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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: 9.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English

Weekdays: Weds: 9.15am
(Italian)
Fri: 9.15am

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tues: 9.15am
Thurs: 9.15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am
Weekdays: Tues: 9.15am
Thurs: 9.15am (Italian)

St. Anthony's Alphington

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Weds: 9.15am
Fri: 9.15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

19 Sept: St. Januarius
20 Sept: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
21 Sept: St. Matthew Apostle &
Evangelist
23 St. Pius of Pietrelcine (Padre Pio)

Recently Deceased

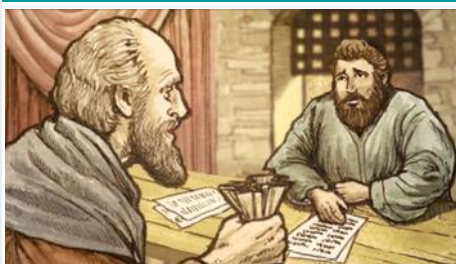
Tan Houghton; Raffaele Galli

Anniversaries

Pompilio Carinci; Elsa Cappellari;
Bill Reid; Leila Maria Taylor; Bechara
Youssef Taouk; Helena Hanna Fakhry
and Holy Souls

25 Sunday in Ordinary Time

17-18 September 2022



Doing the Right Thing Because It Is the Right Thing

Karl Rahner wrote the following and then added: "If you have done this, you have experienced God, perhaps without knowing it."

Have you ever done something simply on principle, because it was the right thing to do, knowing that you couldn't explain it to anyone, without there even being a good feeling attached to your act?

Jesus would agree, so much so that he makes this both the central tenet of religion and the overriding criterion for salvation.

We see this explicitly in the famous text in the gospels where Jesus tells us that whatsoever you do to the poor here on earth you do to him. For Jesus, to give something to a poor person is to give something to God, and to neglect a poor person is to neglect God.

The quality of our faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land. There's an important background to this teaching. They had been asking Jesus: "What will be the test? What will be the ultimate criterion for judgment as to whether or not someone enters into the kingdom of heaven or not? His answer surprised them. They had expected that the final judgment would revolve around issues of religious belonging, religious practice, correct observance, and moral codes. Instead they got this answer:

When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left (Mt 25:31).

And what, according to Jesus, will be the basis for the separation? Only this: did you feed the hungry? Give drink to the thirsty? Invite in the stranger? Clothe the naked? Visit the sick and imprisoned? Because when you do these things to the hungry, to the thirsty, to strangers, to the sick, and to the imprisoned, you do them to God, and vice versa.

What's the lesson? The more obvious one of course is the challenge that is already contained in the famous mantra of the prophets who had stated unequivocally that the quality of our faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land and that the quality of justice will be judged by how the most vulnerable groups in society fare (widows, orphans, and strangers) while we are alive. The Jewish prophets had already taught us that serving the poor is a non-negotiable, integral part of religion, that nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor. But Jesus adds something: *God doesn't just have a preferential option for the poor,*

God is within the poor.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser

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

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the book of Amos
 Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
 and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
 you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
 so that we can sell our corn,
 and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
 Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
 by swindling and tampering with the scales,
 we can buy up the poor for money,
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,
 and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
 The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done'
 The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 112

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

1. Praise, a servants of the Lord,
 praise the name of the Lord!
 May the name of the Lord be blessed
 both now and for evermore!
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
 above the heavens his glory.
 Who is like the Lord, our God,
 who has risen on high to his throne
 yet stoops from the heights to look down,
 to look down upon heaven and earth?
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
 from the dungheap he raises the poor
 to set him in the company of princes,
 yes, with the princes of his people.

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter St Paul to Timothy
 My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers
 offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and
 thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in
 authority, so that we may be able to live religious and
 reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right,
 and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone
 to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth.
 For is only one God, and there is only one mediator
 between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ
 Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them
 all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed
 time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of
 it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of
 the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands
 up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.
 The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he become
 poor, To make you rich out of his poverty. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL Luke 16: 1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
 Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he
 had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful
 with his property. He called for the man and said, "What
 is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your
 stewardship because you are not to be my steward any
 longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my
 master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to
 do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should
 be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure
 that when I am dismissed from office there will be some
 to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the
 first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One
 hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward
 said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and
 write fifty". To another he said, "And you, sir, how much
 do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was
 the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and
 write eighty".

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his
 astuteness. For the children of this world are more
 astute in dealing with their own kind than are the
 children of light.'

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win
 you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you,
 they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The
 man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in
 great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be
 dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with
 money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with
 genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what
 is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?
 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will
 either hate the first and love the second, or treat the
 first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot
 be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

Next Week's Readings

Amos 6:1,4-7

Psalms 145: 6-10

1Tim 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Prima Lettura: Am 8,4-7

Dal libro del profeta Amos

Il Signore mi disse:

«Ascoltate questo,

voi che calpestate il povero

e sterminate gli umili del paese,

voi che dite: “Quando sarà passato il novilunio

e si potrà vendere il grano?”

E il sabato, perché si possa smerciare il frumento,

diminuendo l'efa e aumentando il siclo

e usando bilance false,

per comprare con denaro gli indigenti

e il povero per un paio di sandali?

Venderemo anche lo scarto del grano”».

Il Signore lo giura per il vanto di Giacobbe:

«Certo, non dimenticherò mai tutte le loro opere».

Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo Responsoriale:** Sal 112**R: Benedetto il Signore che rialza il povero.**

1. Lodate, servi del Signore,

lodate il nome del Signore.

Sia benedetto il nome del Signore,

da ora e per sempre.

2. Su tutte le genti eccelso è il Signore,

più alta dei cieli è la sua gloria.

Chi è come il Signore, nostro Dio,

che siede nell'alto

e si china a guardare

sui cieli e sulla terra?

3. Solleva dalla polvere il debole,

dall'immondizia rialza il povero,

per farlo sedere tra i principi,

tra i principi del suo popolo.

R: Benedetto il Signore che rialza il povero.**Seconda Lettura:** 1Tm 2,1-8

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo a Timòteo

Figlio mio, raccomando, prima di tutto, che si

facciano domande, suppliche, preghiere e

ringraziamenti per tutti gli uomini, per i re e per tutti

quelli che stanno al potere, perché possiamo

condurre una vita calma e tranquilla, dignitosa e

dedicata a Dio. Questa è cosa bella e gradita al

cospetto di Dio, nostro salvatore, il quale vuole che

tutti gli uomini siano salvati e giungano alla

conoscenza della verità.

Uno solo, infatti, è Dio e uno solo anche il mediatore fra Dio e gli uomini, l'uomo Cristo Gesù, che ha dato se stesso in riscatto per tutti. Questa testimonianza egli l'ha data nei tempi stabiliti, e di essa io sono stato fatto messaggero e apostolo – dico la verità, non mentisco –, maestro dei pagani nella fede e nella verità.

Voglio dunque che in ogni luogo gli uomini preghino, alzando al cielo mani pure, senza collera e senza contese. Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo:** 2Cor 8:9

Alleluia, Alleluia! Gesù Cristo da ricco che era, si è fatto povero per voi, perché voi diventaste ricchi per mezzo della sua povertà. **Alleluia.**

Vangelo: Lc 16, 1-13

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù diceva ai discepoli:

«Un uomo ricco aveva un amministratore, e questi fu accusato dinanzi a lui di sperperare i suoi averi. Lo chiamò e gli disse: “Che cosa sento dire di te? Rendi conto della tua amministrazione, perché non potrai più amministrare”.

L'amministratore disse tra sé: “Che cosa farò, ora che il mio padrone mi toglie l'amministrazione? Zappare, non ne ho la forza; mendicare, mi vergogno. So io che cosa farò perché, quando sarò stato allontanato dall'amministrazione, ci sia qualcuno che mi accolga in casa sua”.

Chiamò uno per uno i debitori del suo padrone e disse al primo: “Tu quanto devi al mio padrone?”. Quello rispose: “Cento barili d'olio”. Gli disse: “Prendi la tua ricevuta, siediti subito e scrivi cinquanta”. Poi disse a un altro: “Tu quanto devi?”. Rispose: “Cento misure di grano”. Gli disse: “Prendi la tua ricevuta e scrivi ottanta”. Il padrone lodò quell'amministratore disonesto, perché aveva agito con scaltrezza. I figli di questo mondo, infatti, verso i loro pari sono più scaltri dei figli della luce. Ebbene, io vi dico: fatevi degli amici con la ricchezza disonesta, perché, quando questa verrà a mancare, essi vi accolgano nelle dimore eterne.

Chi è fedele in cose di poco conto, è fedele anche in cose importanti; e chi è disonesto in cose di poco conto, è disonesto anche in cose importanti. Se dunque non siete stati fedeli nella ricchezza disonesta, chi vi affiderà quella vera? E se non siete stati fedeli nella ricchezza altrui, chi vi darà la vostra?

Nessun servitore può servire due padroni, perché o odierà l'uno e amerà l'altro, oppure si affezionerà all'uno e disprezzerà l'altro. Non potete servire Dio e la ricchezza». 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. *Bartolomeo Verouci; Larry O'Toole*

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**

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms. This is a way for school aged children to gather and understand the Gospel at their age level. **Cancelled until further notice**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am WEEKLY NOW ALL WELCOME!

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

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: 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

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

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Seniors Mass every last Friday of the Month at 10.30am in the church.

Parrochiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdì del mese alle 10.30am.**

First Friday of the month

St. Mary's 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Friday of the month.

"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

Cake Stall at St. Mary's church, Sunday 2 October at 10am.

All proceeds will go to organize the celebrations of Centenary events in 2023.

You can help by baking a cake or slice or by buying a cake on the day, For more information contact Mirella on **9484 2907**. **Cakes may be dropped off on Saturday, 1 October between 10am –11am**

at the church or on Sunday 2 October at 9am.

Your contribution large or small will be gratefully received.



Congratulations for your service

Congratulations and thank you to many of our parishioners who were recognized last weekend for their great service and commitment to St Vincent de Paul Society.

The Northern Central Council Festival

Mass was held at St Matthew's in Fawkner North on Sunday and Ellie Coffey, former Holy Spirit student and Holy Spirit parishioner was commissioned as President of the St Mary's Conference.

Volunteers and members were also commissioned and the following parishioners received long-service medals: Malcolm Lettoof 35 years; Brendon Leverett 30 years; Brendan Podbury 25 years; Lena Cappozza 20 years; John Daniel 20 years; Peter Hudson 15 years; Ralph Maida 15 years; Paul Samanna 10 years; Eliza Leverett 10 years; Jennifer Coffey 10 years; Lawrence Cassar 5 years; Ellie Coffey 5 years

Vinnies volunteers visit people in the area who need a bit of support.

Contact the parish office 9484 2907 if you want to know more about joining Vinnies.



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community:
Dean and Jessica Bettiol presenting **Hugo Joseph**
Rocky and Elisha Petrelli presenting **Mila**
Christian and Lucy James – **Patrick Francis**
baptized at St. Antony Church

We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fete on Saturday 8 October 9am-2.30pm at 154 Cotham Rd., Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to Sr. Mol B Pomoy, OSA Delegate Superior for financial aid to construct a wall needed for landslide prevention and the safety of their Chapel. Enquiries Contact Parish Office.



How can you contribute to the parish

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. 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 account.

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