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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

11 Jun: St Barnabas Apostle
 12 Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 13 Jun: The Immaculate Heart of Mary
 St Anthony of Padua, Doctor

Recently Deceased

Peter Young, Maria Fontana,
 Maureen Barlow, Dorothy Anne,
 Carolin Rita Mariasoosay, Francesco
 Solimando

Anniversaries

Zlata (Goldie) Markovic,
 Francesco Sabatino (4 years),
 Milhem Malkeh Taouk,
 Toubia Nassima Fakhry, Charbel B Habchi,
 Riad Halim Elasmr, Rita Fahd Fakhry,
 Bernard Francis Smith, Yvette M Peters,
 Patricia Lazzaro (Bday), Herbert Joyce,
 Patrick Tobin, Thomas Larkin, and
 Gabriel Larkin.

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



Solemnity of Corpus Christi Sunday—Year A

7 May 2026



We congratulate
 Fr Brendan
 on his
50th
 Anniversary of Ordination
 We thank him for his faithful service to God's people.
 May the Lord continue to bless and sustain him in his vocation.
 Jubilee Mass Celebration at
St Anthony's Alphington
7 JUNE - 10:30 AM
 Mass followed by Morning Tea at the MacKillop Room

**Solemnity of the
 Body and Blood
 of Christ**

The Bread of Life:

The feast of
 Corpus Christi draws
 us into the mystery
 of Christ's abiding
 presence among us.
 In today's Gospel,
 Jesus proclaims

himself as "the living bread that came down from heaven." He invites us not only to remember the manna that sustained the Israelites in the desert, but to recognise that he himself is the true nourishment for our journey — the one who gives his flesh for the life of the world. The Eucharist is more than remembrance; it is participation. Each time we gather at the table of the Lord, we are drawn into a communion of sacrificial love — a love poured out for us and shared among us. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, we become one with him and with one another, strengthened to live as his presence in the world.

May this feast renew our gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist and deepen our desire to be bread for others — signs of Christ's life, compassion, and unity in our communities. (Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)



St Anthony's Feast Day Mass

Sunday 14th June — 10:30am Mass

With Blessing of the Bread and
 Blessing of Children

St Anthony's Church, Alphington

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

L_ O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

L_ He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

L_ He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation x

Sequence John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.*

Alleluia!**Gospel** John 6:51-58**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings Next Week: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Year A 14 June 2026

1st Rdg: Acts 12:1-11

2nd Rdg: Ps 99:2-3, 5

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

Prima lettura Dt 8,2-3.14-16**Dal libro del Deuteronomio**

Mosè parlò al popolo dicendo:

«Ricòrdati di tutto il cammino che il Signore, tuo Dio, ti ha fatto percorrere in questi quarant'anni nel deserto, per umiliarti e metterti alla prova, per sapere quello che avevi nel cuore, se tu avresti osservato o no i suoi comandi.

Egli dunque ti ha umiliato, ti ha fatto provare la fame, poi ti ha nutrito di manna, che tu non conoscevi e che i tuoi padri non avevano mai conosciuto, per farti capire che l'uomo non vive soltanto di pane, ma che l'uomo vive di quanto esce dalla bocca del Signore. Non dimenticare il Signore, tuo Dio, che ti ha fatto uscire dalla terra d'Egitto, dalla condizione servile; che ti ha condotto per questo deserto grande e spaventoso, luogo di serpenti velenosi e di scorpioni, terra assetata, senz'acqua; che ha fatto sgorgare per te l'acqua dalla roccia durissima; che nel deserto ti ha nutrito di manna sconosciuta ai tuoi padri».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 147****Rit. _ Loda il Signore, Gerusalemme.**

L. _ Celebra il Signore, Gerusalemme, loda il tuo Dio, Sion, perché ha rinforzato le sbarre delle tue porte, in mezzo a te ha benedetto i tuoi figli. **Rit.**

L. _ Egli mette pace nei tuoi confini e ti sazia con fiore di frumento. Manda sulla terra il suo messaggio: la sua parola corre veloce. **Rit.**

L. _ Annuncia a Giacobbe la sua parola, i suoi decreti e i suoi giudizi a Israele. Così non ha fatto con nessun'altra nazione, non ha fatto conoscere loro i suoi giudizi. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Cor 10,16-17**Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi**

Fratelli, il calice della benedizione che noi benediciamo, non è forse comunione con il sangue di Cristo? E il pane che noi spezziamo, non è forse comunione con il corpo di Cristo? Poiché vi è un solo pane, noi siamo, benché molti, un solo corpo: tutti infatti partecipiamo all'unico pane.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Gv 6,51****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Io sono il pane vivo, disceso dal cielo, dice il Signore, se uno mangia di questo pane vivrà in eterno.

Alleluia.**Vangelo Gv 6,51-58****Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse alla folla:

«Io sono il pane vivo, disceso dal cielo. Se uno mangia di questo pane vivrà in eterno e il pane che io darò è la mia carne per la vita del mondo».

Allora i Giudei si misero a discutere aspramente fra loro:

«Come può costui darci la sua carne da mangiare?». Gesù disse loro: «In verità, in verità io vi dico: se non mangiate la carne del Figlio dell'uomo e non bevete il suo sangue, non avete in voi la vita. Chi mangia la mia carne e beve il mio sangue ha la vita eterna e io lo risusciterò nell'ultimo giorno. Perché la mia carne è vero cibo e il mio sangue vera bevanda.

Chi mangia la mia carne e beve il mio sangue rimane in me e io in lui. Come il Padre, che ha la vita, ha mandato me e io vivo per il Padre, così anche colui che mangia me vivrà per me. Questo è il pane disceso dal cielo; non è come quello che mangiarono i padri e morirono. Chi mangia questo pane vivrà in eterno».

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.

Dominic Valenzisi, Erika Klimaschka, Angela Joseph Fernandez, Majda Brozic, Tina Marangon, Tony Gribeh, Iklas Mansoor.

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 **Luella** and **Eden** who are presented for their baptism by their parents **Dion & Sofia** at **St Mary's** this Sunday. We congratulate the children and their family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—Friday 12 of June—School Masses



9:15 am at St Anthony's Alphington & Holy Spirit Thornbury East

11:30am at St Mary's Thornbury & St Joseph's Northcote

Parishioners are welcome to join the school celebration. As we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are invited to reflect on Jesus' love for all people, especially the marginalised and the afflicted. We are also called to consecrate ourselves and our families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, opening our lives to many spiritual and temporal blessings that strengthen us and help us grow in love and compassion.

Catholic Mission—Propagation of the Faith—3rd collection this Sunday

You are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home, where children can learn, be nourished and grow with dignity. Use the provided appeal envelope, Freecall: 1800 257 296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

St Francis' Wisdom: an 800-Year-Old Messge Echoed in *Laudato Si'*

A Parish Pastoral Leadership Team special event for our Parish Community

Join Us—and Bring a Friend—for a Joyful, Informative Evening

Thursday 11th June 2026 at 7.00pm – 9.00pm– St Anthony's Alphington
Mary MacKillop Room (supper will be provided)

Presenter: Fr Brian Traynor CP.

Register <https://www.trybooking.com/DMPPZ>



Pranzo della festa di Sant'Antonio — St Anthony's Luncheon

St Anthony's Feast Day lunch to be held Sunday 21 June at 12noon, MacKillop Room.

Three course meal, BYO and music. \$35 per head. RSVP by June 15—to Lina after mass—or contact the parish office: 94842907 or email: adminANT@cam.org.au to book your seats. Lina.



Pranzo della festa di Sant'Antonio, domenica 21 giugno alle ore 12, presso la Mackillop room. Menu di tre portate, BYO e musica. Costo: \$35 a persona. RSVP entro il 15 giugno — a Lina dopo la Messa — oppure contattando l'ufficio parrocchiale 94842907 o all'indirizzo adminANT@cam.org.au per prenotare i vostri posti. Lina.

Reuse & Recycle Your Household Goods.

Do you have unwanted household items like old clothing, furniture, toys, crockery, electricals etc? Don't bin it—instead reuse or recycle it.

Our new parish Earthcare group in response to Laudato Si goals is sharing simple, practical tips to help us care for creation by reducing waste.

Please take a moment to read the Earthcare poster in the church foyer or website—there are suggestions for passing on or recycling unwanted items (in good condition).

Questions or keen to help? Contact the Parish Office and an Earthcare member will be in touch. See: www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan

for your generosity



Synod Corner: Reflection—Synodality and bishops ?

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.