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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.

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST ANTHONY'S

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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

Mon 17th: St Patrick, Bishop
Wed 19th: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Recently Deceased

Tom McMahon, Samia Younis Istefto and Elena Mandaliti.

Anniversaries

Allessandro Reginto, Alfonso Filippin, Leonardo Friguglietti, Filomena Colosimo, Joyce Wong, Antonios Saada Taouk, Hanna Daniel Fakhry, Siham Youssef Habchi, Najiba Moussa Fakhry, Malak Younis, Emile Khairallah Kairouz, Fatima Mansoor (3yrs) and Sebastiana Leonese (1 yr).

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



2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

15—16 March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

This Sunday, Jesus takes Peter, James and John, the three who will accompany him into the garden of Gethsemane, the night before he died, but this time, they go up a mountain for Jesus to pray. While praying, he is transfigured. His clothes and features glow like lightning. The three are seeing something of the divine nature that is his by nature. Moses and Elijah come and the three talk about the Exodus, the passing, Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem with his suffering, death and resurrection.

Moses and Elijah are significant. Moses liberated the people from slavery and gave them the law that would guide their becoming the chosen people. Elijah, the great prophet of the end time, appears saying by his presence that in Jesus the last phase of human history has begun.

Peter, James and John cannot unsee what happened before them. Jesus is talking about what will happen in Jerusalem – suffering and death and resurrection to new life. His Father reassures him that he is the son, the chosen one and the disciples are to listen to him.

These three will fail him when the end comes. Sleeping while he agonises over what is coming. Fleeing from the site of the crucifixion. But with the resurrection, they encounter not someone glowing like light but radiant with the fullness of humanity. St Paul reminds us that what happened to our Lord will happen to us – our lowly bodies will be transfigured. Heaven is our homeland. We shall walk the halls of heaven as transfigured human beings, not disembodied souls. We shall recognize each other and rejoice in being together again. But, for this to be realised, we must listen to "Him" as attentively as we can.

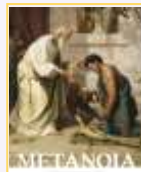
Bringing our communities together for Holy Week

In consultation with our Parish Staff and Liturgy & Worship Ministry team, the Pastoral Leadership Team has decided to ask our communities to join together for some liturgical celebrations during Holy Week this year. This will result in fewer overall liturgies within our parishes, with Holy Week Masses and services to be shared among our four churches and rotated in subsequent years.

We hope that these changes will:

- ◆ reduce the burden on our priests, sacristans, and other volunteers
- ◆ strengthen the relationships between our Partnership Parishes
- ◆ enhance the richness and vibrancy of our liturgical celebrations.

More information, and a full timetable for Holy Week in 2025, will be shared in coming weeks. Parish Pastoral Leadership Team



Lenten Program - Metanoia— by The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong:
To join either group, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Wednesday Lenten Group: meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Held at the home of John and Anne from Holy Spirit.

Thursday Christian Meditation Group: Meets every Thursday at 10:30am at Holy Spirit Church.

Booklets are available from the back of the church—Cost \$10—to pay for it, enclose money in the envelope provided and place in collection basket during mass.



Project Compassion 2025: Uniting against poverty this Lent-
Please collect your project compassion box from the back of the church.

The funds raised will help provide clean and safe drinking water in Samoan schools where students face severe challenges to their learning due to water scarcity. [learn more.](#)



First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**A reading from the book of Genesis**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading Philippians 3:17 - 4:1**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you

often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 9:28-36**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus,

'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' -

He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid.

And a voice came from the cloud saying,

'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'.

And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week 23 March 2025

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Prima lettura Gen 15,5-12.17-18**Dal libro della Genesi**

In quei giorni, Dio condusse fuori Abram e gli disse: «Guarda in cielo e conta le stelle, se riesci a contarle» e soggiunse: «Tale sarà la tua discendenza». Egli credette al Signore, che glielo accreditò come giustizia.

E gli disse: «Io sono il Signore, che ti ho fatto uscire da Ur dei Caldei per darti in possesso questa terra».

Rispose: «Signore Dio, come potrò sapere che ne avrò il possesso?». Gli disse: «Prendimi una giovenca di tre anni, una capra di tre anni, un ariete di tre anni, una tortora e un colombo».

Andò a prendere tutti questi animali, li divise in due e collocò ogni metà di fronte all'altra; non divise però gli uccelli. Gli uccelli rapaci calarono su quei cadaveri, ma Abram li scacciò.

Mentre il sole stava per tramontare, un torpore cadde su Abram, ed ecco terrore e grande oscurità lo assalirono.

Quando, tramontato il sole, si era fatto buio fitto, ecco un braciere fumante e una fiaccola ardente passare in mezzo agli animali divisi. In quel giorno il Signore concluse quest'alleanza con Abram:

«Alla tua discendenza
io do questa terra,
dal fiume d'Egitto
al grande fiume, il fiume Eufrate».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 26****Rit. _ Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza.**

L._ Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza:
di chi avrò timore?

Il Signore è difesa della mia vita:
di chi avrò paura? **Rit.**

L._ Ascolta, Signore, la mia voce.
Io grido: abbi pietà di me, rispondimi!
Il mio cuore ripete il tuo invito:

«Cercate il mio volto!».
Il tuo volto, Signore, io cerco. **Rit.**

L._ Non nascondermi il tuo volto,
non respingere con ira il tuo servo.
Sei tu il mio aiuto, non lasciarmi,
non abbandonarmi, Dio della mia salvezza. **Rit.**

L._ Sono certo di contemplare la bontà del Signore
nella terra dei viventi.
Spera nel Signore, sii forte,
si rinsaldi il tuo cuore e spera nel Signore. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Fil 3,17- 4,1**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippesi**

Fratelli, fatevi insieme miei imitatori e guardate quelli che si comportano secondo l'esempio che avete in noi. Perché molti – ve l'ho già detto più volte e ora, con le lacrime agli occhi, ve lo ripeto – si comportano da nemici della croce di Cristo. La loro sorte finale sarà la perdizione, il ventre è il loro dio. Si vantano di ciò di cui dovrebbero vergognarsi e non pensano che alle cose della terra.

La nostra cittadinanza infatti è nei cieli e di là aspettiamo come salvatore il Signore Gesù Cristo, il quale trasfigurerà il nostro misero corpo per conformarlo al suo corpo glorioso, in virtù del potere che egli ha di sottomettere a sé tutte le cose.

Perciò, fratelli miei carissimi e tanto desiderati, mia gioia e mia corona, rimanete in questo modo saldi nel Signore, carissimi!

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Mc 9,7**

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Dalla nube luminosa, si udì la voce del Padre:

«Questi è il mio Figlio, l'amato: ascoltatelo!».

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Vangelo Lc 9,28-36**Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

In quel tempo, Gesù prese con sé Pietro, Giovanni e Giacomo e salì sul monte a pregare. Mentre pregava, il suo volto cambiò d'aspetto e la sua veste divenne candida e sfolgorante. Ed ecco, due uomini conversavano con lui: erano Mosè ed Elia, apparsi nella gloria, e parlavano del suo esodo, che stava per compiersi a Gerusalemme.

Pietro e i suoi compagni erano oppressi dal sonno; ma, quando si svegliarono, videro la sua gloria e i due uomini che stavano con lui.

Mentre questi si separavano da lui, Pietro disse a Gesù: «Maestro, è bello per noi essere qui. Facciamo tre capanne, una per te, una per Mosè e una per Elia». Egli non sapeva quello che diceva.

Mentre parlava così, venne una nube e li coprì con la sua ombra. All'entrare nella nube, ebbero paura. E dalla nube uscì una voce, che diceva: «Questi è il Figlio mio, l'eletto; ascoltatelo!».

Appena la voce cessò, restò Gesù solo. Essi tacquero e in quei giorni non riferirono a nessuno ciò che avevano visto.

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.

Piere and Shady, Baby Joe, Edmend and Nehae, Phillip and Milly.

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 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



St Joseph's Feast Day

Sunday 23rd of March

11am at St Joseph's church Northcote

The Celebration of the Feast of St Joseph and the presentation of the Sacramental Candidates for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation will be held on **Sunday 23 March at 11:00am, at St Joseph's Church Northcote.** The students at St Joseph's School have created a beautiful white lily, using their hands as a template. These special lilies will be distributed as a gift to all at the conclusion of Mass. Mass will be followed by morning Tea. **ALL WELCOME - Please bring a plate to share.**



How proud and thankful Fr Neale Wilson would be of our memorial wall and garden. His vision has provided a peaceful and prayerful place for parishioners to remember loved ones. Recent work by Jonathan Whitty has made the space beautiful again. Thank you.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community:

- ◆ Michael & Lynette as they present Daniel Christopher Edward
- ◆ Jason & Cara as they present Harriet Isobel Hoon

for their baptisms at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



During the month of March, children at our Parish Primary schools and those preparing through the Sacramental Program will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this coming week:

- From St Mary's School Wednesday 19th March at 7.00 pm—St Mary's Church
- From St Joseph's School Thursday 20th March at 6.00 pm—St Joseph's Church

Please keep all our students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gentle forgiveness and love of their Lord.

New Seminarians in our Parishes: We welcome our seminarians Greg Lewis and Joseph Mae to the Partnership Parishes. They will begin their Sunday Parish Placement Program this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

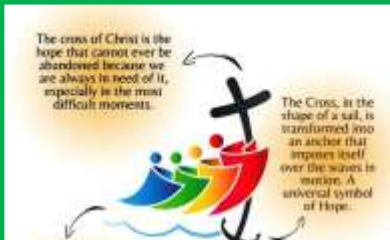
Welcome Fr Geo

We welcome Fr George (Geo) to our Partnership parishes. Fr Geo is a priest from Kerala, India who is joining the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He will be with us for his orientation period, and will reside with Fr Shabin and Fr Peter at St Mary's Presbytery. **A warm welcome to our Partnered Parishes!**

St Joseph's Feast and Combined Choirs

The Combined Choir gathered from parishioners from our 4 churches will come together for the first time to sing at **St Joseph's Feast Day, Sunday 23rd March at 11am mass.** Rehearsal will be on **Sunday 16th of March** at 12.15pm at St Joseph's church 140 Westbourne Grove, Northcote. Music materials have been sent this week to those Members who sent their RSVP.

The rehearsal will be conducted by Dr Daryl Barclay. All welcome.



JUBILEE 2025

Understanding the Symbols of The Jubilee Logo

To learn more about the Jubilee Year, see

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