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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

Aug 27: St Monica

Aug 28: St Augustine, bishop, doctor

Aug 29: The Passion of John the Baptist,  
martyr

#### Recently Deceased

Anthony Moore,  
Sheranjit Mary Jegasothy,  
Doreen Ivanovski, and Debbie Jelf.

#### Anniversaries

Michele Pascuzzi (1 mth),  
Antonio Gallucci (1 mth),  
Andrew Gallucci, Rita Caterina Villa &  
Robert Raffaele Villa, Tony Zabboughi,  
Fahed Tunsie Fakhry, Caterina Valenzisi,  
Eileen Ava Doyle, Terry Moroney, and  
Antonino Galati.

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our official parish website:  
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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 23-24 August 2025

### The Narrow Gate—Luke 13: 22-30

Jesus is asked how many will be saved, but he avoids giving a numerical answer. Instead, he issues a warning: don't miss the chance to respond while it's still available. He uses everyday imagery to emphasize urgency, such as a narrow entrance crowded with people—suggesting that salvation requires effort and cannot be taken for granted.

He also paints a vivid picture of late-arriving travellers hoping for entry into a full lodging, only to be turned away despite knowing the owner. This illustrates the danger of assuming special treatment without timely action. Being unprepared or delaying our response to God's invitation can leave us outside, barred from the joy of the Kingdom.

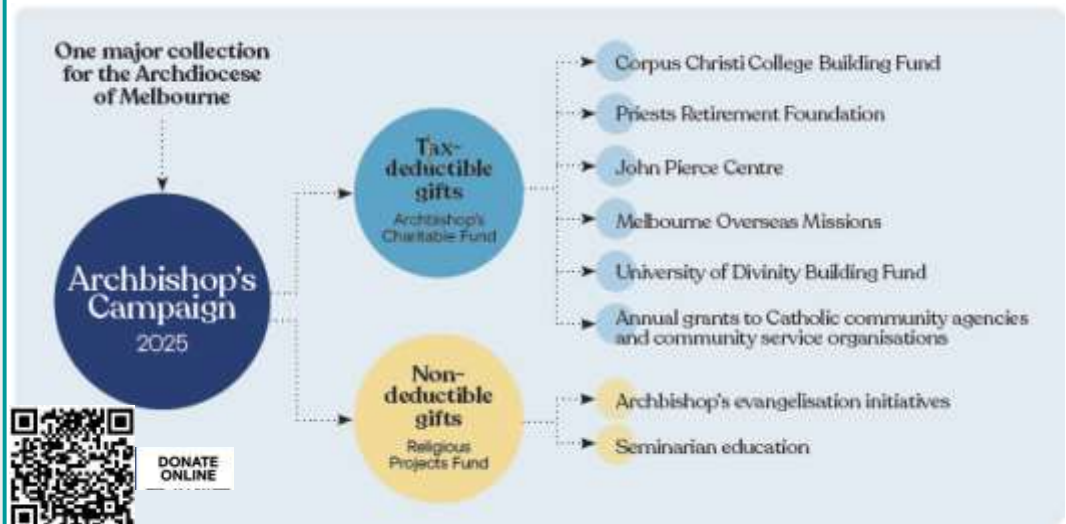
Jesus invites everyone to the banquet of the Kingdom, but acceptance must come on God's terms, not ours. Entering through the "narrow gate" means shedding selfishness and embracing humility. Those who live by this message daily can trust in God's generosity, knowing His deepest desire is to welcome us as honoured guests into eternal life. *(Sharing the Treasure Reflections, Brendan Byrne SJ)*

### Archbishop's Campaign 2025



*The Archbishop's Campaign is an annual appeal supporting vital Archdiocesan ministries. In our parish, it will run from 6–7 September to 13–14 September. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider a one-time or monthly pledge to help sustain the ministries listed below.*

For more information please visit: [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign)



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

**First Reading** *Isaiah 66:18-21***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 116***R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever **R.**

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 14:6*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel of Luke 13:22-30****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him,

'Sir, will there be only a few saved?'

He said to them,

'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



*The Last Supper - the banquet of the Lord*  
Vicente Juan Masip (1510-1579)



**Readings** **Next Week—22nd Sunday in OT: 31 Aug 2025**  
1st Rdg: **Sir** 3:19-21, 30-31 | 2nd Rdg: **Heb** 12:18-19,  
22-24 | **Gospel:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Prima lettura Is 66,18-21**  
**Dal libro del profeta Isaia**

Così dice il Signore:  
 «Io verrò a radunare tutte le genti e tutte le lingue;  
 essi verranno e vedranno la mia gloria.  
 Io porrò in essi un segno e manderò i loro superstiti  
 alle popolazioni di Tarsis, Put, Lud, Mesec, Ros,  
 Tubal e Iavan, alle isole lontane che non hanno udito  
 parlare di me e non hanno visto la mia gloria; essi  
 annunceranno la mia gloria alle genti.  
 Ricondurranno tutti i vostri fratelli da tutte le genti  
 come offerta al Signore, su cavalli, su carri, su  
 portantine, su muli, su dromedari, al mio santo  
 monte di Gerusalemme – dice il Signore –, come i  
 figli d'Israele portano l'offerta in vasi puri nel  
 tempio del Signore.  
 Anche tra loro mi prenderò sacerdoti leviti, dice il  
 Signore».

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Salmo responsoriale Sal 116**

**Rit. \_Tutti i popoli vedranno la gloria del Signore.**

L. \_Genti tutte, lodate il Signore,  
 popoli tutti, cantate la sua lode. **Rit.**

L. \_Perché forte è il suo amore per noi  
 e la fedeltà del Signore dura per sempre. **Rit.**

**Seconda lettura Eb 12,5-7.11-13**  
**Dalla lettera agli Ebrei**

Fratelli, avete già dimenticato l'esortazione a voi  
 rivolta come a figli:  
 «Figlio mio, non disprezzare la correzione del  
 Signore  
 e non ti perdere d'animo quando sei ripreso da lui;  
 perché il Signore corregge colui che egli ama  
 e percuote chiunque riconosce come figlio».  
 È per la vostra correzione che voi soffrite! Dio vi  
 tratta come figli; e qual è il figlio che non viene  
 corretto dal padre? Certo, sul momento, ogni  
 correzione non sembra causa di gioia, ma di  
 tristezza; dopo, però, arreca un frutto di pace e di  
 giustizia a quelli che per suo mezzo sono stati  
 addestrati.  
 Perciò, rinfrancate le mani inerti e le ginocchia  
 fiacche e camminate diritti con i vostri piedi, perché  
 il piede che zoppica non abbia a storpiarsi, ma  
 piuttosto a guarire.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Canto al Vangelo Gv 14,6**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Io sono la via, la verità e la vita, dice il Signore;  
 nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me.  
**Alleluia.**

**Vangelo Lc 13,22-30**

**Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

In quel tempo, Gesù passava insegnando per città e  
 villaggi, mentre era in cammino verso Gerusalemme.  
 Un tale gli chiese:

«Signore, sono pochi quelli che si salvano?».

Disse loro:

«Sforzatevi di entrare per la porta stretta, perché  
 molti, io vi dico, cercheranno di entrare, ma non ci  
 riusciranno.

Quando il padrone di casa si alzerà e chiuderà la  
 porta, voi, rimasti fuori, comincerete a bussare alla  
 porta, dicendo: "Signore, aprici!". Ma egli vi  
 risponderà: "Non so di dove siete". Allora  
 comincerete a dire: "Abbiamo mangiato e bevuto in  
 tua presenza e tu hai insegnato nelle nostre piazze".  
 Ma egli vi dichiarerà: "Voi, non so di dove siete.  
 Allontanatevi da me, voi tutti operatori di  
 ingiustizia!".

Là ci sarà pianto e stridore di denti, quando vedrete  
 Abramo, Isacco e Giacobbe e tutti i profeti nel regno  
 di Dio, voi invece cacciati fuori.

Verranno da oriente e da occidente, da settentrione  
 e da mezzogiorno e siederanno a mensa nel regno  
 di Dio. Ed ecco, vi sono ultimi che saranno primi, e  
 vi sono primi che saranno ultimi».

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.

Olga Conte, Mary Buttifant

## 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month—St Mary's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month—St Anthony's
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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



## Congratulations to Our First Communicants

We joyfully congratulate the children from our four Parish Primary Schools who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. May this sacred milestone deepen their love for Jesus and strengthen their journey of faith.

- Saturday **23 August: 5pm** Holy Spirit, **5:30pm** St Joseph's Northcote
- Sunday **24 August: 10am** St Mary's, **10:30am** St Anthony's Alphington

Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers as they take this beautiful step in their spiritual lives.

We wish Fr Shabin a very **Happy Birthday** this Saturday 23rd August. May God continue to bless him with good health, joy in his ministry, and the grace to guide and inspire our parish community with wisdom and compassion.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**—We welcome into the Christian Community **Noelle Rose Boxshall**, who is presented for her baptism by her parents **David** and **Lucy** at **St Joseph's** on Sunday. We congratulate her and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



**Friday 29 August —Seniors Mass 10:30 am at St Joseph's Northcote, Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome.**

## God is right here—no need to search far (Michael McGirr)



Acclaimed Australian author Michael McGirr shared this message at our Jubilee Year event on 31 July 2025, reminding us that God is present in our own postcode. Over 80 parishioners and guests enjoyed a warm, social evening at the McKillop Room, St Anthony's Alphington.

Michael, CARITAS mission director, highlighted the organization's global work providing education, support, and food to vulnerable communities. He thanked our parishes and encouraged continued support.

By loving and serving those around us, we encounter God in our own community. By supporting CARITAS we extend that love to those most in need around the world. (**Recap by Jim Coffey—Chairman Jubilee Team**) Find Jim Coffey's full Recap on our [website](#) or click on link above.

*An inspiration from this talk is to start an EarthCare group in our parishes*



## Join Our Earthcare Initiative!

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" by starting an Earthcare group for our Mission Parishes. Pope Francis established the Laudato Si' Action Platform with its seven goals to protect our common home. The Australian Bishops support this initiative by encouraging us to care for all creation and commit to these goals by forming Earthcare groups in parishes, supported by the Caritas Earthcare Australia program.

**John Samanna** from **Holy Spirit** will be the contact person with Caritas Earthcare. For more information, look for the certificate and poster at the back of your church. We need at least **two representatives from each church** to join the group. For more details, please contact the Parish office at 9484 2907. An information evening will be organized soon.

**Let's take action together!**

**WWCC:** Call the parish office (9484 2907) Wednesdays or Thursdays, **1–2pm** for help