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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.

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

Recently Deceased

Patricia Anne Evans,
Vanda Ellen Davies, and
George Demoski.

Anniversaries

Assunta De Lorenzo,
Rosamaria Mammoliti,
George Khalil Najjar,
Sulaiman Tannous Rahme,
Samir Elias Yazbeck,
Saeed Milhem Taouk,
Maria D'Andrea, Dante D'Andrea,
Jeremiah Troy, Jill Lennox,
Hilda Zahra, and Josephine Zahra.

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Fourth Sunday Of Easter —Year A

26 April 2026



JESUS: SHEPHERD AND GATE John 10:1-10

To appreciate today's Gospel and the images it features we have to understand something of shepherding practices in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

In applying to himself the image of shepherd, Jesus presupposes the intimate knowledge that should exist between a shepherd and his sheep, coming

from various flocks housed in one pen at night and in communal sheepfolds. At daybreak, shepherds would come to the pen, calling their sheep to lead them out to pasture. While during the night the sheep had been all mixed up together, the shepherd could rely on the fact that his sheep would recognise his voice, separate themselves from the rest, and willingly follow him through the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus contrasts a "good shepherd" like this with others who come only to steal, harass, and ultimately bring about the loss of sheep that do not belong to them. He adds a fresh dimension by identifying himself with the "gate" of the sheepfold. If the sheep are to flourish, they have to go out to morning and find pasture. Yet, if they do not return to the fold at night, they will be at risk. So daily they have to come and go through the gate. The gate is their means of access to both protection and growth.

As "Gate" Jesus performs this function for the community. Through continual interaction with him in prayer and worship its members find life and growth. In this sense he "has come that they may have life and have it to the full" (v. 10).

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

Please return your project compassion box back to the church this weekend.

Or you can **Donate** via website: caritas.org.au/project-compassion/sisilia-story/ | or call: 1800 024 413

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

Lebanon is facing a severe humanitarian crisis as escalating violence and mass evacuation orders. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon.

Learn more or make a donation today at:

www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



Piety Stall – Sunday 3 May at St Mary's

Silverius will be offering a selection of religious articles and decorations. Please take a moment after Mass to browse and support this ministry.

May Mass Count: Starting next weekend, we will begin our Mass count for the four weekends of May. As directed by the Australian Bishops Conference, this year's count will follow a different method from previous years. Weeks 1 & 2 in May will be a regular general count.

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6

R. *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

L. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

L. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

L. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

L. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth.

He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel of John 10:1-10**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings Next Week: 5th Sunday of Easter Year A 3 May 2026

1st Rdg: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Rdg: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Prima lettura At 2,14.36-41**Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

[Nel giorno di Pentecoste,] Pietro con gli Undici si alzò in piedi e a voce alta parlò così: «Sappia con certezza tutta la casa d'Israele che Dio ha costituito Signore e Cristo quel Gesù che voi avete crocifisso».

All'udire queste cose si sentirono trafiggere il cuore e dissero a Pietro e agli altri apostoli: «Che cosa dobbiamo fare, fratelli?».

E Pietro disse loro: «Convertitevi e ciascuno di voi si faccia battezzare nel nome di Gesù Cristo, per il perdono dei vostri peccati, e riceverete il dono dello Spirito Santo. Per voi infatti è la promessa e per i vostri figli e per tutti quelli che sono lontani, quanti ne chiamerà il Signore Dio nostro».

Con molte altre parole rendeva testimonianza e li esortava: «Salvatevi da questa generazione perversa!». Allora coloro che accolsero la sua parola furono battezzati e quel giorno furono aggiunte circa tremila persone.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 22

Rit. _ Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.

L. _ Il Signore è il mio pastore:
non manco di nulla.

Su pascoli erbosi mi fa riposare,
ad acque tranquille mi conduce.

Rinfranca l'anima mia. **Rit.**

L. _ Mi guida per il giusto cammino
a motivo del suo nome.

Anche se vado per una valle oscura,
non temo alcun male, perché tu sei con me.

Il tuo bastone e il tuo vincastro
mi danno sicurezza. **Rit.**

L. _ Davanti a me tu prepari una mensa
sotto gli occhi dei miei nemici.

Ungi di olio il mio capo;

il mio calice trabocca. **Rit.**

L. _ Sì, bontà e fedeltà mi saranno compagne

tutti i giorni della mia vita,

abiterò ancora nella casa del Signore

per lunghi giorni. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Pt 2,20-25**Dalla prima lettera di san Pietro apostolo**

Carissimi, se, facendo il bene, supporterete con pazienza la sofferenza, ciò sarà gradito davanti a Dio. A questo infatti siete stati chiamati, perché anche Cristo patì per voi, lasciandovi un esempio, perché ne seguiate le orme: egli non commise peccato e non si trovò inganno sulla sua bocca; insultato, non rispondeva con insulti,

maltrattato, non minacciava vendetta, ma si affidava a colui che giudica con giustizia. Egli portò i nostri peccati nel suo corpo sul legno della croce, perché, non vivendo più per il peccato, vivessimo per la giustizia; dalle sue piaghe siete stati guariti. Eravate erranti come pecore, ma ora siete stati ricondotti al pastore e custode delle vostre anime.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Lc 24,32

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Io sono il buon pastore, dice il Signore,
conosco le mie pecore e le mie pecore conoscono me.*

Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 10,1-10**Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse:

«In verità, in verità io vi dico: chi non entra nel recinto delle pecore dalla porta, ma vi sale da un'altra parte, è un ladro e un brigante. Chi invece entra dalla porta, è pastore delle pecore.

Il guardiano gli apre e le pecore ascoltano la sua voce: egli chiama le sue pecore, ciascuna per nome, e le conduce fuori. E quando ha spinto fuori tutte le sue pecore, cammina davanti a esse, e le pecore lo seguono perché conoscono la sua voce. Un estraneo invece non lo seguiranno, ma fuggiranno via da lui, perché non conoscono la voce degli estranei».

Gesù disse loro questa similitudine, ma essi non capirono di che cosa parlava loro.

Allora Gesù disse loro di nuovo: «In verità, in verità io vi dico: io sono la porta delle pecore. Tutti coloro che sono venuti prima di me, sono ladri e briganti; ma le pecore non li hanno ascoltati. Io sono la porta: se uno entra attraverso di me, sarà salvato; entrerà e uscirà e troverà pascolo.

Il ladro non viene se non per rubare, uccidere e distruggere; io sono venuto perché abbiano la vita e l'abbiano in abbondanza».

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.

Han Lianqi, Max Gomez, Tina Marangoni, Tony Gribeh, Suhalia Yousif, Jamal Gorgees, Lidia Gorgees, 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

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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

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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 *Sofia Rentsch and Loudovikos Fyffe* who are presented for their baptism by their parents *Andrew & Laura and Dimitri & Madelaine* at *St Joseph's* on Sunday. We congratulate *Sofia and Loudovikos* and their families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



Synod Corner: Reflection—1. What is a Synod?

A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, "What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"

Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide us as we walk together in faith.

Next Weekend—3 May Join us for a cuppa after Mass



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal –

Next Weekend Next weekend we support the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare is the Church's mission in action, helping individuals and families build

strength, resilience, and hope. Your generosity will provide compassionate support to those in our community who are struggling.

Please give using the envelopes in the parish, donate online at catholiccarevic.org.au, or call (03) 9967 2515.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

Mission Parish Community Faith Walk

Saturday, 2 May 2026, 9:30 am,

meet at St Joseph's



Join us for our **Community Faith Walk** organised by our *Parish Pastoral Leadership Team*.

At each stop, there will be a **2-minute reflection on a chosen Scripture passage**, followed by a **short hymn** to help us pray together.

We will meet at **St Joseph's**, then walk to : **St Anthony's, Holy Spirit**, and finish at **St Mary's**, where refreshments will be served.

The walk begins at **9.30am** and will take around two hours approx. 6.5 km. All are welcome! to come, walk, talk and share in fellowship.

More info: parish office: adminANI@cam.org.au 9484 2907

Mission Parishes of Alphington-Thornbury East- Northcote & Thornbury