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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: 9:00am Italian:
 11:00am: English
Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Recently Deceased

Lilian Zaltron, Iolanda Fiscarelli, Kashlah Boulos, Rmehyi Taouk and Fosca Poloniato.

Anniversaries

Iolanda Comodo (4 months), Laila Azrak Fakhry, Tony Jamil Najjar, Henri Lahoud Raffoul Rahme, Jamal Youssef Sukkar, Jean Bradley, Massoud Hanna Amad, Evelyn Lorraine Davies, Remgio Lanti, Angelo Delle Vergini, Filomena Colosimo, Romolo Rosselli (1 yr Anni.), Anna Netto (1 yr Anni.), Deceased family members of the Vavalà family, Ciccone family, and Mammone family.

To update parish details, please visit our official parish website:

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

22—23 February 2025



Learning a new language is challenging. It involves embracing the unfamiliar, accepting new challenges, and aiming for the impossible. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to unlearn the familiar language of the world and embrace a radical, countercultural way of living:

"Love your enemies."
 "Turn the other cheek."
 "Lend without expecting return."
 "Do not condemn."

At first, this seems impossible. Are we meant to cower in the face of insult? No! Jesus' teaching about "turning the other cheek" challenges oppression. In the ancient world, a backhanded slap was a demeaning gesture toward someone deemed inferior. By turning the other cheek, the powerless person forces the oppressor to acknowledge their equal dignity or expose their unclean intentions. This act is not passive submission but a bold statement: "You do not own or control me." It resists injustice without violence, asserting human dignity. St Paul reminds us that we are all made in the image of God, and Christ is the model of that image. Through Him, we are filled with the Spirit to transform our actions and attitudes. Today, we are challenged to resist the world's language of power and inequality. Instead, we are called to adopt the language of Christ—one of love, respect, and nonviolent change. The call to "turn the other cheek" is not about accepting injustice but about creative, courageous resistance. How will we speak this new language in our world today? Let us ask God to help us live this challenge and reflect His love and dignity in every encounter.

St Anthony's Alphington

2025 Open Mornings
 9.30-10.30am

TUE 11 FEB | THUR 6 MAR | WED 26 MAR
 MON 28 APR | TUE 13 MAY | THU 5 JUNE

Or alternatively please call to arrange a telephone with the Principal

ALL WELCOME

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First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23***A reading from the first book of Samuel***

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13***R. The Lord is kind and merciful.***

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repays us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians***

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit.

That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week 2 March 2025

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Prima lettura 1Sam 26,2.7-9.12-13.22-23**Dal primo libro di Samuèle**

In quei giorni, Saul si mosse e scese nel deserto di Zif, conducendo con sé tremila uomini scelti d'Israele, per ricercare Davide nel deserto di Zif.

Davide e Abisài scesero tra quella gente di notte ed ecco, Saul dormiva profondamente tra i carriaggi e la sua lancia era infissa a terra presso il suo capo, mentre Abner con la truppa dormiva all'intorno. Abisài disse a Davide: «Oggi Dio ti ha messo nelle mani il tuo nemico. Lascia dunque che io l'inchiiodi a terra con la lancia in un sol colpo e non aggiungerò il secondo». Ma Davide disse ad Abisài: «Non ucciderlo! Chi mai ha messo la mano sul consacrato del Signore ed è rimasto impunito?». Davide portò via la lancia e la brocca dell'acqua che era presso il capo di Saul e tutti e due se ne andarono; nessuno vide, nessuno se ne accorse, nessuno si svegliò: tutti dormivano, perché era venuto su di loro un torpore mandato dal Signore.

Davide passò dall'altro lato e si fermò lontano sulla cima del monte; vi era una grande distanza tra loro. Davide gridò: «Ecco la lancia del re: passi qui uno dei servitori e la prenda! Il Signore renderà a ciascuno secondo la sua giustizia e la sua fedeltà, dal momento che oggi il Signore ti aveva messo nelle mie mani e non ho voluto stendere la mano sul consacrato del Signore».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 102

Rit. _ Il Signore è buono e grande nell'amore.

L._ Benedici il Signore, anima mia, quanto è in me benedica il suo santo nome. Benedici il Signore, anima mia, non dimenticare tutti i suoi benefici. **Rit.**

L._ Egli perdona tutte le tue colpe, guarisce tutte le tue infermità, salva dalla fossa la tua vita, ti circonda di bontà e misericordia. **Rit.**

L._ Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore, lento all'ira e grande nell'amore. Non ci tratta secondo i nostri peccati e non ci ripaga secondo le nostre colpe. **Rit.**

L._ Quanto dista l'oriente dall'occidente, così egli allontana da noi le nostre colpe. Come è tenero un padre verso i figli, così il Signore è tenero verso quelli che lo temono. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Cor 15,45-49

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, il primo uomo, Adamo, divenne un essere vivente, ma l'ultimo Adamo divenne spirito datore di

vita.

Non vi fu prima il corpo spirituale, ma quello animale, e poi lo spirituale.

Il primo uomo, tratto dalla terra, è fatto di terra; il secondo uomo viene dal cielo. Come è l'uomo terreno, così sono quelli di terra; e come è l'uomo celeste, così anche i celesti.

E come eravamo simili all'uomo terreno, così saremo simili all'uomo celeste.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Gv 13,34

Alleluia, alleluia.

Vi do un comandamento nuovo, dice il Signore: come io ho amato voi, così amatevi anche voi gli uni gli altri. Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 6,27-38

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«A voi che ascoltate, io dico: amate i vostri nemici, fate del bene a quelli che vi odiano, benedite coloro che vi maledicono, pregate per coloro che vi trattano male. A chi ti percuote sulla guancia, offri anche l'altra; a chi ti strappa il mantello, non rifiutare neanche la tunica.

Da' a chiunque ti chiede, e a chi prende le cose tue, non chiederle indietro.

E come volete che gli uomini facciano a voi, così anche voi fate a loro. Se amate quelli che vi amano, quale gratitudine vi è dovuta? Anche i peccatori amano quelli che li amano. E se fate del bene a coloro che fanno del bene a voi, quale gratitudine vi è dovuta? Anche i peccatori fanno lo stesso. E se prestate a coloro da cui sperate ricevere, quale gratitudine vi è dovuta? Anche i peccatori concedono prestiti ai peccatori per riceverne altrettanto. Amate invece i vostri nemici, fate del bene e prestate senza sperarne nulla, e la vostra ricompensa sarà grande e sarete figli dell'Altissimo, perché egli è benevolo verso gli ingrati e i malvagi.

Siate misericordiosi, come il Padre vostro è misericordioso.

Non giudicate e non sarete giudicati; non condannate e non sarete condannati; perdonate e sarete perdonati. Date e vi sarà dato: una misura buona, pigiata, colma e traboccante vi sarà versata nel grembo, perché con la misura con la quale misurate, sarà misurato a voi in cambio».

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.

Jane Spiteri and Tina Marangoni.

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

- 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 Alphonson.

"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



St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Store

Looking for Volunteers

The Vinnies store (885 High St Thornbury) is desperately looking for more volunteers. If you, or anyone you know, has some spare time to assist with shop activities (sorting, floor work, sales etc) they would love to hear from you.

Feel free to visit or to phone the store (9486 7653).

The store is an important part of the Vinnies organisation as the profits from the store go directly towards funding the welfare work that the parish conferences do (home visits to the needy in the local area). Also, the store is always looking for donations of decent quality goods - this includes, general household items, toys, clothing etc. Feel free to take your unwanted items to the store.

**Next Weekend, 1-2 March there will be a cuppa after all Masses
Please stay back and enjoy meeting other parishioners.**

St Anthony's
Primary School
Twilight Fair
Friday 28th February
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MEDITATION: Christian Meditation has restarted, meets every Thursday at 10.30am, at Holy Spirit Church Thornbury East.



Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025 Masses

9:15am School Masses: **St Joseph's & St Mary's**
11:30am School Masses: **St Anthony's & Holy Spirit**
7:30pm English mass : **St Joseph's**



**Seniors Mass St Joseph's Northcote
Friday 28th February at 10:30 am**

**Anointing Mass and Morning Tea in the church.
All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.**



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.