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ST MARY'S THORNBURY

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Principal: Mary Kearney | Ph: 9481 7166

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

45 Railway Pl, Alphington VIC 3078

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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

21 Sept: St Mathew, apostle, evangelist

23 Sept: St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Recently Deceased:

Rosaria Castagna, Rodney Smith,
Michael Gibson, Frank Grosso,
Franca Mazzone.

Anniversaries

Robert A. Patrick (1 Year),
Giuseppe & Giuseppina Montalto
(10 Years), Pietro and Rosa Carfi
(10 Years), Dominic Scenna (20 Years),
Harry Murphy Snr, Irene Gallagher,
Annie Shaw, Lesic Lovre,
Mario, Terzilio, Sestilia and
Babanera Family,
Renato & Rina Fabris.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:

www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

19-20 September 2026

Save the Date: Combined Parish Spring Picnic – 11 October



You can
register via this
QR Code

You can also
register via the
Trybooking link
below

Or you can
email or call the
Parish Office to
register

RSVP:
Friday 2 October

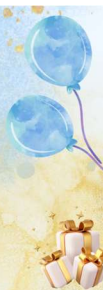
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We Congratulate Fr Tuong
on his
*1st Anniversary of Ordination
to the Priesthood*

May God continue to bless him abundantly in his ministry.
The John Pearce Community will join FrTuong at StMary's
this Sunday as he celebrates Mass on this special occasion.



First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity
on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

L_ I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

L_ The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

L_ The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results - I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I
want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be
very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this
body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would
be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 September to 4 October

Canto al Vangelo cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia.*

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like
a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for
his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers
for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard.
Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing
idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my
vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they
went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the
ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about
the eleventh hour he went out and found more men
standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you
been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has
hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into
my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the
vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay
them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and
ending with the first." So those who were hired at about
the eleventh hour came forward and received one
denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get
more, but they too received one denarius each. They
took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who
came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you
have treated them the same as us, though we have done
a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of
them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you;
did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings
and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay
you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why
be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be
first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**Readings: Next Week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A - 27 September 2026**

1st Rdg: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd Rdg: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Prima lettura Is 55, 6-9**Dal libro del profeta Isaia**

Cercate il Signore, mentre si fa trovare,
 invocatelo, mentre è vicino.
 L'empio abbandoni la sua via
 e l'uomo iniquo i suoi pensieri;
 ritorni al Signore che avrà misericordia di lui
 e al nostro Dio che largamente perdona.
 Perché i miei pensieri non sono i vostri pensieri,
 le vostre vie non sono le mie vie. Oracolo del
 Signore.

Quanto il cielo sovrasta la terra,
 tanto le mie vie sovrastano le vostre vie,
 i miei pensieri sovrastano i vostri pensieri.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale** (Sal 144)**Rit. _ Il Signore è vicino a chi lo invoca.**

L_ Ti voglio benedire ogni giorno,
 lodare il tuo nome in eterno e per sempre.
 Grande è il Signore e degno di ogni lode;
 senza fine è la sua grandezza **Rit.**

L_ Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore,
 lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.
 Buono è il Signore verso tutti,
 la sua tenerezza si espande su tutte le creature. **Rit.**

L_ Giusto è il Signore in tutte le sue vie
 e buono in tutte le sue opere.
 Il Signore è vicino a chiunque lo invoca,
 a quanti lo invocano con sincerità. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Fil 1,20-24.27**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippesi**

Fratelli, Cristo sarà glorificato nel mio corpo, sia che
 io viva sia che io muoia.

Per me infatti il vivere è Cristo e il morire un
 guadagno.

Ma se il vivere nel corpo significa lavorare con
 frutto, non so davvero che cosa scegliere. Sono
 stretto infatti fra queste due cose: ho il desiderio di
 lasciare questa vita per essere con Cristo, il che
 sarebbe assai meglio; ma per voi è più necessario
 che io rimanga nel corpo.
 Comportatevi dunque in modo degno del vangelo di
 Cristo.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo** AT 16, 14**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Apri, Signore, il nostro cuore
 e accoglieremo le parole del Figlio tuo.

Alleluia.**Vangelo** Mt 20, 1-16**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli questa
 parabola:

«Il regno dei cieli è simile a un padrone di casa che
 uscì all'alba per prendere a giornata lavoratori per la
 sua vigna. Si accordò con loro per un denaro al giorno
 e li mandò nella sua vigna. Uscito poi verso le nove
 del mattino, ne vide altri che stavano in piazza,
 disoccupati, e disse loro: "Andate anche voi nella
 vigna; quello che è giusto ve lo darò". Ed essi
 andarono. Uscì di nuovo verso mezzogiorno e verso
 le tre, e fece altrettanto. Uscito ancora verso le cinque,
 ne vide altri che se ne stavano lì e disse loro: "Perché
 ve ne state qui tutto il giorno senza far niente?". Gli
 risposero: "Perché nessuno ci ha presi a giornata". Ed
 egli disse loro: "Andate anche voi nella vigna".

Quando fu sera, il padrone della vigna disse al suo
 fattore: "Chiama i lavoratori e dai loro la paga,
 incominciando dagli ultimi fino ai primi". Venuti
 quelli delle cinque del pomeriggio, ricevettero
 ciascuno un denaro. Quando arrivarono i primi,
 pensarono che avrebbero ricevuto di più. Ma
 anch'essi ricevettero ciascuno un denaro. Nel
 ritirarlo, però, mormoravano contro il padrone
 dicendo: "Questi ultimi hanno lavorato un'ora
 soltanto e li hai trattati come noi, che abbiamo
 sopportato il peso della giornata e il caldo".

Ma il padrone, rispondendo a uno di loro, disse:
 "Amico, io non ti faccio torto. Non hai forse
 concordato con me per un denaro? Prendi il tuo e
 vattene. Ma io voglio dare anche a quest'ultimo
 quanto a te: non posso fare delle mie cose quello che
 voglio? Oppure tu sei invidioso perché io sono
 buono?". Così gli ultimi saranno primi e i primi,
 ultimi».

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. *Mary Buttifant, Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Bernadette Zammet, Sharbil Karous, Suhaila Yousif, Wafa Ibrahim.*

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 Moses El-Fakhri via the Parish Office

Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community *Sage Elizabeth McPherson* who is presented for her baptism by her parents *Ashley & Ashleigh* at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate Sage and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

PARISH AMALGAMATION- FIRST CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS HELD

Last weekend, St Anthony's and St Joseph's held their first meeting with the parishioners. Though the numbers were small those who did speak with the leaders had some of the following comments regarding their parish and what the future planning needs to include:

Long and rich history

Sense of community

Need to keep our traditional celebrations

Communication is important, with each other

Need to continue to reach out to all in our communities and the wider community

Faith formation is important and should be maintained

Care of our Priests

This weekend Holy Spirit will hold their 1st meeting after each Mass, and on **Sunday 4 October St Mary's** will hold their meetings after each Mass.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

AMALGAMAZIONE PARROCCHIALE – PRIMI INCONTRI CONSULTIVI SVOLTI

Lo scorso fine settimana, Sant'Antonio e San Giuseppe hanno tenuto il loro primo incontro con i parrocchiani.

Sebbene la partecipazione sia stata contenuta, coloro che hanno dialogato con i responsabili hanno condiviso alcuni dei seguenti punti riguardo alla loro parrocchia e agli aspetti da considerare nella pianificazione futura:

Storia lunga e ricca

Forte senso di comunità

Necessità di mantenere le nostre celebrazioni tradizionali

Importanza della comunicazione reciproca

Continuare a raggiungere tutte le persone delle nostre comunità e la comunità più ampia

La formazione nella fede è importante e dovrebbe essere mantenuta

La cura dei nostri sacerdoti

Questo fine settimana Holy Spirit terrà il suo primo incontro dopo ogni Messa, e domenica **4 ottobre Santa Maria** svolgerà i propri incontri dopo ogni Messa.

Grazie per le vostre continue preghiere e per il vostro sostegno.

Next Seniors **Anointing Mass** will be held **at St Joseph's on Friday 30 October at 10:30 am** as Friday 25 September is a public Holiday.

St Joseph's Northcote School Fete - Sat 17 October, 2-7 pm

Hot food, cakes, books, silent Auction featuring services, holiday stays, and more.

Parish Contributions Welcome for the Silent Auction (items/services), cake stall (cakes/biscuits/preserves) and Choc Toss (blocks of chocolate).

Volunteers: *If you can help on the day, set up/run/pack down the event/ help at the Washing and Recycling station please contact the Parish Office.*

Thank you to all who have already pledged or given to the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign — every contribution, large or small, is deeply appreciated. If you haven't yet made a gift, there's still time. Your support strengthens the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. The most secure and preferred way to donate is online (direct debit or credit card), or you may use the campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards or visit: melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

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