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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

July 3: St Thomas, apostle

Recently Deceased

Terri Priscini, Carmelina Italiano,
Francesco Sabatino, Ruth Trait,
Carmel O'Toule.

Anniversaries

Angelo Mattiuzzo,
Bruna and Bruno Pezzutti,
Mona Leila Taouk, India A. Mason,
Wahibe Estephan, Teresa Lodato
Youssef Azrak Fakhry, Mick Adam,
James Patrick Ahern and
Alice Scanlon (30 years).

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Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul Apostles Year C 29 June 2025

Solemnity Saints Peter and Paul Apostles

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul—two towering figures in the early Church whose lives continue to inspire our journey of faith.

Veronica Lawson RSM's reflection on John 21:15–19 invites us to contemplate the tender moment of Peter's rehabilitation after his threefold denial of Jesus. In a deeply personal exchange, Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Each affirmation is met with a pastoral commission: "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," "Feed my sheep." This shepherd imagery speaks to leadership rooted in love, humility, and service—not domination.

Peter's story reminds us that failure does not disqualify us from discipleship. Jesus' forgiveness and trust in Peter show that love and commitment can restore and empower us to serve.

While the Gospel centers on Peter, this feast also honors Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. Paul's dramatic transformation—from persecutor to passionate preacher—reveals the power of grace and the call to mission.

Together, Peter and Paul represent diverse paths to discipleship. Their lives encourage us to embrace the unique gifts and callings within our community, united in service of the Gospel.

May their witness inspire us to lead with love, persevere through failure, and respond boldly to God's call. *(Reflection on the Gospel of John 21:15-19-Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Veronica Lawson RSM)*



Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) – Melbourne 2025 is open to students from Year 9 and up, young adults (up to 25), and parish youth groups! Be part of an unforgettable experience at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, a national celebration of faith, friendship, and the future of the Church.



Dates: Sunday 30 November – Tuesday 2 December 2025



Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)



Registration: Now open via acyf.org.au



Cost: From \$345–\$410 depending on location and group type
(excludes travel, food, and accommodation)

ACYF offers dynamic speakers, uplifting music, engaging workshops, and powerful liturgies — all designed to help young people grow in faith and community.

Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired to live the Gospel with joy and celebrate the vibrant life of the Church in Australia! Call the parish office for more information.

First Reading Acts 12:1-11**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9

R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel of John Matthew 16:13-19**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
6 July 2025

1st Rdg: Isaiah 66:10-14 2nd Rdg: Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Prima lettura At 12,1-11**Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

In quel tempo il re Erode cominciò a perseguitare alcuni membri della Chiesa. Fece uccidere di spada Giacomo, fratello di Giovanni. Vedendo che ciò era gradito ai Giudei, fece arrestare anche Pietro. Erano quelli i giorni degli Azzimi. Lo fece catturare e lo gettò in carcere, consegnandolo in custodia a quattro picchetti di quattro soldati ciascuno, col proposito di farlo comparire davanti al popolo dopo la Pasqua.

Mentre Pietro dunque era tenuto in carcere, dalla Chiesa saliva incessantemente a Dio una preghiera per lui. In quella notte, quando Erode stava per farlo comparire davanti al popolo, Pietro, piantonato da due soldati e legato con due catene, stava dormendo, mentre davanti alle porte le sentinelle custodivano il carcere.

Ed ecco, gli si presentò un angelo del Signore e una luce sfolgorò nella cella. Egli toccò il fianco di Pietro, lo destò e disse: «Alzati, in fretta!». E le catene gli caddero dalle mani. L'angelo gli disse: «Mettiti la cintura e lègati i sandali». E così fece. L'angelo disse: «Metti il mantello e seguimi!». Pietro uscì e prese a seguirlo, ma non si rendeva conto che era realtà ciò che stava succedendo per opera dell'angelo: credeva invece di avere una visione.

Essi oltrepassarono il primo posto di guardia e il secondo e arrivarono alla porta di ferro che conduce in città; la porta si aprì da sé davanti a loro. Uscirono, percorsero una strada e a un tratto l'angelo si allontanò da lui.

Pietro allora, rientrato in sé, disse: «Ora so veramente che il Signore ha mandato il suo angelo e mi ha strappato dalla mano di Erode e da tutto ciò che il popolo dei Giudei si attendeva».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 33

Rit. _ Il Signore mi ha liberato da ogni paura.

L. Benedirò il Signore in ogni tempo, sulla mia bocca sempre la sua lode.

Io mi glorio nel Signore:

i poveri ascoltino e si rallegriano. **Rit.**

L. Magnificate con me il Signore, esaltiamo insieme il suo nome.

Ho cercato il Signore: mi ha risposto

e da ogni mia paura mi ha liberato. **Rit.**

L. Guardate a lui e sarete raggianti, i vostri volti non dovranno arrossire.

Questo povero grida e il Signore lo ascolta, lo salva da tutte le sue angosce. **Rit.**

L. L'angelo del Signore si accampa attorno a quelli che lo temono, e li libera.

Gustate e vedete com'è buono il Signore; beato l'uomo che in lui si rifugia. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 2Tm 4,6-8.17-18**Dalla seconda lettera di san Paolo apostolo a Timòteo**

Figlio mio, io sto già per essere versato in offerta ed è giunto il momento che io lasci questa vita. Ho combattuto la buona battaglia, ho terminato la corsa, ho conservato la fede.

Ora mi resta soltanto la corona di giustizia che il Signore, il giudice giusto, mi consegnerà in quel giorno; non solo a me, ma anche a tutti coloro che hanno atteso con amore la sua manifestazione.

Il Signore però mi è stato vicino e mi ha dato forza, perché io potessi portare a compimento l'annuncio del Vangelo e tutte le genti lo ascoltassero: e così fui liberato dalla bocca del leone.

Il Signore mi libererà da ogni male e mi porterà in salvo nei cieli, nel suo regno; a lui la gloria nei secoli dei secoli. Amen.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Mt 16,18

Alleluia, alleluia.

Tu sei Pietro e su questa pietra edificherò la mia Chiesa e le potenze degli inferi non prevarranno su di essa.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 16,13-19**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù, giunto nella regione di Cesarèa di Filippo, domandò ai suoi discepoli:

«La gente, chi dice che sia il Figlio dell'uomo?».

Risposero:

«Alcuni dicono Giovanni il Battista, altri Elia, altri Geremìa o qualcuno dei profeti».

Disse loro:

«Ma voi, chi dite che io sia?».

Rispose Simon Pietro: «Tu sei il Cristo, il Figlio del Dio vivente».

E Gesù gli disse:

«Beato sei tu, Simone, figlio di Giona, perché né carne né sangue te lo hanno rivelato, ma il Padre mio che è nei cieli. E io a te dico: tu sei Pietro e su questa pietra edificherò la mia Chiesa e le potenze degli inferi non prevarranno su di essa. A te darò le chiavi del regno dei cieli: tutto ciò che legherai sulla terra sarà legato nei cieli, e tutto ciò che scioglierai sulla terra sarà sciolto nei cieli».

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.

Olivia Ghriveh, Zoe Ghriveh, Rita Ljubetic, Joan Davidson, Laura Xuereb 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 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

Italian Luncheon for St Anthony's Feast

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lina Rubino and the St Anthony's Italian Committee for a beautiful meal and cordial atmosphere in honour of St Anthony's Feast. It was lovely to meet and chat with other parishioners. Tickets for a raffle were sold and a good number of people won some very nice prices.



New Envelopes for Holy Spirit and St Anthony's are at the back of the church. Please assist us and save us money by taking yours home.

Friday 4th July Anointing Mass—at St Anthony's Alphington—9:15 am



First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Anthony's Alphington starting at 8:30 am followed by Anointing Mass at 9:15 am.

Next Weekend Sunday 5th/6th July—Cuppa after mass please join Youth Mass on Sunday 6th July at 5:30pm at St. Mary's. All Welcome!

Peter's Pence—The Pope's Mission Collection—3rd collection Next Sunday

Held on the weekend of **July 5–6**, this annual Catholic Church initiative takes place around the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**. It supports the Pope's charitable efforts and the Holy See's administrative needs, aiding:

- Victims of war, oppression, and disasters
- The poor and marginalized globally
- Vatican diplomacy, communication, and evangelization

It's a global expression of solidarity with the Pope and the Church's mission of mercy. Your generosity towards this cause is greatly appreciated!

Product of the Month—Combined Parishes Asylum Seekers Support Group:

Please support the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) by donating cooking oil, basmati rice, sweet biscuits, or washing detergent. Place items in the box at the back of the church—volunteers will deliver them to BASP in Albert Park for distribution. If you would like to join our support network please contact Rosie via the parish office 94842907.

New Volunteer Roster for St Anthony's:

Over the next month, rosters will be prepared for the combined bi lingual Mass at St Anthony's if you would like to join any of the ministries, active at the moment, Readers, Communion Ministers, TV operators, Collectors we would love to have you join us.

*A Working with Children Check is essential, Fran in the office is happy to help you apply for that on line. Expression of interest **cut off date is 20th July.** Our new rosters will begin **2/3 August.** We look forward to hearing from you.*

Margaret Harrington

Save The Date—Thursday 31 July—Our Parish Next Jubilee Year Event

We are excited to announce that Michael McGirr, well known Catholic author and Mission Director at Caritas Australia, will be the guest speaker at our next parish Jubilee Year event. Michael is renowned as an entertaining and engaging public speaker.

Keep the evening of Thursday July 31 free to attend this exciting event. More details to follow in coming weeks.