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PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST ANTHONY'S

45 Railway Pl, Alphington VIC 3078
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52 Austin St, Alphington VIC 3078 | Ph: (03) 9489 7936

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

14 Sept: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows
16 Sept: Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and
Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Recently Deceased:

Franca Mazzone, Mitchell Pistofian

Anniversaries

Giuseppina Leone (1 Month)

Andy Anderson (8 Years),
Vito Antonio Fiscarelli (20 Years),
Clement Naiken, Nancy O'Neill, and
Hugh and Molly O'Neill.

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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

12-13 September 2026



LUCKY DRAW!!

One lucky family* will
win a dinner cooked by
Fr Shabin & Fr Tuong
featuring delicious
Indian & Vietnamese
food!

COMBINED PARISH COMMUNITY

Spring PICNIC

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.

11 OCTOBER * FROM 11:30 AM

ST ANTHONYS PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS
59 AUSTIN ST, ALPHINGTON 3078

BBQ SAUSAGES & SALAD PROVIDED + TEA, COFFEE &
CORDIAL. PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE & YOUR
PICNIC BLANKET!

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT

Save the Date: Combined Parish Spring Picnic - 11 October

Please join us for an afternoon of food, good company and community spirit.
Everyone is invited!

When: Sunday 11 October

Time: anytime from 11:30 am

Where: St Anthony's Primary School grounds
59 Austin Street Alphington (parking on local streets only)

RSVP: Friday 2 October

Please Register via the Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/1647447> or use the
QR Code provided on the right or Email: adminANT@cam.org.au or Call: 03 9484 2907



First Reading Sirach 27:30 - 28:7**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear
your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

R. *The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

L. 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.**

L. 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.**

L. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

L. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**



1 September to 4 October

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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 Matthew 18:21-35**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Readings: Next Week: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 20 September 2026**

1st Rdg: Isaiah 55:6-9
2nd Rdg: Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Prima lettura Sir 27,33-28,9*Dal libro del Siràcide*

Rancore e ira sono cose orribili,
e il peccatore le porta dentro.
Chi si vendica subirà la vendetta del Signore,
il quale tiene sempre presenti i suoi peccati.
Perdona l'offesa al tuo prossimo
e per la tua preghiera ti saranno rimessi i peccati.
Un uomo che resta in collera verso un altro uomo,
come può chiedere la guarigione al Signore?
Lui che non ha misericordia per l'uomo suo simile,
come può supplicare per i propri peccati?
Se lui, che è soltanto carne, conserva rancore,
come può ottenere il perdono di Dio?
Chi espierà per i suoi peccati?
Ricòrdati della fine e smetti di odiare,
della dissoluzione e della morte e resta fedele ai
comandamenti.
Ricorda i precetti e non odiare il prossimo,
l'alleanza dell'Altissimo e dimentica gli errori altrui.

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._ Non è in lite per sempre,
non rimane adirato in eterno.
Non ci tratta secondo i nostri peccati
e non ci ripaga secondo le nostre colpe. **Rit.**

L._ Perché quanto il cielo è alto sulla terra,
così la sua misericordia è potente su quelli che lo
temono;
quanto dista l'oriente dall'occidente,
così egli allontana da noi le nostre colpe. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Rm 14,7-9*Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani*

Fratelli, nessuno di noi vive per se stesso e nessuno
muore per se stesso, perché se noi viviamo, viviamo
per il Signore, se noi moriamo, moriamo per il
Signore.

Sia che viviamo, sia che moriamo, siamo del Signore.
Per questo infatti Cristo è morto ed è ritornato alla vita:
per essere il Signore dei morti e dei vivi.

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** Mt 18, 21-35*Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo*

In quel tempo, Pietro si avvicinò a Gesù e gli disse:

«Signore, se il mio fratello commette colpe contro di
me, quante volte dovrò perdonargli? Fino a sette
volte?».

E Gesù gli rispose:

«Non ti dico fino a sette volte, ma fino a settanta
volte sette.

Per questo, il regno dei cieli è simile a un re che volle
regolare i conti con i suoi servi. Aveva cominciato a
regolare i conti, quando gli fu presentato un tale che
gli doveva diecimila talenti. Poiché costui non era in
grado di restituire, il padrone ordinò che fosse
venduto lui con la moglie, i figli e quanto possedeva,
e così saldasse il debito. Allora il servo, prostrato a
terra, lo supplicava dicendo: «Abbi pazienza con me e
ti restituirò ogni cosa». Il padrone ebbe compassione
di quel servo, lo lasciò andare e gli condonò il debito.
Appena uscito, quel servo trovò uno dei suoi
compagni, che gli doveva cento denari. Lo prese per il
collo e lo soffocava, dicendo: «Restituisci quello che
devi!». Il suo compagno, prostrato a terra, lo pregava
dicendo: «Abbi pazienza con me e ti restituirò». Ma
egli non volle, andò e lo fece gettare in prigione, fino
a che non avesse pagato il debito.

Visto quello che accadeva, i suoi compagni furono
molto dispiaciuti e andarono a riferire al loro
padrone tutto l'accaduto. Allora il padrone fece
chiamare quell'uomo e gli disse: «Servo malvagio, io
ti ho condonato tutto quel debito perché tu mi hai
pregato. Non dovevi anche tu aver pietà del tuo
compagno, così come io ho avuto pietà di te?».

Sdegnato, il padrone lo diede in mano agli aguzzini,
finché non avesse restituito tutto il dovuto.

Così anche il Padre mio celeste farà con voi se non
perdonerete di cuore, ciascuno al proprio fratello».

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, Shanaz Irfan, Angela Di Beneddetto, Bernadette Zammet, Sharbil Karous, Suhalia Yousif, Wafa Ibrahim.

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 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

PARISH AMALGAMATION

Dear Parishioners, As we move through the consultative process of Amalgamation our next step is our first consultation meeting with our communities. It is a time to think about our parish, its history, and our role in it. Each community will have a consultative session as listed below, they will be held after all Masses, and you can join any session that suits your diary. These Consultative meetings will take place as follows:

St Joseph's: **5.30pm Mass Saturday 12/9 and Sunday 11am Mass 13/9**

St Anthony's: **10.30am Mass Sunday 13/9**

Holy Spirit: **5pm Mass Saturday 19/9 and Sunday 9.30am Mass 20/9**

St Mary's: **10am Mass and 5.30pm Masses Sunday 4/10**

We hope one of these times suit your diary and look forward to seeing you there. Transition Team

QA: What does it mean that our finances are going to be amalgamated?

At present, we have been operating under 3 separate entities with 3 ABNs as a Mission group of parishes. We pay most expenses three times whether it be utilities, council rates, software licenses, Archdiocesan levies and charges, three insurances, etc. We have one accountant who oversees three sets of books, reports quarterly to the tax office for three ABNs, prepares 3 quarterly finance reports, has to review three reconciliations monthly and prepare three financial statements annually. We also pay invoices for services used across all three parishes, with the associated costs and GST apportioned accordingly.

As an Amalgamated parish, we would be one entity, under 1 ABN with all licenses and payments being paid out of one account. Each parish is financially viable, there are no loans, each parish has investments at CDF enjoying excellent interest rates, each parish has buildings that are being rented commercially. The major costs for all churches cover maintenance,

insurance, safety requirements, purchase of new assets, utility bills, salaries etc. The major costs regarding the use of funds is discussed by the finance teams and advice is recommended to Fr Shabin for his consideration and approval. Amalgamation will save time and effort in administration, reporting, compliance with worksafe, the ATO and the annual return to the ACNC. This centralisation will streamline processes and decision making and communication. The intention of amalgamation is not to disadvantage any community, but to simplify administration and strengthen the responsible stewardship of parish resources.

D: Cosa significa che le nostre finanze saranno accorpate?

Attualmente le nostre tre parrocchie operano come tre entità distinte, ciascuna con il proprio ABN. Ciò significa che molte spese vengono sostenute tre volte, come utenze, tasse comunali, licenze software, contributi e oneri diocesani, assicurazioni e altri costi amministrativi.

Inoltre, il nostro contabile gestisce tre contabilità separate, tre serie di rapporti finanziari e tre dichiarazioni annuali. Anche le spese condivise tra le parrocchie devono essere ripartite e contabilizzate separatamente.

Con l'amalgamazione, le tre parrocchie diventeranno un'unica entità con un solo ABN, un unico sistema contabile e un'unica struttura amministrativa. Tutte le parrocchie sono finanziariamente solide: non hanno prestiti, possiedono investimenti presso il CDF e dispongono di immobili affittati commercialmente. Le principali spese riguardano manutenzione, assicurazioni, requisiti di sicurezza, nuove attrezzature, utenze e stipendi. Le decisioni sull'utilizzo dei fondi continueranno a essere valutate dai gruppi finanziari e sottoposte a Fr Shabin per approvazione. L'amalgamazione non ha lo scopo di svantaggiare alcuna comunità, ma di semplificare l'amministrazione, ridurre il carico burocratico, migliorare l'efficienza e rafforzare una gestione responsabile delle risorse parrocchiali.

Archbishop's Annual Campaign 12-13 September- Third Collection This

Weekend supporting Catholic Care Victoria Chaplaincy program, Melbourne Overseas Missions, John Pearce Centre, and other vital Archdiocesan ministries. For more information on tax deductible gifts see below or visit: [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopsacampaign](https://www.melbournecatholic.org/archbishopsacampaign)—see envelopes on the church pews and foyer.

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Immersion in Living Water signifies renewal, new life, and God's healing grace. Like the water flowing from the Temple, it invites us to trust deeply and let God's love flow through us as life-giving springs for others. Jn 4:14

To support the Caritas-Nepal Flood Appeal, visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/> or call **1800 024 413** toll free.