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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: 9:00am Italian:
11:00am: English
Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Recently Deceased

Georgette Shannon, Chehade Elias Eid
Taouk, Giulia Mittica, Rahma Mansoor,
Joseph Kinda and Marcelline Jansz.

Anniversaries

Nabih Toufic Fakhry, Adam Christopher
Falcone, Farid Boutros Fakhry, Gerard
Francis McCarthy, Chafic Moussa
Fakhry, David Reginato, Austin Silva,
Gregory Machado, Maria Ivelja, Biagio
De Petro, Paolo Vita, Maria Carfi and
Concetta Cernaz and Powell Paul.

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our official parish website:

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4th Sunday of Lent Year C

29—30 April 2025

St Joseph's Feast Day



Heartfelt gratitude to St Joseph's school community and parishioners who worked together to make St Joseph's feast a truly memorable celebration. The day is fondly cherished for its beautiful liturgy, music, a delightful cake and warm fellowship.

Special thanks to Dr Daryl Barclay who directed the combined church choirs, and choir members and musicians who contributed to this festive occasion.



Easter 2025 Timetable

Lenten Reconciliation, Wednesday 9 April 7.30pm St Mary's

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 13th April

Regular weekend mass times at all churches

Holy Thursday 17th April

7.30pm—Holy Spirit Church & St Mary's Church

Good Friday 18th April

10.30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross —All Nations Park
3.00pm—St Anthony's Church & St Mary's Church

Easter Vigil — 19th April

7.00pm—St Anthony's Church & St Joseph's Church

Easter Sunday

20th April

9.00am St Anthony's Church *Italian*

9.30am Holy Spirit Church

10.00am St Mary's church

11.00am St Joseph's church

11.00am St Anthony's Church

No Sunday evening Mass at St Mary's Church

Find more information from the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team on the back page



First Reading Joshua 5:9-12***A reading from the book of Joshua***

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Ps 33:2-7**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians***

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke***

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them:

"A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. "When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

"Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

"The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week: 6 April 2025

1st Reading: Is 43:16-21

2nd Reading: Phil 3:8-14

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

Prima lettura Gs 5,9-12***Dal libro di Giosuè***

In quei giorni, il Signore disse a Giosuè: «Oggi ho allontanato da voi l'infamia dell'Egitto». Gli Israeliti rimasero accampati a Gàlgala e celebrarono la Pasqua al quattordici del mese, alla sera, nelle steppe di Gerico. Il giorno dopo la Pasqua mangiarono i prodotti della terra, àzzimi e frumento abbrustolito in quello stesso giorno. E a partire dal giorno seguente, come ebbero mangiato i prodotti della terra, la manna cessò. Gli Israeliti non ebbero più manna; quell'anno mangiarono i frutti della terra di Canaan.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 33*****Rit. _ Gustate e vedete com'è buono il Signore .***

L._ Benedirà il Signore in ogni tempo, sulla mia bocca sempre la sua lode. Io mi glorio nel Signore: i poveri ascoltino e si rallegriano. **Rit.**

L._ Magnificate con me il Signore, esaltiamo insieme il suo nome. Ho cercato il Signore: mi ha risposto e da ogni mia paura mi ha liberato. **Rit.**

L._ Guardate a lui e sarete raggianti, i vostri volti non dovranno arrossire. Questo povero grida e il Signore lo ascolta, lo salva da tutte le sue angosce. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 2Cor 5,17-21***Dalla seconda lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi***

Fratelli, se uno è in Cristo, è una nuova creatura; le cose vecchie sono passate; ecco, ne sono nate di nuove. Tutto questo però viene da Dio, che ci ha riconciliati con sé mediante Cristo e ha affidato a noi il ministero della riconciliazione. Era Dio infatti che riconciliava a sé il mondo in Cristo, non imputando agli uomini le loro colpe e affidando a noi la parola della riconciliazione. In nome di Cristo, dunque, siamo ambasciatori: per mezzo nostro è Dio stesso che esorta. Vi supplichiamo in nome di Cristo: lasciatevi riconciliare con Dio. Colui che non aveva conosciuto peccato, Dio lo fece peccato in nostro favore, perché in lui noi potessimo diventare giustizia di Dio.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Lc 15,18****Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!**

Mi alzerò, andrò da mio padre e gli dirò: Padre, ho peccato verso il Cielo e davanti a te.
Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Vangelo Lc 15,1-3.11-32***Dal Vangelo secondo Luca***

In quel tempo, si avvicinavano a Gesù tutti i pubblicani e i peccatori per ascoltarlo. I farisei e gli scribi mormoravano dicendo: «Costui accoglie i peccatori e mangia con loro». Ed egli disse loro questa parabola: «Un uomo aveva due figli. Il più giovane dei due disse al padre: “Padre, dammi la parte di patrimonio che mi spetta”. Ed egli divise tra loro le sue sostanze. Pochi giorni dopo, il figlio più giovane, raccolte tutte le sue cose, partì per un paese lontano e là sperperò il suo patrimonio vivendo in modo dissoluto. Quando ebbe speso tutto, sopraggiunse in quel paese una grande carestia ed egli cominciò a trovarsi nel bisogno. Allora andò a mettersi al servizio di uno degli abitanti di quella regione, che lo mandò nei suoi campi a pascolare i porci. Avrebbe voluto saziarsi con le carrube di cui si nutrivano i porci; ma nessuno gli dava nulla. Allora ritornò in sé e disse: “Quanti salariati di mio padre hanno pane in abbondanza e io qui muoio di fame! Mi alzerò, andrò da mio padre e gli dirò: Padre, ho peccato verso il Cielo e davanti a te; non sono più degno di essere chiamato tuo figlio. Trattami come uno dei tuoi salariati”. Si alzò e tornò da suo padre. Quando era ancora lontano, suo padre lo vide, ebbe compassione, gli corse incontro, gli si gettò al collo e lo baciò. Il figlio gli disse: “Padre, ho peccato verso il Cielo e davanti a te; non sono più degno di essere chiamato tuo figlio”. Ma il padre disse ai servi: “Presto, portate qui il vestito più bello e fateglielo indossare, mettetegli l'anello al dito e i sandali ai piedi. Prendete il vitello grasso, ammazzatelo, mangiamo e facciamo festa, perché questo mio figlio era morto ed è tornato in vita, era perduto ed è stato ritrovato”. E cominciarono a far festa. Il figlio maggiore si trovava nei campi. Al ritorno, quando fu vicino a casa, udì la musica e le danze; chiamò uno dei servi e gli domandò che cosa fosse tutto questo. Quello gli rispose: “Tuo fratello è qui e tuo padre ha fatto ammazzare il vitello grasso, perché lo ha riavuto sano e salvo”. Egli si indignò, e non voleva entrare. Suo padre allora uscì a supplicarlo. Ma egli rispose a suo padre: “Ecco, io ti servo da tanti anni e non ho mai disobbedito a un tuo comando, e tu non mi hai mai dato un capretto per far festa con i miei amici. Ma ora che è tornato questo tuo figlio, il quale ha divorato le tue sostanze con le prostitute, per lui hai ammazzato il vitello grasso”. Gli rispose il padre: “Figlio, tu sei sempre con me e tutto ciò che è mio è tuo; ma bisognava far festa e rallegrarsi, perché questo tuo fratello era morto ed è tornato in vita, era perduto ed è stato ritrovato”».

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.

Joyce Wong, Lucia Lanteri, Milly, Norma and Phillip, Mark Cunningham, Edmond Nehme, Pierrie, Tina Marangoni, Georgette Ayoub, Rita Ljubetic, Wafa Ibrahim, Phoenix Toma, Onyx Toma and Ross Pace.

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

Bringing our communities together for Holy Week

Why can't we have all the liturgies at all of the churches?

Due to the difficulty in finding additional priests, and with only two regular priests serving our parishes, it is not feasible to hold all liturgies at each of our four churches. Reducing the number of liturgies helps lessen the burden on our clergy, sacristans, and volunteers, ensuring their well-being throughout the Easter season.

What will happen next year?

Next year's Holy Week timetable will be similar, with liturgies rotating among the four churches. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil will alternate between St Mary's and St Joseph's, and Holy Spirit, and St Anthony's.

What can people do if they need help with transport?

If you need help with transport to the liturgies, we encourage you to reach out to fellow parishioners or contact the Parish Office. If you can offer a lift to others, you can arrange this privately or register with the Parish Office to be connected with someone who needs assistance.

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team

Chrism Mass - at St Patrick's Cathedral - 15th April at 10:00 am

At the Chrism mass, priests from the diocese gather with their bishop who blesses the oils of catechumens, infirm and the holy chrism oil used for the coming year's Sacraments. **The lay faithful are strongly encouraged to join** symbolizing a stronger sign of Church unity: the bishop, his priests, and laity together. The Sacraments are God's means of blessing us with the divine and abundant life of Christ. To learn more please see: [Melbourne Catholic. what-is-the-chrism-mass](#)



Friday 4th April 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.



Cuppa After Mass next weekend Please Join parishioners for a cuppa and chat

Reminder: Daylight saving will end at 2am Sunday 6 April 2025.

**Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis): English: Tuesdays 8.45 am—St Joseph's
In Italiano presso: mercoledì 8.30 am—St Mary's, giovedì 8.30 am—Holy Spirit, e venerdì 10.00 am—St Anthony's.**



St Mary's Primary School Thornbury Join Us for Preschool Story Time Stories | Craft | Songs | Fun & Friends

Begins March 26th | Every Wednesday 9 AM—10 AM in the School Library—Enter via office (2 Mansfield St Thornbury 94845333)



Project Compassion 2025: Uniting against poverty this Lent- Please collect your project compassion box from the back of the church. The funds raised will help provide clean and safe drinking water in Samoan schools where students face severe challenges to their learning due to water scarcity. [learn more.](#)



Please pray that the NSW Parliament does not pass the proposed abortion bill by Dr Amanda Cohn which could compel Catholic and Christian hospitals to provide abortions and restrict conscientious objection rights for healthcare workers. drjoannahowe.com/stopthegreens