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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

Recently Deceased

Anna Zairis, Youssef Hanna Ghostine,
Ranganie Wickremasinghe,
Cynthia Punchihewa, Harold Sier.

Anniversaries

Guerino Fidorilli (1 Mth),
Hanna Najib Sukkar, Gibran A. Taouk,
Youssef Tunsie Fakhry, Mona Harb,
Nassib Harb, Antoine H. Rahme,
Suad Hermiz (1 Yr),
Mary Rose Attard (1 Yr),
Hayat Rachkidi, Fred Nassar,
Mariam & Zane Tannous.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
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Fifth Sunday Of Easter —Year A

3 May 2026

It is better that I go away—John 14:1-12



Today's Gospel comes from Jesus' words at the Last Supper, where He speaks about his "going away" and "coming back" on two levels.

First, he refers to his imminent death and his return as the risen Lord three days later.

Second, he speaks of his final return to the Father after the resurrection, when he will no longer be physically present with the disciples until the end of time.

The text highlights that this second period — the long "time of the Church" — is the period we live in now. Even without Jesus' physical presence, this time is described as better, because through his death and resurrection he has broken the power of sin and death and opened the way to eternal life.

Jesus is called "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" because: His death reveals the full truth about God (that God is love), It opens the way for humanity to share in God's eternal life.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

Safeguarding Essentials Training – Sunday 17 May

All members in our Partnership Parishes are required to complete **Safeguarding Essentials Training** (every 3 years for volunteers). This is an important part of our shared commitment to creating a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable parishioners.

We will be hosting an **in person training session at St Anthony's on Sunday 17 May**, beginning at **12:15 pm**.

The session runs for **30–60 minutes**, and **lunch will be provided**.

Following the training, volunteers will be able to:

- Sign the new Code of Conduct, and
- Receive assistance with applying for or updating their Working With Children Check.

Your participation helps strengthen our culture of care and safety across the parish community.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal Lebanon is facing a severe humanitarian crisis as escalating violence and mass evacuation orders. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



First Reading Acts 6:1-7**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. *Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

L. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs **R.**

L. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

L. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down.

They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel of John 14:1-12**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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

Readings Next Week: Ascension of The Lord Year A 10 May 26

1st Rdg: Acts 1:1-11 2nd Rdg: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Prima lettura At 6,1-7**Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

In quei giorni, aumentando il numero dei discepoli, quelli di lingua greca mormorarono contro quelli di lingua ebraica perché, nell'assistenza quotidiana, venivano trascurate le loro vedove.

Allora i Dodici convocarono il gruppo dei discepoli e dissero: «Non è giusto che noi lasciamo da parte la parola di Dio per servire alle mense. Dunque, fratelli, cercate fra voi sette uomini di buona reputazione, pieni di Spirito e di sapienza, ai quali affideremo questo incarico. Noi, invece, ci dedicheremo alla preghiera e al servizio della Parola».

Piacque questa proposta a tutto il gruppo e scelsero Stefano, uomo pieno di fede e di Spirito Santo, Filippo, Pròcoro, Nicànore, Timone, Parmenàs e Nicola, un prosèlito di Antiòchia. Li presentarono agli apostoli e, dopo aver pregato, imposero loro le mani.

E la parola di Dio si diffondeva e il numero dei discepoli a Gerusalemme si moltiplicava grandemente; anche una grande moltitudine di sacerdoti aderiva alla fede.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 32

Rit. _ Il tuo amore, Signore, sia su di noi: in te speriamo.

L. _Esultate, o giusti, nel Signore;
per gli uomini retti è bella la lode.
Lodate il Signore con la cetra,
con l'arpa a dieci corde a lui cantate. **Rit.**

L. _Perché retta è la parola del Signore
e fedele ogni sua opera.
Egli ama la giustizia e il diritto;
dell'amore del Signore è piena la terra. **Rit.**

L. _Ecco, l'occhio del Signore è su chi lo teme,
su chi spera nel suo amore,
per liberarlo dalla morte
e nutrirlo in tempo di fame. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Pt 2,4-9**Dalla prima lettera di san Pietro apostolo**

Carissimi, avvicinandovi al Signore, pietra viva, rifiutata dagli uomini ma scelta e preziosa davanti a Dio, quali pietre vive siete costruiti anche voi come edificio spirituale, per un sacerdozio santo e per offrire sacrifici spirituali graditi a Dio, mediante Gesù Cristo. Si legge infatti nella Scrittura: «Ecco, io pongo in Sion una pietra d'angolo, scelta, preziosa, e chi crede in essa non resterà deluso».

Onore dunque a voi che credete; ma per quelli che non credono la pietra che i costruttori hanno scartato è diventata pietra d'angolo e sasso d'inciampo, pietra di scandalo.

Essi v'inciampano perché non obbediscono alla Parola. A questo erano destinati.

Voi invece siete stirpe eletta, sacerdozio regale, nazione santa, popolo che Dio si è acquistato perché proclami le opere ammirevoli di lui, che vi ha chiamato dalle tenebre alla sua luce meravigliosa.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Gv 14,6**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Io sono la via, la verità e la vita, dice il Signore;
nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me.*
Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 14,1-12**Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«Non sia turbato il vostro cuore. Abbiate fede in Dio e abbiate fede anche in me. Nella casa del Padre mio vi sono molte dimore. Se no, vi avrei mai detto: "Vado a prepararvi un posto"? Quando sarò andato e vi avrò preparato un posto, verrò di nuovo e vi prenderò con me, perché dove sono io siate anche voi. E del luogo dove io vado, conoscete la via».

Gli disse Tommaso:

«Signore, non sappiamo dove vai; come possiamo conoscere la via?». Gli disse Gesù: «Io sono la via, la verità e la vita. Nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me. Se avete conosciuto me, conoscerete anche il Padre mio: fin da ora lo conoscete e lo avete veduto».

Gli disse Filippo:

«Signore, mostraci il Padre e ci basta».

Gli rispose Gesù:

«Da tanto tempo sono con voi e tu non mi hai conosciuto, Filippo? Chi ha visto me, ha visto il Padre. Come puoi tu dire: "Mostraci il Padre"? Non credi che io sono nel Padre e il Padre è in me? Le parole che io vi dico, non le dico da me stesso; ma il Padre, che rimane in me, compie le sue opere.

Credete a me: io sono nel Padre e il Padre è in me. Se non altro, credetelo per le opere stesse.

In verità, in verità io vi dico: chi crede in me, anch'egli compirà le opere che io compio e ne compirà di più grandi di queste, perché io vado al Padre».

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, Tony Gribeh, Suhalia Yousif, Jamal Gorgees, Lidia Gorgees, Iklas Mansoor, Korke Toma

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 *Noah Sangalang, Anakin Raponi*, and *Eva Edwards* who are presented for their baptism by their parents *Arjay & Mercy, Stephen & Elizabeth and Belinda & Brett* at *St Mary's* on Sunday. We congratulate *Noah, Anakin and Eva* and their families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



St Joseph's will hold its **Mother's Day Mass** one week early this Sunday, 3 May. All mothers and mother-figures will be specially remembered in our prayers.



NEW ENVELOPES ST MARY'S

Apologies for the late arrival of new Stewardship envelopes, please collect yours from St Mary's this weekend.

3rd collection this weekend for CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal –

Please give using the envelopes in the parish (from the pews or foyer), donate online at catholiccarevic.org.au, or call (03) 9967 2515.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

May Mass Count: Starting this weekend, we will begin our Mass count for the four weekends of May. As directed by the Australian Bishops Conference, this year's count will follow a different method from previous years. Weeks 1 & 2 in May will be a regular general count. Week 3— a count of Men and Women. Week 4—a count of different age groups.



Synod Corner: Reflection—Where does the word "Synod" come from?

The word Synod comes from the Greek syn-hodos, meaning "walking together on the road." This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.

Laudato Si' Week May 16th-24th is coming. The Earthcare group invites all Mission parishes to rediscover Pope Francis' 2015 letter of hope and action—caring for our common home. More details next week.

Corpus Christi College will hold its Seminary Enquiry Day on Saturday, 23 May 2026.

This day is for young men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like to learn more. Please see the letter from Archbishop Peter Comensoli in the church foyer for further details.

Pastoral Leadership Team report, April 2026

Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 22 April to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed at the meeting were:

the Parish Community Faith Walk, and plans to host a guest speaker in June our Sunday liturgies and the announcements made before and after Mass the 2026 Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod, and how our parishes can engage with the synodal process. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday **3 June**. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our discussions and decisions.

Naomi Brammer, Chair, Pastoral Leadership Team