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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

29 July: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest
01 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, dr

Recently Deceased

Nella Nanni, Edda Rosin, and
George Cheet.

Anniversaries

Mary Marcon 6 mths,
Cordell Zappone 1 Yr,
Primo Pilati 3 Yrs,
Francesca Italiano, Carmelina Italiano,
Aleko Vakertsis, Maria Azrak Fakhry,
George Antonios Baini, Nathan Khouri,
Giuseppe Lionetti, Vittoria Minnelli,
Lucio Minnelli, Antonio Minnelli, and
Margaret Calleja and Maria Adda.

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our official parish website:
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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

26 July 2026



"Glimpsing the Kingdom"

(Matthew 13:44-52)

Jesus' parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl reveal how a single glimpse of God's Kingdom can reshape a life. The labourer and the merchant both discover something so precious that it awakens a deep joy and a new freedom — the freedom to let go of lesser attachments so they can pursue what truly matters.

We too only glimpse the Kingdom in this life, yet even that small vision can reorder our priorities. When we recognise the treasure of God's love, everything else finds its proper place. Like St Francis, whose simplicity flowed not from duty but from delight, we are invited to live with hearts set on the one treasure that endures. (Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)



World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

This Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, instituted by Pope Francis in 2021 to honour the vital role older people play in our families, our parish, and our wider community. This year's theme, "I Will Never Forget You," coincides beautifully with the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us not to overlook the elderly, especially those in nursing homes "where loneliness reigns." He encourages families — and particularly young people — to revive the simple but powerful tradition of visiting grandparents, older relatives, and those who have no one to visit them.

The day invites us to pause, give thanks, and renew our commitment to those whose wisdom, faith, and quiet perseverance have shaped our lives. No one should suffer from loneliness. May this celebration inspire us to reach out with tenderness, presence, and gratitude. (Cherishing Our Elderly – Majellan Media, <https://majellan.media/cherishing-our-elderly/>)

As July comes to a close, we reflect on Pope Leo's prayer intention: that all human life be respected and protected as a precious gift from God.



Plastic Free July: Earthcare ANT encourages choosing plastic-free options when buying fruit, vegetables and meat. Please access the full article from our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**A reading from the first book of the Kings**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

L. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

L. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

L. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

L. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**



[Man hiding treasure, possibly by Rembrandt \(1606-1669\) or Gerrit Dou \(1613-1675\)](#)

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-46**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Readings: Next Week: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 2 August 2026**

1st Rdg: Isaiah 55:1-3

2nd Rdg: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Prima lettura 1Re 3,5.7-12**Dal primo libro dei Re**

In quei giorni a Gàbaon il Signore apparve a Salomone in sogno durante la notte. Dio disse: «Chiedimi ciò che vuoi che io ti conceda». Salomone disse: «Signore, mio Dio, tu hai fatto regnare il tuo servo al posto di Davide, mio padre. Ebbene io sono solo un ragazzo; non so come regolarli. Il tuo servo è in mezzo al tuo popolo che hai scelto, popolo numeroso che per la quantità non si può calcolare né contare. Concedi al tuo servo un cuore docile, perché sappia rendere giustizia al tuo popolo e sappia distinguere il bene dal male; infatti chi può governare questo tuo popolo così numeroso?».

Piacque agli occhi del Signore che Salomone avesse domandato questa cosa. Dio gli disse: «Poiché hai domandato questa cosa e non hai domandato per te molti giorni, né hai domandato per te ricchezza, né hai domandato la vita dei tuoi nemici, ma hai domandato per te il discernimento nel giudicare, ecco, faccio secondo le tue parole. Ti concedo un cuore saggio e intelligente: uno come te non ci fu prima di te né sorgerà dopo di te»

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale (Sal 118)

Rit. _ Quanto amo la tua legge, Signore!

L._ La mia parte è il Signore: ho deciso di osservare le tue parole. Bene per me è la legge della tua bocca, più di mille pezzi d'oro e d'argento. **Rit.**

L._ Il tuo amore sia la mia consolazione, secondo la promessa fatta al tuo servo. Venga a me la tua misericordia e io avrò vita, perché la tua legge è la mia delizia. **Rit.**

L._ Perciò amo i tuoi comandi, più dell'oro, dell'oro più fino. Per questo io considero retti tutti i tuoi precetti e odio ogni falso sentiero. **Rit.**

L._ Meravigliosi sono i tuoi insegnamenti: per questo li custodisco. La rivelazione delle tue parole illumina, dona intelligenza ai semplici. **Rit.**

**Seconda lettura (Rm 8,28-30)****Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani**

Fratelli, noi sappiamo che tutto concorre al bene, per quelli che amano Dio, per coloro che sono stati chiamati secondo il suo disegno. Poiché quelli che egli da sempre ha conosciuto, li ha anche predestinati a essere conformi all'immagine del Figlio suo, perché egli sia il primogenito tra molti fratelli; quelli poi che ha predestinato, li ha anche chiamati; quelli che ha chiamato, li ha anche giustificati; quelli che ha giustificato, li ha anche glorificati.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Mt 11,25)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Ti rendo lode, Padre,
Signore del cielo e della terra,
perché ai piccoli hai rivelato i misteri del Regno.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 13,44-52**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Il regno dei cieli è simile a un tesoro nascosto nel campo; un uomo lo trova e lo nasconde; poi va, pieno di gioia, vende tutti i suoi averi e compra quel campo. Il regno dei cieli è simile anche a un mercante che va in cerca di perle preziose; trovata una perla di grande valore, va, vende tutti i suoi averi e la compra. Ancora, il regno dei cieli è simile a una rete gettata nel mare, che raccoglie ogni genere di pesci. Quando è piena, i pescatori la tirano a riva, si mettono a sedere, raccolgono i pesci buoni nei canestri e buttano via i cattivi. Così sarà alla fine del mondo. Verranno gli angeli e separeranno i cattivi dai buoni e li getteranno nella fornace ardente, dove sarà pianto e stridore di denti. Avete compreso tutte queste cose?». Gli risposero: «Sì». Ed egli disse loro: «Per questo ogni scriba, divenuto discepolo del regno dei cieli, è simile a un padrone di casa che estrae dal suo tesoro cose nuove e cose antiche».

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, 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 **Hendrix Gravina and Sophie Meese** who are presented for their baptism by their parents **Anthony & Olivia and Nicholas & Adele** at **St Joseph's** on Sunday. We congratulate Hendrix and Sophie and their families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing. in the Lord.

Becoming Catholic RCIA "Come and See" meeting—Thursday July 30th 7.30pm—St Anthony's meeting room, 45 Railway Place, Alphington

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic — a family member, friend, neighbour, or workmate?

Last year five people were received into the Church through our parish RCIA program, and we already have several people interested in joining this year's program. The 2026-27 program begins soon.

The first session is a relaxed "come and see" opportunity to meet us, learn about RCIA, and discover some of the basics of the Catholic faith. There is no commitment—just a chance to explore and ask questions.

If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the parish office for more information. God calls all people into a relationship of faith and love with Him. A simple invitation or conversation with you can be the seed that helps someone begin that journey.

Friday 31 July—Seniors Mass 10:30 am at St Joseph's Northcote, Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome.

Next Weekend—2 August Join us for a cuppa after Mass and connect with other parishioners.

Pray for Gaza—To support Caritas Australia's Act for peace in Gaza Appeal, visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/gaza/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free. May God bring comfort, healing, and hope to all who are suffering.



Catholic Theological College 2026 Open House Melbourne Weekend—Saturday 25 July 2026—278 Catholic Theological College Victoria Parade



Melbourne synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release The Synod theme papers are an important part of our preparation for the Melbourne Synod, fostering hope, prayerful listening and discernment. Using the 'Conversation in the Spirit' method—an attentive process of listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit—participants are invited to reflect on the theme paper questions and share their responses via the QR code provided at the end of each paper. Alternatively, please feel free to email any comments to Synod2026@cam.org.au.

Synod Consultation sessions will run across all Archdiocesan regions in July–August, with each parish nominating two representatives (including at least one lay person), beginning with the Northern Region session on **Saturday 25 July 2026 (9am for 9.30am start)**. The consultation period will conclude at the end of August. For further information visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>.

Cathy Jenkins Program Lead: MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

The first three theme papers for the Melbourne Synod consultation—**Formation and Participation, Mission Leadership and Young Discipleship**—are available to download from our parish website:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>

Please continue to pray for the Melbourne Synod: May the Holy Spirit guide our every conversation and action. Amen.