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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

3 Aug: St Dominic, priest
4 Aug: St John Vianney, priest
6 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord
8 Aug: St Mary of the Cross, Solemnity

Recently Deceased

Kevin McCreech, Peter Estephan,
John McNamee, Seta Dindo 2 wks.

Anniversaries

Blair Gardiner 1 Yr, Caterina Mercuri
1 1/2 Yrs, Bruna & Bruno Pezzutti 2 Yrs,
Nicola Totino 5 Yrs, Biagio De Petro,
Giovanni & Rosa Serraglio,
Kevin J McGrath, Margaret Hardiman,
Alphonse Tobin, Denise Resk Rahme,
Rashida & Hassib Harb, Peter S Taouk,
Toufic E Yazbek, Kamal Rahme S Fakhry,
Evelyn Shepherd, Angelo & Rita Picorilli,
Sante Barbanera & members of his
family, Salam Fakry, and Samir Kairouz.

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

1-2 August 2026

"A New Initiative For Our Communities"

Next weekend, Fr Shabin and Fr Tuong will present to you a new initiative that the Archbishop is encouraging across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

It is a process of Parish renewal that seeks to ensure that all Parishes be Vibrant, Vital and Viable communities of Faith. As a part of the process of ensuring that this is happening, we have been asked to look more closely and intentionally at these three areas and see how best we can flourish as a community of faith. The three Parishes of St Joseph's, St Mary's and Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the four schools have already been working together very closely for over three years, with two Priests working across the four communities. The Archdiocese has set out a goal of reducing the number of Parishes from more than 200 5 years ago to 129 by 2030. For us this means we need to formalise what we have already been doing well over the past three years. Taking the Way of the Gospel which is a framework for Parish Renewal will afford us an exciting opportunity to ensure that we are Vibrant, Vital and Viable faith communities into the future. This is an exciting opportunity to reshape who we are as Church. We are working with Suzette Diaz from the Archdiocese of Melbourne who will lead and guide us in a communal discernment process that will shape the future of who we are.

Una Nuova Iniziativa per le Nostre Comunità

Il prossimo fine settimana, Padre Shabin e Padre Tuong vi presenteranno una nuova iniziativa che l'Arcivescovo sta promuovendo in tutta l'Arcidiocesi di Melbourne.

Si tratta di un percorso di rinnovamento parrocchiale che mira a garantire che tutte le parrocchie siano comunità di fede vivaci, vitali e sostenibili. Come parte di questo cammino, siamo stati invitati a riflettere con maggiore attenzione e intenzionalità su queste tre dimensioni, per comprendere come possiamo continuare a crescere e a fiorire come comunità di fede.

Le tre parrocchie di St Joseph's, St Mary's e della Parrocchia dello Holy Spirit e St Anthony's, insieme alle quattro scuole, collaborano già molto strettamente da oltre tre anni, con due sacerdoti che prestano servizio nelle quattro comunità. L'Arcidiocesi ha fissato l'obiettivo di ridurre il numero delle parrocchie da oltre 200, cinque anni fa, a 129 entro il 2030. Per noi, ciò significa formalizzare quanto stiamo già facendo con successo negli ultimi tre anni.

Taking the Way of the Gospel (Accogliendo La Via del Vangelo), che costituisce il quadro di riferimento per il Rinnovamento Parrocchiale, ci offre una preziosa opportunità di crescere e diventare comunità di fede vivaci, vitali e sostenibili per il futuro. È inoltre un'occasione per riflettere e rimodellare chi siamo come Chiesa e il modo in cui viviamo la nostra missione.

Stiamo lavorando con Suzette Diaz dell'Arcidiocesi di Melbourne, che ci accompagnerà e guiderà in un processo di discernimento comunitario che contribuirà a plasmare il nostro futuro come comunità ecclesiale.

First Reading *Isaiah 55:1-3***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:8-9, 15-18*

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

L_ The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

L_ The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

L_ The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading *Romans 8:35, 37-39***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans**

Nothing can come between us and the love of
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him
who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf Matthew 4:4*

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they
could be by themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he
stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity
on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said,
'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so
send the people away, and they can go to the villages to
buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no
need for them to go: give them something to eat
yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is
five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he
said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down
on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two
fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing.
And breaking the loaves he handed them to his
disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as
much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps
remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate
numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of
women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes

[Mosaic in the church of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, Italy](#)
artist unknown, 6 Century

**Readings: Next Week: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 9 August 2026**

1st Rdg: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

2nd Rdg: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Prima lettura *Is 55,1-3*
Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Così dice il Signore:

«O voi tutti assetati, venite all'acqua,
 voi che non avete denaro, venite;
 comprate e mangiate; venite, comprate
 senza denaro, senza pagare, vino e latte.
 Perché spendete denaro per ciò che non è pane,
 il vostro guadagno per ciò che non sazia?
 Su, ascoltate e mangerete cose buone
 e gusterete cibi succulenti.
 Porgete l'orecchio e venite a me,
 ascoltate e vivrete.
 Io stabilirò per voi un'alleanza eterna,
 i favori assicurati a Davide».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale (*Sal 144*)

**Rit. _ Apri la tua mano, Signore,
 e sazia ogni vivente.**

L._ Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore,
 lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.
 Buono è il Signore verso tutti,
 la sua tenerezza si espande su tutte le creature. **Rit.**

L._ Gli occhi di tutti a te sono rivolti in attesa
 e tu dai loro il cibo a tempo opportuno.
 Tu apri la tua mano
 e sazi il desiderio di ogni vivente. **Rit.**

L._ Giusto è il Signore in tutte le sue vie
 e buono in tutte le sue opere.
 Il Signore è vicino a chiunque lo invoca,
 a quanti lo invocano con sincerità. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura *Rm 8,35.37-39*

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, chi ci separerà dall'amore di Cristo? Forse
 la tribolazione, l'angoscia, la persecuzione, la fame,
 la nudità, il pericolo, la spada?

Ma in tutte queste cose noi siamo più che vincitori
 grazie a colui che ci ha amati.

Io sono infatti persuaso che né morte né vita, né
 angeli né principati, né presente né avvenire, né
 potenze, né altezza né profondità, né alcun'altra
 creatura potrà mai separarci dall'amore di Dio, che
 è in Cristo Gesù, nostro Signore.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo *Mt 4,4b*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Non di solo pane vivrà l'uomo,
 ma di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio.

Alleluia.

Vangelo *Mt 14,13-21*

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, avendo udito [della morte di Giovanni Battista], Gesù partì di là su una barca e si ritirò in un luogo deserto, in disparte.

Ma le folle, avendolo saputo, lo seguirono a piedi dalle città. Sceso dalla barca, egli vide una grande folla, sentì compassione per loro e guarì i loro malati.

Sul far della sera, gli si avvicinarono i discepoli e gli dissero:

«Il luogo è deserto ed è ormai tardi; congeda la folla perché vada nei villaggi a comprarsi da mangiare».

Ma Gesù disse loro:

«Non occorre che vadano; voi stessi date loro da mangiare».

Gli risposero:

«Qui non abbiamo altro che cinque pani e due pesci!». Ed egli disse: «Portatemeli qui».

E, dopo aver ordinato alla folla di sedersi sull'erba, prese i cinque pani e i due pesci, alzò gli occhi al cielo, recitò la benedizione, spezzò i pani e li diede ai discepoli, e i discepoli alla folla.

Tutti mangiarono a sazietà, e portarono via i pezzi avanzati: dodici ceste piene. Quelli che avevano mangiato erano circa cinquemila uomini, senza contare le donne e i bambini.

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, Max Gomez, Sharbel Kayrous and Goerge Toma.*

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-Fahkri



Parish Notices



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community **Navira Pavilupillai** who is presented for her baptism by her parents **Anthony and Frialie** at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate Navira and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Confirmation Commitment—This weekend, children from Holy Spirit, St Anthony's and St Mary's Primary Schools and children from our RCIS program will make their confirmation commitment:

– Saturday 1 Aug, 5pm at Holy Spirit—Thornbury East

– Sunday 2 Aug, 10am at St Mary's Thornbury

10:30am at St Anthony's Alphington

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacred sacrament.



Friday 7 August at St Anthony's Alphington

First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins **8:45 am**



Friday 7 Aug Whole School Mass at St Anthony's Alphington 9:15 am

Celebrating the Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)

All welcome to join us in honouring Australia's first Saint

Loving God, on this feast of Saint Mary MacKillop, we thank You for her bold spirit, deep faith, and care for the poor. May her example inspire us to act with generosity, courage, and hope. Teach us to trust in Your providence and to be signs of Your compassion walking humbly in service to one another. Amen

Feast of the Assumption Sat 15 Aug Parish Mass 9:15am—St Mary's

Next Weekend—8/9 August Join us for a cuppa after Mass and share your thoughts on the new parish initiative with your representative.

National Vocations Awareness Week 2-9 Aug—Vocations grow within families, communities, and parishes. Strong, faith-filled homes and communities nurture these callings. During National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish and for those preparing for marriage. May our parish always encourage vocations to marriage, priesthood, and consecrated life.

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census—Australia's national Census is on **11 August 2026**. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the religion question. A strong Catholic presence in the Census helps ensure our community is recognised in national planning.

Census data supports Church pastoral planning and informs government decisions on health, education, infrastructure, and social services. By identifying as Catholic, you help ensure the needs and contributions of faith communities are considered in future policy and funding. Penny Badwal—Senior Policy Officer—Office of the Archbishop—Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Pray for Gaza—To support Caritas Australia's **Act for peace in Gaza Appeal**, visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/gaza/> or call **1800 024 413** toll free. May God bring comfort, healing, and hope to all who are suffering.



Synod Corner: Reflection—Synodality is about Mission The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.