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**ST MARY'S THORNBURY**

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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**

Mon 28 Apr: St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr  
Tues 29 Apr: St Catherine of Sienna, virgin, doctor  
Fri 2nd May: St Athanasius, bishop, doctor  
Sat 3rd May: Sts Philip & James, apostles

**Recently Deceased**

Orazia De Petro, Francesco Simone, Sebastiano Alicata, Isabella Pingiaro, Andrew Vivian, Nancy George, Miguel Taouk and Maria Antonia Pace.

**Anniversaries**

Saeed Milhem Taouk, Sulaiman Tannous Rahme, Samir Elias Yazbek, Najib Tunsey Fakhry, Hanna Nasser Aborta and Assunta De Lorenzo, Maria Azzaro.

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**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) Year C**

**26—27 April**



**POPE FRANCIS**

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

17 December 1936

21 April 2025

*May he Rest in Peace*

*On Monday 21st of April, 2025 at 7:35 am our Heavenly Father called the successor of Peter Pope Francis, to His eternal home.*

*Despite his frailty, he extended his Easter blessings on Easter Sunday, praying for global peace and an end to wars, and inviting us to find in Christ Jesus the purpose our life during the Urbi et Orbi blessing.*

*Pope Francis, was the first Pope from Latin America and the first Pope from the Society of Jesus. He is remembered for his humility, simplicity, compassion, advocating for the poor, marginalized, and migrants. His papacy championed for peace, emphasized inclusivity, mercy, and environmental stewardship.*

*Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference quotes: 'His famous description of the Church as a field hospital where wounds could be healed and hearts could be warmed was a call to a renewal of the Church's life and mission, grounded in a return to Christ as the source and inspiration of everything the Church sought to do and to be,' (Melbourne Catholic, April 2025).*

*Jorge Mario Bergoglio, born on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, came from a modest Italian immigrant family. His humble beginnings instilled in him the values of solidarity and community work. Before joining the seminary in 1958, he worked as a chemical technician. Ordained as a priest in 1969, he embraced the Ignatian tradition, focusing on concrete reality and social justice. He became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998, was made a cardinal in 2001, and was elected Pope in 2013.*

*We thank God for his apostolate. He was a father to the poor and a witness of joy and hope. We join the People of God in praying for his soul and entrust him to the Father's tender loving mercy. May the Lord welcome him into eternal life. (Abp. Peter Comensoli, Melbourne Catholic 2025)*

**Thank you Pope Francis! May you Rest in Peace** ❤️

**First Reading Acts 5:12-16****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps Ps 117:2-4, 22-27**

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light. **R.**

**Second Reading Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19****A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I

was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation John 20:29**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 20:19-31****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Readings Next Week: 4 May 2025**

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

**Prima lettura At 5,12-16****Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

Molti segni e prodigi avvenivano fra il popolo per opera degli apostoli. Tutti erano soliti stare insieme nel portico di Salomone; nessuno degli altri osava associarsi a loro, ma il popolo li esaltava. Sempre più, però, venivano aggiunti credenti al Signore, una moltitudine di uomini e di donne, tanto che portavano gli ammalati persino nelle piazze, ponendoli su lettucci e barelle, perché, quando Pietro passava, almeno la sua ombra coprisse qualcuno di loro. Anche la folla delle città vicine a Gerusalemme accorreva, portando malati e persone tormentate da spiriti impuri, e tutti venivano guariti.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.****Salmo responsoriale Sal 117**

**Rit. \_Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono:  
il suo amore è per sempre.**

L.\_Dica Israele:

«Il suo amore è per sempre».

Dica la casa di Aronne:

«Il suo amore è per sempre».

Dicano quelli che temono il Signore:

«Il suo amore è per sempre» **Rit.**

L.\_La pietra scartata dai costruttori è divenuta la pietra d'angolo.

Questo è stato fatto dal Signore: una meraviglia ai nostri occhi.

Questo è il giorno che ha fatto il Signore: ralleghiamoci in esso ed esultiamo! **Rit.**

L.\_Ti preghiamo, Signore: Dona la salvezza!

Ti preghiamo, Signore: Dona la vittoria!

Benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore.

Vi benediciamo dalla casa del Signore.

Il Signore è Dio, egli ci illumina. **Rit.****Seconda lettura Ap 1,9-11.12-13.17-19****Dal libro dell'Apocalisse di san Giovanni apostolo**

Io, Giovanni, vostro fratello e compagno nella tribolazione, nel regno e nella perseveranza in Gesù, mi trovavo nell'isola chiamata Patmos a causa della parola di Dio e della testimonianza di Gesù.

Fui preso dallo Spirito nel giorno del Signore e udii dietro di me una voce potente, come di tromba, che diceva: «Quello che vedi, scrivilo in un libro e mandalo alle sette Chiese».

Mi voltai per vedere la voce che parlava con me, e appena voltato vidi sette candelabri d'oro e, in mezzo ai candelabri, uno simile a un Figlio d'uomo, con un abito lungo fino ai piedi e cinto al petto con una fascia d'oro. Appena lo vidi, caddi ai suoi piedi come morto. Ma egli,

posando su di me la sua destra, disse: «Non temere! Io sono il Primo e l'Ultimo, e il Vivente. Ero morto, ma ora vivo per sempre e ho le chiavi della morte e degli inferi. Scrivi dunque le cose che hai visto, quelle presenti e quelle che devono accadere in seguito».

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.****Canto al Vangelo Gv 20,29****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Perché mi hai veduto, Tommaso, tu hai creduto; beati quelli che non hanno visto e hanno creduto!

**Alleluia.****Vangelo Gv 20,19-31****Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni**

La sera di quel giorno, il primo della settimana, mentre erano chiuse le porte del luogo dove si trovavano i discepoli per timore dei Giudei, venne Gesù, stette in mezzo e disse loro: «Pace a voi!». Detto questo, mostrò loro le mani e il fianco. E i discepoli gioirono al vedere il Signore.

Gesù disse loro di nuovo: «Pace a voi! Come il Padre ha mandato me, anche io mando voi». Detto questo, soffiò e disse loro:

«Ricevete lo Spirito Santo. A coloro a cui perdonerete i peccati, saranno perdonati; a coloro a cui non perdonerete, non saranno perdonati».

Tommaso, uno dei Dodici, chiamato Dìdimò, non era con loro quando venne Gesù. Gli dicevano gli altri discepoli: «Abbiamo visto il Signore!». Ma egli disse loro:

«Se non vedo nelle sue mani il segno dei chiodi e non metto il mio dito nel segno dei chiodi e non metto la mia mano nel suo fianco, io non credo».

Otto giorni dopo i discepoli erano di nuovo in casa e c'era con loro anche Tommaso. Venne Gesù, a porte chiuse, stette in mezzo e disse: «Pace a voi!». Poi disse a Tommaso:

«Metti qui il tuo dito e guarda le mie mani; tendi la tua mano e mettila nel mio fianco; e non essere incredulo, ma credente!». Gli rispose Tommaso: «Mio Signore e mio Dio!». Gesù gli disse: «Perché mi hai veduto, tu hai creduto; beati quelli che non hanno visto e hanno creduto!».

Gesù, in presenza dei suoi discepoli, fece molti altri segni che non sono stati scritti in questo libro. Ma questi sono stati scritti perché crediate che Gesù è il Cristo, il Figlio di Dio, e perché, credendo, abbiate la vita nel suo nome.

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.

Racheal Croizer, Mark Cunningham, Edmond Nehme, Mary & Charlie Borg, Harry Murphy and Tina Marangoni .

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month—St Mary's

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month—St Anthony's

4<sup>th</sup> 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

*Pope Francis' funeral—scheduled for 10 am local time (6:30 pm Melbourne time) on Saturday 26 April.*

*A Solemn Pontifical Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis will be held—Monday **28 April 2025—1.00pm** celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass will also be livestreamed.*

**Next Weekend—Mother's Day & Cuppa after mass please join**

**Youth Mass on Sunday May 4th at 5:30pm at St. Mary's. All Welcome!**

## Thank you Monsignor Tom for 25 years of support and wishing him a Happy 91st Birthday:

We want to thank Monsignor Tom who has lived among us for over 25 years and wish him a Happy 91st Birthday. Mons Tom is moving to Clifton Hill and we wish to celebrate all these events with a morning tea after **11am Mass on Sunday 11 May.**

We will keep him in our prayers and ask God to give him strength, good health and the grace for us to be able to see him from time to time. Monsignor Tom will be dearly missed by young and old.

We love you Monsignor Tom! ❤️

**Friday 2nd May Anointing Mass—at St Anthony's Alphington—9:15 am**



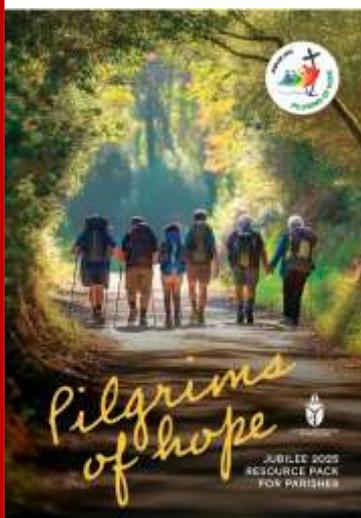
**First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Anthony's Alphington starting at 8:30 am followed by Anointing Mass at 9:15 am.**

**Mass count:** During the four weekends in May we will take part in the archdiocese Annual mass count. Everyone who attends Mass through May will be counted. Thank you



**Mother's Day Mass Sunday May 4 at 11.00 AM—**hosted by St Joseph's Primary Middle school—at St Joseph's Church Northcote.

St Anthony's Alphington **2025 Next Open Morning 9:30-10:30 am—MON 28 APR**  
visit: [santhony@saalphington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:santhony@saalphington.catholic.edu.au) 52 Austin Street, Alphington



## Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Connecting our faith community

Our **parish pilgrimage walk for hope** is on Saturday **17th May**. Come and join with other parishioners as we walk to the 4 churches in our partnership parishes. Commencing at St Joseph's at **9.30am** and walking to St Anthony's, Holy Spirit and finishing at St Mary's. A distance of approximately 6.5 km. Come along and do something for your physical and spiritual health!  
You can do the whole walk or any part of it.

- Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis (27th April) has been postponed due to Pope Francis' passing.
- For Divine Mercy Celebrations across Victoria: see [divinemeracy.com.au/](http://divinemeracy.com.au/)

**Please return your project compassion 2025 boxes back to the church.**