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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

15 Oct: St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor
17 Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop,
martyr

Recently Deceased:

Hanna Zain Taouk and
Krystyna Bermic

Anniversaries

Joe Argenzio (Snr), Jonh Zahra,
Libera Segat, Michael Scanlon,
Joseph Norm Kizana, Antonio Bramato,
Adele Fakhry, Mirko Gino Angele,
George Khoury and Gilbert Davies,
Pompilio Carinci, Michael Tawk,
Melia & her children Gaze and Mariam,
and
Jeremiah Troy.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
www.melb catholic.org/s/hosan



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

10-11 October 2026



Combined Parish Spring Picnic & Sacramental Sunday

Sunday 11 October—From 11:30 am

St Anthony's Primary School Grounds
59 Austin St, Alphington

Please note: **Parking on local streets only**

Join us for Good Food, Friendship and time Together as we celebrate our combined Parish Community and give thanks for all those who received the holy sacraments in 2026. BBQ Sausages & Salad Provided + Tea, Coffee and Cordial. Please Bring a dessert to share and your Picnic blanket. This is an alcohol-free event.



Invited to the Banquet of Life—Matthew 22:1-14 |

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus presents the parable of the Wedding Banquet, a powerful image of God's invitation to all people to share in the fullness of life in His Kingdom. The banquet symbolises salvation, with God desiring us to be honoured guests at the banquet of life. The first invitations were carried by the prophets and later by Christian missionaries, while the guests gathered from the highways and byways remind us that God's invitation extends to everyone.

For the early Christians, this parable helped make sense of the challenges facing the Church, including the rejection of the Gospel by some and the reality that both saints and sinners are found within the Christian community. Yet Jesus' message remains one of hope and inclusion: all are invited.

The wedding garment, however, reminds us that accepting God's invitation is only the beginning. The garment symbolises a transformed life. We do not need to be perfect to receive God's invitation, but we are called to allow His grace to change us, shaping us into people worthy of the heavenly banquet.

As we reflect on this Gospel, may we gratefully accept God's invitation and allow His love and grace to transform our lives each day. *(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)* Image: The Marriage Feast John Everett Millais (1829-1896) "Illustrations to 'The parables of our Lord'", engraved by the Dalziel Brothers



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2027

The calendars are on sale for \$10 each, they are available at the back of the church.

If you would like to use the **Tap and Go** machines, do so and put the envelope in the basket with TAP AND GO on it. Thank you Parish Office.

First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-10***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

R. *I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

L. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

L. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

L. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

L. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever **R.**

**Second Reading** *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *cf Ephesians 1:17, 18***Alleluia, alleluia!**

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.*

Alleluia!**Gospel Mt 22:1-10****A reading from the holy Gospel of Mathew**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings: Next Week: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 18 October 2026

1st Rdg: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

2nd Rdg: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Prima lettura *Is 25,6-10***Dal libro del profeta Isaia**

Preparerà il Signore degli eserciti
per tutti i popoli, su questo monte,
un banchetto di grasse vivande,
un banchetto di vini eccellenti,
di cibi succulenti, di vini raffinati.
Egli strapperà su questo monte
il velo che copriva la faccia di tutti i popoli
e la coltre distesa su tutte le nazioni.
Eliminerà la morte per sempre.
Il Signore Dio asciugherà le lacrime su ogni volto,
l'ignominia del suo popolo
farà scomparire da tutta la terra,
poiché il Signore ha parlato.
E si dirà in quel giorno: «Ecco il nostro Dio;
in lui abbiamo sperato perché ci salvasse.
Questi è il Signore in cui abbiamo sperato;
rallegriamoci, esultiamo per la sua salvezza,
poiché la mano del Signore si poserà su questo
monte».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale** (*Sal 22*)**Rit. _ Abiterò per sempre nella casa del Signore.**

L._ Il Signore è il mio pastore:
non manco di nulla.

Su pascoli erbosi mi fa riposare,
ad acque tranquille mi conduce.
Rinfranca l'anima mia. **Rit.**

L._ Mi guida per il giusto cammino
a motivo del suo nome.
Anche se vado per una valle oscura,
non temo alcun male, perché tu sei con me.
Il tuo bastone e il tuo vincastro
mi danno sicurezza. **Rit.**

L._ Davanti a me tu prepari una mensa
sotto gli occhi dei miei nemici.
Ungi di olio il mio capo;
il mio calice trabocca. **Rit.**

L._ Sì, bontà e fedeltà mi saranno compagne
tutti i giorni della mia vita,
abiterò ancora nella casa del Signore
per lunghi giorni. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura *Fil 4,12-14, 19-20***Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippesi**

Fratelli, so vivere nella povertà come so vivere
nell'abbondanza; sono allenato a tutto e per tutto, alla sazietà
e alla fame, all'abbondanza e all'indigenza.

Tutto posso in colui che mi dà la forza. Avete fatto bene tuttavia a prendere parte alle mie tribolazioni.

Il mio Dio, a sua volta, colmerà ogni vostro bisogno secondo la sua ricchezza con magnificenza, in Cristo Gesù.

Al Dio e Padre nostro sia gloria nei secoli dei secoli. Amen.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo** *Ef 1,17-18***Alleluia, alleluia.**

Il Padre del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo
illumini gli occhi del nostro cuore
per farci comprendere a quale speranza ci ha chiamati.

Alleluia.**Vangelo** *Mt 22, 1-14***Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù, riprese a parlare con parabole [ai capi dei sacerdoti e ai farisei] e disse:

«Il regno dei cieli è simile a un re, che fece una festa di nozze per suo figlio. Egli mandò i suoi servi a chiamare gli invitati alle nozze, ma questi non volevano venire.

Mandò di nuovo altri servi con quest'ordine: Dite agli invitati: "Ecco, ho preparato il mio pranzo; i miei buoi e gli animali ingrassati sono già uccisi e tutto è pronto; venite alle nozze!". Ma quelli non se ne curarono e andarono chi al proprio campo, chi ai propri affari; altri poi presero i suoi servi, li insultarono e li uccisero. Allora il re si indignò: mandò le sue truppe, fece uccidere quegli assassini e diede alle fiamme la loro città.

Poi disse ai suoi servi: "La festa di nozze è pronta, ma gli invitati non erano degni; andate ora ai crocicchi delle strade e tutti quelli che troverete, chiamateli alle nozze". Usciti per le strade, quei servi radunarono tutti quelli che trovarono, cattivi e buoni, e la sala delle nozze si riempì di commensali.

Il re entrò per vedere i commensali e lì scorse un uomo che non indossava l'abito nuziale. Gli disse: "Amico, come mai sei entrato qui senza l'abito nuziale?". Quello ammutolì. Allora il re ordinò ai servi: "Legatelo mani e piedi e gettatelo fuori nelle tenebre; là sarà pianto e stridore di denti".

Perché molti sono chiamati, ma pochi eletti».

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, Mary Buttifant.*

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-Fakhri



Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community Asher Nigel who is presented for his baptism by his parents **Nigel and Nikita** at **Holy Spirit** this Sunday. We congratulate Asher and his family and pray for his spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

AMALGAMATION Update

Feedback from the St Mary's Consultative Meeting 4 October

Lead by: Ross Italiano & Elena Cafasso | 10 am & 5:30pm Mass Communities

Summary feedback from St Mary's 10 am Community (Attendance: 32 people)

The people of St Mary's are seeking reassurance, transparency, and better communication. They want to know their concerns are being heard. Although we were unable to answer every question directly, they appreciated our efforts to respond in Italian, as it gave them a genuine sense of being consulted. Many felt that, given their age and limited capacity to contribute, decisions about the Parish's future should be led by the next generation, who will be most affected by them.

Summary feedback from St Mary's 5.30pm Community (Attendance: 10 people)

The average age of this group was younger. They were generally positive about the amalgamation and proud of their Parish community and their involvement in it. They were keen to be part of, and see growth towards, a more vibrant, vital, and sustainable future.

Sintesi del feedback della comunità della Messa delle ore 10.00 di Santa Maria Partecipazione: 32 persone

Le persone di St Mary's cercano rassicurazione, trasparenza e una comunicazione migliore. Desiderano sapere che le loro preoccupazioni vengono ascoltate. Sebbene non siamo riusciti a rispondere direttamente a tutte le domande, hanno apprezzato i nostri sforzi nel rispondere in italiano, poiché questo ha dato loro un autentico senso di coinvolgimento e consultazione. Molti ritengono che, data la loro età e la limitata capacità di contribuire attivamente, le decisioni sul futuro della Parrocchia dovrebbero essere guidate dalle nuove generazioni, che saranno le più coinvolte e maggiormente interessate da tali scelte.

Sintesi del feedback della comunità della Messa delle ore 17.30 di Santa Maria (Partecipazione: 10 persone)

L'età media di questo gruppo era più giovane. In generale, si sono mostrati favorevoli all'unificazione delle parrocchie e orgogliosi della loro comunità parrocchiale e del proprio coinvolgimento in essa. Sono desiderosi di far parte di un percorso di crescita verso un futuro più vivace, dinamico e sostenibile.

Prayer Night for Season of Creation and St Francis' 800th Anniversary The EarthcareANT group thanks everyone who joined our prayer night. Christ's living water renews our relationship with God, one another, and creation. While the Season of Creation has ended, our call to care for our common home continues through everyday action.



Parish Contributions welcomed for silent Auction, Cake Stall and Choc Toss. Volunteers needed to help on the day with setup/pack down.

If you can help, contact the parish office.



St Mary's Primary School Thornbury are back at this years Rossmoyn Rummage - 2.5km of garage sales held on Rossmoyn Street in Thornbury on **Sunday 18th October from 10am**. St Mary's will host stalls of preloved books and toys + sausage sizzle, cake stall, coffee van, pop up sports clinics and more. **School Tour 12pm.**

