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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 English
Weekdays: Wednesday, 9.15am
Italian

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesday, 9.15am English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Weekdays: Thursday, 9.15am Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Friday, 9.15am English

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Recently Deceased

Sr. Ann Connally FCJ; Mary D'Souza

Anniversaries

Frank Samaria; Jamileh Fakhry;
Margaret Claire Walsh; Najiba
Moussa Fakhry; George Baini;
Salvatore Belvedere.

ST. JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE

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Pastoral Worker: Pauline Egan
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4 Sunday of Lent (Year B)

9/10 March 2024

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMETABLE 2024



ALL LITURGIES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ALL CHURCHES

- ♦ St. Anthony's Alphington: 45 Railway place Alphington
- ♦ St. Joseph's Northcote: 140 Westbourne Grove, Northcote
- ♦ Holy Spirit Thornbury East; Cnr Wilmoth & Clarendon Sts Thornbury East
- ♦ St. Mary's Thornbury: Cnr High and Rossmoyne street Thornbury

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, 7.30pm 13 March: English—St. Joseph's Church

Thursday, 7.30pm 21 March: English - Holy Spirit Church

Palm Sunday, 24 March: All Churches

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 28 March: 7.30pm: All Churches

Good Friday: 29 March

10.30am: Ecumenical Way of the Cross—**All Nations Park**

3pm: Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter Vigil: 30 March: 7.30pm: All churches

Easter Sunday: 31 March:

9am: Italian at St. Anthony's

9.30am: English at Holy Spirit

10am: Bilingual English/ Italian St. Mary's

11am: English at St. Joseph's

11am: English at St. Anthony's

THERE IS NO 5.30pm EVENING MASS at St. Mary's

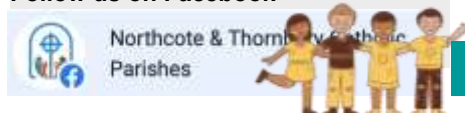
St Joseph's Feast Day Mass Sunday March 17

At 11.00 am at Northcote

The Celebration of the Feast of St Joseph and the presentation of the Sacramental Candidates for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation will be held on Sunday 17 March at 11:00am, at St Joseph's Church Northcote. Mass will be followed by morning Tea. **ALL WELCOME - Please bring a plate to share.**



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This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm Ps136

Response: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.

2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'

3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

Response: Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
That all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Prima lettura

2Cr 36,14-16.19-23

Dal secondo libro delle Cronache

In quei giorni, tutti i capi di Giuda, i sacerdoti e il popolo moltiplicarono le loro infedeltà, imitando in tutto gli abomini degli altri popoli, e contaminarono il tempio, che il Signore si era consacrato a Gerusalemme.

Il Signore, Dio dei loro padri, mandò premurosamente e incessantemente i suoi messaggeri ad ammonirli, perché aveva compassione del suo popolo e della sua dimora. Ma essi si beffarono dei messaggeri di Dio, disprezzarono le sue parole e schernirono i suoi profeti al punto che l'ira del Signore contro il suo popolo raggiunse il culmine, senza più rimedio. Quindi [i suoi nemici] incendiarono il tempio del Signore, demolirono le mura di Gerusalemme e diedero alle fiamme tutti i suoi palazzi e distrussero tutti i suoi oggetti preziosi.

Il re [dei Caldèi] deportò a Babilonia gli scampati alla spada, che divennero schiavi suoi e dei suoi figli fino all'avvento del regno persiano, attuandosi così la parola del Signore per bocca di Geremia: «Finché la terra non abbia scontato i suoi sabati, essa riposerà per tutto il tempo della desolazione fino al compiersi di settanta anni».

Nell'anno primo di Ciro, re di Persia, perché si adempisse la parola del Signore pronunciata per bocca di Geremia, il Signore suscitò lo spirito di Ciro, re di Persia, che fece proclamare per tutto il suo regno, anche per iscritto: «Così dice Ciro, re di Persia: "Il Signore, Dio del cielo, mi ha concesso tutti i regni della terra. Egli mi ha incaricato di costruirgli un tempio a Gerusalemme, che è in Giuda. Chiunque di voi appartiene al suo popolo, il Signore, suo Dio, sia con lui e salga!"». Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo responsoriale** Sal 136**Rit: Il ricordo di te, Signore, è la nostra gioia.**

1. Lungo i fiumi di Babilonia, là sedevamo e piangevamo ricordandoci di Sion.
Ai salici di quella terra
appendemmo le nostre cetre.

2. Perché là ci chiedevano parole di canto coloro che ci avevano deportato,
allegre canzoni, i nostri oppressori:
«Cantateci canti di Sion!».

3. Come cantare i canti del Signore in terra straniera? Se mi dimentico di te, Gerusalemme,
si dimentichi di me la mia destra.

4. Mi si attacchi la lingua al palato se lascio cadere il tuo ricordo, se non innalzo Gerusalemme
al di sopra di ogni mia gioia.

Rit: Il ricordo di te, Signore, è la nostra gioia.**Seconda lettura** Ef 2,4-10

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo agli Efesini
Fratelli, Dio, ricco di misericordia, per il grande amore con il quale ci ha amato, da morti che eravamo per le colpe, ci ha fatto rivivere con Cristo: per grazia siete salvati. Con lui ci ha anche risuscitato e ci ha fatto sedere nei cieli, in Cristo Gesù, per mostrare nei secoli futuri la straordinaria ricchezza della sua grazia mediante la sua bontà verso di noi in Cristo Gesù.
Per grazia infatti siete salvati mediante la fede; e ciò non viene da voi, ma è dono di Dio; né viene dalle opere, perché nessuno possa vantarsene. Siamo infatti opera sua, creati in Cristo Gesù per le opere buone, che Dio ha preparato perché in esse camminassimo. Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo** (Gv 3,16)

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito;
chiunque crede in lui ha la vita eterna.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Vangelo Gv 3,14-21

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

In quel tempo, Gesù disse a Nicodèmo:

«Come Mosè innalzò il serpente nel deserto, così bisogna che sia innalzato il Figlio dell'uomo, perché chiunque crede in lui abbia la vita eterna.

Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito perché chiunque crede in lui non vada perduto, ma abbia la vita eterna. Dio, infatti, non ha mandato il Figlio nel mondo per condannare il mondo, ma perché il mondo sia salvato per mezzo di lui. Chi crede in lui non è condannato; ma chi non crede è già stato condannato, perché non ha creduto nel nome dell'unigenito Figlio di Dio.

E il giudizio è questo: la luce è venuta nel mondo, ma gli uomini hanno amato più le tenebre che la luce, perché le loro opere erano malvagie. Chiunque infatti fa il male, odia la luce, e non viene alla luce perché le sue opere non vengano riprovate. Invece chi fa la verità viene verso la luce, perché appaia chiaramente che le sue opere sono state fatte in Dio».

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

Anita Zacchingia

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 Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin or Fr. Dixon.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATE O

CONFINATE 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 contact Parish Offices **9484 2907**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation has commenced for 2024. Thursdays at 10.30am at Holy Spirit Parish. ALL WELCOME

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

- 1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's
- 2 Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit
- 3 Sunday of the month - St. Anthony's
- 4 Sunday of the month—St. Joseph's

First Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's: Baptism Preparation by appointment only.

St. Mary's: By appointment only please call parish Office

St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Baptism prep session 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Kevin and Katrina Jansz.

SENIORS

After the Thursday Italian Mass 9.15am 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.**

Masses of Anointing of the Sick

9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place in the first week of the month at all Parishes at respective weekday Mass time.

"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

St. Mary's: Sundays at 9.45 am. R.E Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Sacramental program 5pm to 6pm in meeting room St Anthony's, six weeks before the Sacrament is received.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: Moses El-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

News from the Asylum Seekers group....

Thank you for your donations - it is all very much appreciated. In the February 2024 newsletter was news of one of the clients:



Recently a 58 year old man, fleeing persecution in Ethiopia arrived at the office- seeking somewhere to live. He had been couch surfing at the homes of acquaintances and had come to an end. He was a well-known sportsman in his day and most recently was working in an anti-corruption role. Clearly, those he was exposing now posed a threat to his life. He said at this stage of life he didn't think he'd be starting again "but at least I'm breathing". He has 4 grown children in Ethiopia who he thinks are safe as they live far from the city. Fortunately, we had a room free in a transition house and were able to take him there the following day. When we checked in the day after that, he reported having the best night's sleep in a very long time.

Seniors Mass St Joseph's Northcote: Anointing Mass and Morning Tea, Friday 22nd March 10.30a.m. at St Joseph's Church



All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.



Next week's readings: 17 March 2024

5 Sunday of Lent Year B

Jeremiah 31:31-34. Psalm:50: 3-4, 12-15. Heb 5: 7-9 John 12:20-30

4 Sunday of Lent 9/10 March



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Our Elect, Daniel VuillerMan St Joseph's and Daniel Nimmo St. Anthony's and Candidates James and Vanessa Tabakis, Kystal Mazzocchi and Jon Henry Lamb preparing for full initiation into the Catholic church at Easter. Please support them by your prayers.

Charity Account: BSN 083 347 Account Number: 140666074



How can you contribute to our parishes

This QR code is unique to St Anthony, Alphington and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.

If you would like to donate via Tap and Go please use the terminal located in the foyer. The limit is \$5. All you need to do to make a donation is tap the terminal with your credit card/ debit card/smart phone smart watch - donations will go straight in to our Church

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Presbytery Accounts: St Mary's & St Joseph's BSB 083 347 Account 857260792

Church account St. Mary's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 557931064 **Church account: St. Joseph's:** BSB: 083 347 Account: 663182650