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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**

25 May: Our Lady Help of Christians (Solemnity)  
26 May: St Philip Neri, priest

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

Giancarlo Ferronato (1 Month),  
Ruby Naiken,  
John Adrian La Rocca (30 Yrs),  
Mansour Youssef Sukkar,  
Marie Hanna Suffa Fakhry, Lucio Minelli,  
Antonio Minelli, Rosa Sagaria,  
Giuseppi Lionetti, Hanna Daniel Fakhry,  
and Jamile Rahme.

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**Pentecost Sunday—Year A**

**24 May 2026**



Happy Feast Day  
Holy Spirit Parish  
Sunday 24th May 2026  
Holy Spirit Church  
Thornbury East  
9:30 am Mass

Followed by morning tea  
Please bring a plate to share  
If you can.  
All Welcome !

Today we rejoice in the **Feast of Pentecost**, the birth of the Church. We also congratulate the community of **Holy Spirit** and wish them a **Happy Feast Day**.

Today's readings reveal the Church as a Spirit-filled community sent to continue Jesus' mission. John 20:19-23 shows the transforming power of the Spirit: the disciples, once fearful, are renewed by the risen Lord who breathes the Spirit upon them, sending them as he was sent by the Father. Empowered with unity, courage, and adaptability, they are able to share the Gospel across boundaries and in many "languages" of human experience. Central to this mission is the ministry of reconciliation—the very gift Jesus, the Lamb of God, brings into the world—and the passage invites us to recognise that same Spirit at work today in renewed faith, openness to others, and the courage to speak and act with conviction.

And so we gather today as sisters and brothers—and with all creation—praying, **Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.** It is fitting that Pope Francis chose Pentecost in 2015 to promulgate *Laudato Si'*. As the Church marks its 11th anniversary, we recall his call to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. As a Catholic Earthcare Parish, we celebrate our small but real part in this Spirit-led journey of ecological conversion.



**Monday 25 May—Solemnity Mary Help of Christians**  
Mary, Help of Christians, loving Mother and patroness of Australia, pray for our nation. Protect our families, strengthen our faith, Help us care for one another and for the gift of creation and lead us ever closer to Jesus. Amen.



**First Reading** Acts 2:1-11**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 104.1-2a, 24+25c, 27-28, 29b-30 (R.30)

**R.** *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

**L.** Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. **R.**

**L.** O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures, living things both small and great. **R.**

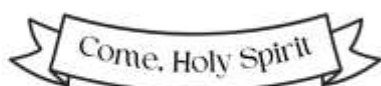
**L.** These all look to you

to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. **R.**

**L.** When you take away their breath, they die

and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 A**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** SeqAccl

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 20:19-23**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

In the evening of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**Readings Next Week: The Most Holy Trinity Solemnity**  
Year A 31 May 2026

1st Rdg: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2nd Rdg: 2 Corinthians 13:11- 13

**Gospel: John 3:16-18**

**Prima lettura At 2,1-11****Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

Mentre stava compendosi il giorno della Pentecoste, si trovavano tutti insieme nello stesso luogo. Venne all'improvviso dal cielo un fragore, quasi un vento che si abbatte impetuoso, e riempì tutta la casa dove stavano. Apparvero loro lingue come di fuoco, che si dividevano, e si posarono su ciascuno di loro, e tutti furono colmati di Spirito Santo e cominciarono a parlare in altre lingue, nel modo in cui lo Spirito dava loro il potere di esprimersi.

Abitavano allora a Gerusalemme Giudei osservanti, di ogni nazione che è sotto il cielo. A quel rumore, la folla si radunò e rimase turbata, perché ciascuno li udiva parlare nella propria lingua. Erano stupiti e, fuori di sé per la meraviglia, dicevano: «Tutti costoro che parlano non sono forse Galilei? E come mai ciascuno di noi sente parlare nella propria lingua nativa? Siamo Parti, Medi, Elamiti; abitanti della Mesopotamia, della Giudea e della Cappadocia, del Ponto e dell'Asia, della Frigia e della Panfilia, dell'Egitto e delle parti della Libia vicino a Cirène, Romani qui residenti, Giudei e proseliti, Cretesi e Arabi, e li udiamo parlare nelle nostre lingue delle grandi opere di Dio».

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

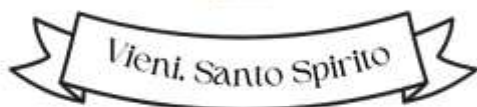
**Salmo responsoriale Sal 103**

**Rit. \_ Manda il tuo Spirito, Signore, a rinnovare la terra.**

**L.** Benedici il Signore, anima mia!  
Sei tanto grande, Signore, mio Dio!  
Quante sono le tue opere, Signore!  
Le hai fatte tutte con saggezza;  
la terra è piena delle tue creature. **Rit.**

**L.** Togli loro il respiro: muoiono,  
e ritornano nella loro polvere.  
Mandi il tuo spirito, sono creati,  
e rinnovi la faccia della terra. **Rit.**

**L.** Sia per sempre la gloria del Signore;  
gioisca il Signore delle sue opere.  
A lui sia gradito il mio canto,  
io gioirò nel Signore. **Rit.**

**Seconda lettura 1Cor 12,3-7.12-13****Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi**

Fratelli, nessuno può dire: «Gesù è Signore!», se non sotto l'azione dello Spirito Santo.

Vi sono diversi carismi, ma uno solo è lo Spirito; vi sono diversi ministeri, ma uno solo è il Signore; vi sono diverse attività, ma uno solo è Dio, che opera tutto in tutti. A ciascuno è data una manifestazione particolare dello Spirito per il bene comune.

Come infatti il corpo è uno solo e ha molte membra, e tutte le membra del corpo, pur essendo molte, sono un corpo solo, così anche il Cristo. Infatti noi tutti siamo stati battezzati mediante un solo Spirito in un solo corpo, Giudei o Greci, schiavi o liberi; e tutti siamo stati dissetati da un solo Spirito.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Sequenza**

*Vieni, Santo Spirito,  
manda a noi dal cielo  
un raggio della tua luce.*

**Canto al Vangelo**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Vieni, Santo Spirito,  
riempi i cuori dei tuoi fedeli  
e accendi in essi il fuoco del tuo amore.*

**Alleluia.**

**Vangelo Gv 20,19-23****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».

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.

Dominic Valenzisi, Tina Marangoni,  
Majda Brozic

## 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

- 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

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**<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

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**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 **Theodore & Matilda Howlett** who are presented for their baptism by their parents **Ashley & Alexia** at **St Joseph's** on Sunday. We congratulate Theodore & Matilda and their family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

**May Mass Count—week 4:** We are counting age groups.

**Friday 29 May—Seniors Mass—10:30 am** at **St Joseph's** Northcote, **Anointing Mass** followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome.

We keep in our prayers all the children from our Parish Schools, and those in the Parish Sacramental Program, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on the weekend 30-31May.



**Safeguarding Essentials Training:** Many volunteers attended last Sunday—thank you for your time and generosity. We also thank Laura and Brett from the Archdiocese for leading the session, and our Safeguarding Team for making it possible.

**Major pro-life Bill looming - our prayers are needed—**A significant Bill will come before the NSW Parliament in early June: the Abortion Law Reform Amendment (**Sex Selection Prohibition**) Bill 2025, which would ban sex-selective abortion. Research from Edith Cowan University has shown an imbalance of male to female births in some migrant communities (1994–2015), raising concern that this practice may be occurring in Australia. This NSW Bill, could have national implications. Please pray for all working to protect the unborn and for the MPs voting for the Bill, that they may act with wisdom.

**Laudato Si': Care For Our Common Home:** *The ANT Earthcare Group sincerely thanks all who took part in Laudato Si' Week. Your support is deeply appreciated. We invite everyone to choose one action from the week and make it part of daily life, as a way of caring for our Earth and one another. In the coming weeks, we will also share practical tips on reusing and recycling household goods.*

**The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP)** supports many asylum seekers across Melbourne and are in urgent need of new, unopened shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, and household cleaning products. Thank you for your generosity.

**Synod Corner: Reflection—Why listening matters in the Church** Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.

**Save the Date—7 June 2026:** \* Fr Brendan's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Jubilee Mass at 10:30 am at St Anthony's Alphington followed by morning tea at the MacKillop room. \* Melbourne **Corpus Christi Procession—2pm**— Begins at St Patrick's Cathedral Concludes at Federation Square.

## SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY 11TH OF JUNE

Fr Brian Traynor, a Passionist Priest from Holy Cross Templestowe will speak to our parish community on Saint Francis of Assisi—marking 800 years since his death—and on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. We will gather in the MacKillop Room at St Anthony's Alphington at 7.00pm. Details to come—please save the date for an enjoyable and engaging evening.