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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

Aug 4: St John Vianney, Priest

Aug 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

Aug 8: St Mary of the Cross, virgin

#### Recently Deceased

Anna Paron, and Sante Barbanero.

#### Anniversaries

Elizabeth Raphael Kaniampuram,  
Santo Di Lisio, Gabriela Di Lisio,  
John Di Lisio, Mark Di Lisio,  
Pasqualina Raponi (1 mth),  
Kevin John McGrath, Biagio De Pedro  
(1 Yr), Toufic Elias Yazbek,  
Peter Saeed Taouk, Shirley Evans,  
Shula Halim Geagea, Mtonios Fakhry,  
Barbanero family deceased members,  
Michael Jabbour Kairouz,  
Yousef and Maria Kairouz.

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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

2-3 August 2025

### *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In this week's Gospel, we face the unsettling truth of our innate human insecurity—an instinctive yearning for safety that often guides us toward comforts and wealth which, in quiet trade, may erode our deepest values.

We human beings are very insecure creatures. We are afraid for the future and, in that fear, desperately clutch at what would seem to offer protection and security against all manner of threats.

Wealth seems to offer the most obvious source of security: with wealth we shall not go hungry, we shall have a roof over our heads; we shall gain influence and power, the likelihood of good health, and the enjoyment of life's better things.

But the deep fear that feeds our insecurity also feeds the desire for wealth, so that the desire itself can become insatiable and eventually take over our lives, making us increasingly insensitive to other, deeper values.

The parable in today's Gospel addresses this issue. The rich landowner, whose chief problem was finding space for his harvest, thought he could look forward to many years of the good life because of all the "security" he thought he had stored up.

But, "this very night" the demand is made for his "soul" - that is, for his worth as a human being, a prerequisite for eternal life. It is exactly this deeper question that the man's preoccupation with his wealth has caused him to neglect.

The only security that is really lasting consists in being "rich" in one's relationship with God, because this is the only relationship that transcends death.

But a preoccupation with wealth also poisons human relationships and erodes the concern for others that is the basis of community.

Attachment to wealth in this sense is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating the hospitality of God. *(Sharing the Treasure Reflections, Brendan Byrne SJ)*

**Gracious and Loving God:** In our pursuit of comfort and certainty, we often cling to things that fade—wealth, status, and the illusion of control. Yet deep within, we long for a peace that endures. Teach us to find our true security in You. May we become generous in spirit, mindful of the needs of others, and faithful in nurturing the relationship with You that transcends all fear and loss. **Amen**

**First Reading** *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23***A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17*

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

**Second Reading** *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies.

You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 5:3*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel of Luke 12:13-21****A reading the holy Gospel according to Luke**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**Readings** Next Week—19th Sunday in OT: 10 Aug 2025

1st Rdg: Wisdom 18:6-9 | 2nd Rdg: Heb11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

**Prima lettura Qo 1,2;2,21-23****Dal libro del Qoèlet**

Vanità delle vanità, dice Qoèlet,  
vanità delle vanità: tutto è vanità.

Chi ha lavorato con sapienza, con scienza e con  
successo dovrà poi lasciare la sua parte a un altro  
che non vi ha per nulla faticato. Anche questo è  
vanità e un grande male.

Infatti, quale profitto viene all'uomo da tutta la sua  
fatica e dalle preoccupazioni del suo cuore, con cui  
si affanna sotto il sole? Tutti i suoi giorni non sono  
che dolori e fastidi penosi; neppure di notte il suo  
cuore riposa. Anche questo è vanità!

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.****Salmo responsoriale Sal 89****Rit. \_ Signore, sei stato per noi un rifugio di  
generazione in generazione.**

**L.** Tu fai ritornare l'uomo in polvere,  
quando dici: «Ritornate, figli dell'uomo».  
Mille anni, ai tuoi occhi,  
sono come il giorno di ieri che è passato,  
come un turno di veglia nella notte. **Rit.**

**L.** Tu li sommergi:  
sono come un sogno al mattino,  
come l'erba che germoglia;  
al mattino fiorisce e germoglia,  
alla sera è falciata e secca. **Rit.**

**L.** Insegnaci a contare i nostri giorni  
e acquisteremo un cuore saggio.  
Ritorna, Signore: fino a quando?  
Abbi pietà dei tuoi servi! **Rit.**

**L.** Saziati al mattino con il tuo amore:  
esulteremo e gioiremo per tutti i nostri giorni.  
Sia su di noi la dolcezza del Signore, nostro Dio:  
rendi salda per noi l'opera delle nostre mani,  
l'opera delle nostre mani rendi salda. **Rit.**

**Seconda lettura Col 3,1-5.9-11****Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Colossèsi**

Fratelli, se siete risorti con Cristo, cercate le cose di  
lassù, dove è Cristo, seduto alla destra di Dio;  
rivolgete il pensiero alle cose di lassù, non a quelle  
della terra.

Voi infatti siete morti e la vostra vita è nascosta con  
Cristo in Dio! Quando Cristo, vostra vita, sarà  
manifestato, allora anche voi apparirete con lui nella  
gloria.

Fate morire dunque ciò che appartiene alla terra:  
impurità, immoralità, passioni, desideri cattivi e  
quella cupidigia che è idolatria.

Non dite menzogne gli uni agli altri: vi siete svestiti  
dell'uomo vecchio con le sue azioni e avete rivestito il  
nuovo, che si rinnova per una piena conoscenza, ad  
immagine di Colui che lo ha creato.

Qui non vi è Greco o Giudeo, circoncisione o  
incirconcisione, barbaro, Scita, schiavo, libero, ma  
Cristo è tutto e in tutti.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.****Canto al Vangelo Mt 5,3****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Beati i poveri in spirito,  
perché di essi è il regno dei cieli.

**Alleluia.****Vangelo Lc 12,13-21****Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

In quel tempo, uno della folla disse a Gesù: «Maestro, di'  
a mio fratello che divida con me l'eredità». Ma egli  
rispose: «O uomo, chi mi ha costituito giudice o  
mediatore sopra di voi?».

E disse loro: «Fate attenzione e tenetevi lontani da ogni  
cupidigia perché, anche se uno è nell'abbondanza, la  
sua vita non dipende da ciò che egli possiede».

Poi disse loro una parabola: «La campagna di un uomo  
ricco aveva dato un raccolto abbondante. Egli ragionava  
tra sé: "Che farò, poiché non ho dove mettere i miei  
raccolti? Farò così – disse –: demolirò i miei magazzini e  
ne costruirò altri più grandi e vi raccoglierò tutto il  
grano e i miei beni. Poi dirò a me stesso: Anima mia, hai  
a disposizione molti beni, per molti anni; ripòsatì,  
mangia, bevi e divèrtitì!". Ma Dio gli disse: "Stolto,  
questa notte stessa ti sarà richiesta la tua vita. E quello  
che hai preparato, di chi sarà?". Così è di chi accumula  
tesori per sé e non si arricchisce presso Dio».

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.

Gabrila Peters

## 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.**

Parrochiani 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



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Michael McGirr for his engaging talk and thought-provoking discussion, to Jim Coffey and the Jubilee Year Team for their dedication, and to everyone who contributed to making this evening a memorable celebration of our parish community.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Luke Wilfred Winnick-Ngu**, who is presented for his baptism at **St Marys** this Sunday. We congratulate the family and pray for his spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

## First Holy Communion Commitment Weekend

This weekend, children from Holy Spirit and St Anthony's Primary Schools will make their First Holy Communion commitment:

– **Saturday 2 August, 5pm** at Holy Spirit—Thornbury East

– **Sunday 3 August, 10:30am** at St Anthony's—Alphington

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacred sacrament.



**New Seminarists in our Parishes:** We extend a warm welcome to first-year seminarists, **Chris Fernando** and **Alex Sgro**, as they join our Partnership Parishes to begin their Sunday Parish Pastoral Placement Program this Weekend. Let us keep them in our prayers as they embark on this important journey of faith and formation.



## Friday 8 August Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)

**Whole school Mass 9:15am at St Anthony's Alphington**

**All welcome to join us in honouring Australia's first Saint**

**Loving God**, On this feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop, we thank You for her bold spirit, her unwavering faith, and her tireless dedication to the poor and the marginalized. May her life inspire us to respond with generosity, courage, and hope in the face of challenge. Teach us to trust in Your providence, as Mary did, and to be signs of Your compassion in our world. Through her example, may we grow in love, build communities of care, and walk humbly in service to one another. **Amen**

**Feast of the Assumption 15/8** Parish Masses w/ school attendance: **9:15am** Holy Spirit & St Anthony's, **11am** St Joseph's & St Mary's (**Eve Mass**) **7:30pm** Holy Spirit

**WWCC corner—Applying for or Renewing a WWCC card:** Wednesdays or Thursdays **1-2pm**, if you call the **parish office** 9484 2907 we can help you apply for a new Working With Children Check card or renew one **over the phone—Many Thanks**

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival—Registration Now open [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au)



ACYF 2025 is a three-day national youth festival celebrating faith, community, and connection. **Interested in joining our parish group?** Scan the QR code to let us know, and we'll be in touch with more details! For more information please visit our [website](http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan).

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## Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray for the people of Gaza:

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413.

God of light, You meet us in the darkest places. Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.' We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war. May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza. May they find healing and lasting peace. **Amen.**

