liabilities.
- **Amalgamated Parishes** are Parishes that have multiple Churches and shared Priest(s), but are responsible for the property, records, assets and liabilities of all the Churches merged together.

Lo scorso fine settimana abbiamo avviato il Processo di Amalgamazione nelle tre parrocchie. Il gruppo di transizione esaminerà le preoccupazioni emerse e nelle prossime settimane offrirà alcune risposte.

Questa settimana vogliamo riflettere su "Percorrere la Via della Croce", che è la risposta dell'Arcidiocesi di Melbourne al sogno di Papa Francesco di una "opzione missionaria". Per noi è un invito a riunirci in preghiera per discernere come possiamo crescere come comunità di fede vivaci, vitali e sostenibili, affinché nuova energia e vigore possano animarci anche negli anni futuri.

Le nostre parrocchie sono centrate in Cristo, guidate dallo Spirito Santo e radicate nella preghiera e nel discernimento. Il quadro del diventare una parrocchia Vibrante, Vitale e Sostenibile ci aiuterà a esplorare le caratteristiche e le qualità che desideriamo per la nostra comunità di fede.

FAQ

Qual è la differenza tra Parrocchie **Partner** e **Parrocchie Amalgamate**?

- **Parrocchie Partner:** sono un insieme di due o più parrocchie individuali che condividono uno o più sacerdoti. Ogni parrocchia è responsabile della propria proprietà, dei propri registri, beni e passività.
- **Parrocchie Amalgamate:** sono parrocchie che hanno più chiese e sacerdoti condivisi, ma sono responsabili della proprietà, dei registri, dei beni e delle passività di tutte le chiese unite insieme.