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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

22 July: St Mary Magdalene
25 July: St James, apostle

Recently Deceased

Caterina Matrociani, Seta Dindo,
Vincent DeBattista, Rex Gomez and
Antonietta Duviani.

Anniversaries

Eliseo Mezzalira (1 Month)

Michele Pascuzzi 1 Yr,
Rosina Pocci (3 Yrs), Paula Kairouz,
Allen Amad, Vera Rahme,
Michael H Amad, Thomas George Hajj,
Allen Andrew Doyle, Camilo Cantoli,
Anne Gras Chrid, Lucia & Prietro Piro,
Lorenzo, Angelo and Rosetta De Marco,
Joseph & Frankie Ljubetic and
Omar Arnold.

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

19 July 2026



"Better Patience than Misplaced Zeal" (Matthew 13:24-43)

Today's Gospel presents a further image from agriculture in Palestine. A poisonous weed called dandelion affects wheat crops. In the early stages it looks very like the young shoots of wheat. By the time both plants can be distinguished their roots are so entwined as to make tearing out the dandelion very damaging to the wheat.

The parable addresses the disciples' dismay at the prevalence of evil in the world. If, as Jesus teaches, the Kingdom of God has dawned, why has God not intervened to root out evil once and for all?

Like the wheat and dandelion in the field, good and evil are at present so inextricably co-existent as to make too ruthless an attempt to eradicate the one fatal to a successful harvest of the other. In the harvest time, however, God will deal once and for all with evil, before gathering in the "wheat" of the kingdom.

The parable also challenges the kind of religious zeal that, filled with moral outrage, wants to go in and root out from the community of believers any considered unworthy to be there.

It can even apply on an individual level. So often a person's good qualities spring from the same source as their less desirable ones. An irascible person may struggle vigorously for justice; a laid-back character may be a good listener — and so on.

Christianity's long history of intolerance — e.g., the Spanish Inquisition — shows the tragedy and folly of being more zealous to root out evil than to encourage good. The final judgement belongs to God.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

If you've attended 11 am Mass at St Joseph's last Sunday 12 July and you've lost your hearing aid—Please contact the Parish Office.



Plastic Free July: Earthcare ANT encourages using reusable bags to cut plastic waste. Please access this article on our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>

Please continue to pray for the Melbourne Synod: May the Holy Spirit guide our every conversation and action. Amen.

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

First Reading *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19***A reading from the book of Wisdom**

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

L. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

L. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

L. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second Reading *Romans 8:26-27***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-43***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Readings: Next Week: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 26 July 2026**

1st Rdg: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

2nd Rdg: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Prima lettura Sap 12,13.16-19**Dal libro della Sapienza**

Non c'è Dio fuori di te, che abbia cura di tutte le cose, perché tu debba difenderti dall'accusa di giudice ingiusto.

La tua forza infatti è il principio della giustizia, e il fatto che sei padrone di tutti, ti rende indulgente con tutti.

Mostri la tua forza quando non si crede nella pienezza del tuo potere, e rigetti l'insolenza di coloro che pur la conoscono.

Padrone della forza, tu giudichi con mitezza e ci governi con molta indulgenza, perché, quando vuoi, tu eserciti il potere. Con tale modo di agire hai insegnato al tuo popolo che il giusto deve amare gli uomini, e hai dato ai tuoi figli la buona speranza che, dopo i peccati, tu concedi il pentimento.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale (Sal 85)****Rit. _ Tu sei buono, Signore, e perdoni.**

L._ Tu sei buono, Signore, e perdoni, sei pieno di misericordia con chi t'invoca. Porgi l'orecchio, Signore, alla mia preghiera e sii attento alla voce delle mie suppliche **Rit.**

L._ Tutte le genti che hai creato verranno e si prosterneranno davanti a te, Signore, per dare gloria al tuo nome. Grande tu sei e compi meraviglie: tu solo sei Dio. **Rit.**

L._ Ma tu, Signore, Dio misericordioso e pietoso, lento all'ira e ricco di amore e di fedeltà, volgiti a me e abbi pietà. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura (Rm 8,26-27)**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani**

Fratelli, lo Spirito viene in aiuto alla nostra debolezza; non sappiamo infatti come pregare in modo conveniente, ma lo Spirito stesso intercede con gemiti inesprimibili; e colui che scruta i cuori sa che cosa desidera lo Spirito, perché egli intercede per i santi secondo i disegni di Dio.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo (Mt 11,25)****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Ti rendo lode, Padre,
Signore del cielo e della terra,
perché ai piccoli hai rivelato i misteri del Regno.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 13,24-43**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù espose alla folla un'altra parabola, dicendo: «Il regno dei cieli è simile a un uomo che ha seminato del buon seme nel suo campo. Ma, mentre tutti dormivano, venne il suo nemico, seminò della zizzania in mezzo al grano e se ne andò. Quando poi lo stelo crebbe e fece frutto, spuntò anche la zizzania. Allora i servi andarono dal padrone di casa e gli dissero: "Signore, non hai seminato del buon seme nel tuo campo? Da dove viene la zizzania?". Ed egli rispose loro: "Un nemico ha fatto questo!". E i servi gli dissero: "Vuoi che andiamo a raccogliarla?". "No, rispose, perché non succeda che, raccogliendo la zizzania, con essa sradichiate anche il grano. Lasciate che l'una e l'altro crescano insieme fino alla mietitura e al momento della mietitura dirò ai mietitori: Raccogliete prima la zizzania e legatela in fasci per bruciarla; il grano invece riponètelo nel mio granaio".».

Espose loro un'altra parabola, dicendo: «Il regno dei cieli è simile a un granello di senape, che un uomo prese e seminò nel suo campo. Esso è il più piccolo di tutti i semi ma, una volta cresciuto, è più grande delle altre piante dell'orto e diventa un albero, tanto che gli uccelli del cielo vengono a fare il nido fra i suoi rami».

Disse loro un'altra parabola: «Il regno dei cieli è simile al lievito, che una donna prese e mescolò in tre misure di farina, finché non fu tutta lievitata».

Tutte queste cose Gesù disse alle folle con parabole e non parlava ad esse se non con parabole, perché si compisse ciò che era stato detto per mezzo del profeta:

«Aprirò la mia bocca con parabole, proclamerò cose nascoste fin dalla fondazione del mondo». Poi congedò la folla ed entrò in casa; i suoi discepoli gli si avvicinarono per dirgli: «Spiegaci la parabola della zizzania nel campo». Ed egli rispose: «Colui che semina il buon seme è il Figlio dell'uomo. Il campo è il mondo e il seme buono sono i figli del Regno. La zizzania sono i figli del Maligno e il nemico che l'ha seminata è il diavolo. La mietitura è la fine del mondo e i mietitori sono gli angeli. Come dunque si raccoglie la zizzania e la si brucia nel fuoco, così avverrà alla fine del mondo. Il Figlio dell'uomo manderà i suoi angeli, i quali raccoglieranno dal suo regno tutti gli scandali e tutti quelli che commettono iniquità e li getteranno nella fornace ardente, dove sarà pianto e stridore di denti. Allora i giusti splenderanno come il sole nel regno del Padre loro. Chi ha orecchi, ascolti!».

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, Sandra Robertson, Max Gomez.

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 **Eva Rose Tsakmakis** who is presented for her baptism by her parents **Jason & Stephanie** at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate Eva Rose and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Becoming Catholic RCIA "Come and See" meeting—Thursday July 30th 7.30pm—St Anthony's meeting room, 45 Railway Place, Alphington

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic — a family member, friend, neighbour, or workmate?

Last year five people were received into the Church through our parish RCIA program, and we already have several people interested in joining this year's program. The 2026-27 program begins soon.

The first session is a relaxed "come and see" opportunity to meet us, learn about RCIA, and discover some of the basics of the Catholic faith. There is no commitment—just a chance to explore and ask questions.

If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the parish office for more information. God calls all people into a relationship of faith and love with Him. A simple invitation or conversation with you can be the seed that helps someone begin that journey.



Melbourne synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper. Alternatively, please feel free to email any comments to Synod2026@cam.org.au.

Synod Consultation sessions will run across all Archdiocesan regions in July–August, with each parish nominating two representatives (including at least one lay person), beginning with the Northern Region session on Saturday 25 July 2026 (morning). The consultation period will conclude at the end of August. For further information visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>.

Cathy Jenkins Program Lead: MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

The first three theme papers for the Melbourne Synod consultation—Formation and Participation, Mission Leadership and Young Discipleship—are available to download from our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>

Our Synod Invitation is a process of spiritual conversation:

While communities may adapt the format, a typical spiritual conversation, after a period of prayer, involves three rounds:

Sharing from experience: Participants respond to a theme being discerned, speaking briefly from their own experience while others listen attentively.

Reflection on what was heard: Participants share what touched them, surprised them, or resonated with them in what others have shared. The focus remains on listening rather than responding or debating.

Discernment together: The group reflects on emerging patterns, movements of the Spirit, areas where thoughts have met and possible invitations for action. The periods of silence between the rounds help us to listen to each other, and to God. **"Rather than having debates or discussions aimed at winning an argument, our spiritual conversations create space for prayerful listening, mutual respect and communal discernment."**