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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 June Sts Peter and Paul
3 July St Thomas the apostle

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Arcangela Petrucci (1 mth)
Pasqualina Raponi,
Antonio LoPiccolo, Maria Beninati,
Antonio Manfre, Francesca Manfre,
Maria Concetta Fonti, Nancy Naiken
Alice Scanlon, Mick Adam,
James Patrick Ahern (72yrs), Peter
Joseph Moran, Rosa Hanna Fahkry,
Faye Mhaya, Georgia Koullinos,
Shelley Mae Lawrie Glikeria
Constaninou, Giovanni Azzaro

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

28 June 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Matt 10:37-42

Last Sunday we heard part of the second discourse in Matthew's Gospel about Christian mission and today we conclude that discourse with some words of Jesus about the costs and benefits of being a person of mission. We think of a cost-benefit analysis as being such a feature of modern business practice, yet here in Matthew we find a basic form of the same thing. You do not need to spend years at university studying business administration or marketing to know that if the benefits outweigh costs then an enterprise is worth undertaking.



What does it cost being a disciple of Jesus? It costs us everything. It costs us our time and effort. Well, anything worth having does! It costs us our freedom and our families. Well, that happens to some in business and we are warned that is too high a cost to pay for anything! It costs us our lives. Well, hang on a minute! The last level was already too high a price; how can we be expected to give even more commitment? Can anything be worth giving up our very lives?

To be worth it, the benefits have to outweigh the costs, right? If we have already paid everything, what benefit can there be that makes having surrendered everything worthwhile? The cost is too high, the benefits seem to have evaporated. Where is the return on our investments? If we are put to the sword, if we take up our cross and follow him, what do we get in return? Here we must factor in the kingdom of heaven, for without it the cost-benefit analysis Jesus provides makes no sense at all. Being a Christian is not about profit-taking and short-term returns. Being a Christian is about believing that a stock market crash is about the best thing that can happen to us. This is simply crazy! If we operated like that in the business world we would soon be out of business. No wonder so many people back out of being Christian when they discover what it will cost them, and if we are not paying that price then we are not being Christian. What makes it even more crazy is that when we pay that price we do not earn anything. What we get from God is a gift, and we get that gift before we pay.

Geoffrey D Dunn

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**A reading from the second book of the Kings**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3, 16-19**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

R.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Readings

**Next Week: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 5 July 2026**

1st Rdg: Zech: 9:9-10

2nd Rdg: Rom 8: 9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Second Reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRIMA LETTURA (2Re 4,8-11.14-16)

Costui è un uomo di Dio, un santo, si fermi da noi.

Dal secondo libro dei Re Un giorno Eliseo passava per Sunem, ove c'era un'illustre donna, che lo trattenne a mangiare. In seguito, tutte le volte che passava, si fermava a mangiare da lei. Ella disse al marito: «Io so che è un uomo di Dio, un santo, colui che passa sempre da noi. Facciamo una piccola stanza superiore, in muratura, mettiamoci un letto, un tavolo, una sedia e un candeliere; così, venendo da noi, vi si potrà ritirare». Un giorno che passò di lì, si ritirò nella stanza superiore e si coricò. Eliseo [disse a Giezi, suo servo]: «Che cosa si può fare per lei?». Giezi disse: «Purtroppo lei non ha un figlio e suo marito è vecchio». Eliseo disse: «Chiamala!». La chiamò; ella si fermò sulla porta. Allora disse: «L'anno prossimo, in questa stessa stagione, tu stringerai un figlio fra le tue braccia». Parola di Dio

SALMO RESPONSORIALE (Sal 88)

Rit: Canterò per sempre l'amore del Signore.

Canterò in eterno l'amore del Signore, di generazione in generazione farò conoscere con la mia bocca la tua fedeltà, perché ho detto: «È un amore edificato per sempre; nel cielo rendi stabile la tua fedeltà».

Beato il popolo che ti sa acclamare: camminerà, Signore, alla luce del tuo volto; esulta tutto il giorno nel tuo nome, si esalta nella tua giustizia.

Perché tu sei lo splendore della sua forza e con il tuo favore innalzi la nostra fronte. Perché del Signore è il nostro scudo, il nostro re, del Santo d'Israele.

SECONDA LETTURA (Rm 6,3-4.8-11) Per mezzo del battesimo siamo stati sepolti con lui: camminiamo in una vita nuova.

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani Fratelli, non sapete che quanti siamo stati battezzati in Cristo Gesù, siamo stati battezzati nella sua morte? Per mezzo del battesimo dunque siamo stati sepolti insieme a lui nella morte affinché, come Cristo fu risuscitato dai morti per mezzo della gloria del Padre, così anche noi possiamo camminare in una vita nuova. Ma se siamo morti con Cristo, crediamo che anche vivremo con lui, sapendo che Cristo, risorto dai morti, non muore più; la morte non ha più potere su di lui. Infatti egli morì, e morì per il peccato una volta per tutte; ora invece vive, e vive per Dio. Così anche voi consideratevi morti al peccato, ma viventi per Dio, in Cristo Gesù.

Parola di Dio

Canto al Vangelo (Cf 1 Pt 2, 9)

Alleluia, alleluia. Voi siete stirpe eletta, sacerdozio regale, nazione santa; proclamate le opere ammirevoli di colui che vi ha chiamato dalle tenebre alla sua luce meravigliosa. Alleluia.

VANGELO (Mt 10,37-42) Chi non prende la croce non è degno di me. Chi accoglie voi, accoglie me.

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi apostoli: «Chi ama padre o madre più di me non è degno di me; chi ama figlio o figlia più di me non è degno di me; chi non prende la propria croce e non mi segue, non è degno di me. Chi avrà tenuto per sé la propria vita, la perderà, e chi avrà perduto la propria vita per causa mia, la troverà. Chi accoglie voi accoglie me, e chi accoglie me accoglie colui che mi ha mandato. Chi accoglie un profeta perché è un profeta, avrà la ricompensa del profeta, e chi accoglie un giusto perché è un giusto, avrà la ricompensa del giusto. Chi avrà dato da bere anche un solo bicchiere d'acqua fresca a uno di questi piccoli perché è un discepolo, in verità io vi dico: non perderà la sua ricompensa». Parola del Signore

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 2 weeks, then a new request is required.

Mary English, Peg Austin, Mary Michalopoulos, George Toma, Tony Greibeh, Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Sandra Robertson

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.melbatholic.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 Alphongeton.

"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



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Sunday 5 July 2026

This year invites us into reflection. We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass Sunday 5 July 2026, 11.00am St Patrick's Cathedral, NAIDOC Week Mass Sunday 12 July 2026, 11.00am St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

Next Weekend—5 July Join us for a cuppa after Mass

WE WISH ALL OUR SCHOOL STAFF AND FAMILIES A WONDERFUL BREAK!!

On **11-12 July** the St Vincent de Paul

Thornbury Conference will hold the Vinnies

Winter Appeal at St Mary's and Holy Spirit churches. One of

our Vinnies members will speak at Mass and there will be a special collection after Mass. Please support the work of your local Vinnies conference and help needy people in our area by giving a cash donation or using the QR code to donate



The ACU Centre for Liturgy is advertising the Project Coordinator role which provides administrative and project support to the Director and other staff of the ACU Centre for Liturgy. The Program Coordinator oversees the Centre's database and webpages and promotion of the Centre's training programs. See <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/jobs/1609>. Applications close on 5 July. General enquiries can be sent to Clare Johnson, Director – Centre for Liturgy at: clare.johnson@acu.edu.au.

Pranzo della festa di Sant'Antonio —

St Anthony's Luncheon

What a wonderful occasion it was again at our St Anthony's feast day luncheon. Led by the wonderful Lina and her team the luncheon continues to raise money for our parish and 60 people enjoyed a beautiful three course meal.



Reuse & Recycle Your Household Goods.

Do you have unwanted household items like old clothing, furniture, toys, crockery, electricals etc? Don't bin it—instead reuse or recycle it. Our Earthcare group in response to Laudato Si goals is sharing simple, practical tips to help us care for creation by reducing waste.

Please take a moment to read the Earthcare poster in the church foyer or website—there are suggestions for passing on or recycling unwanted items (in good condition). **Questions or keen to help?**

Contact the Parish Office and an Earthcare member will be in touch. See:



The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) are in urgent need of new, unopened shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, and household cleaning products. Thank you



Synod Corner: Reflection—Synodality and bishops ?

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.