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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.

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST ANTHONY'S

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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

Recently Deceased

Antonios Habib Busbous Taouk,
Domenica Rossi, Guerino Ficorilli,
Harry Susanto, and
Dilrukshi Wickremasinghe

Anniversaries

Leo Lenzi (1 Mth), Orazia De Petro
(1 Yr), Biagio De Petro, Des Brophy,
Nabiha Bousien,
Maria & Yousef Bousien,
Francis, Ralph, & Nancy Joyce,
Patrick Halton, Sarah Fisk,
Michel Raffoul Rahme, Hani M Hajj,
Antonio Ghastine Fakhry,
Bechara Youssef Sukkar and
Lahood Raffoul Rahme.

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our official parish website:
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Second Sunday Of Easter — Year A

12 April 2026



Still Bearing the Wounds of Love

The gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter centres on the figure of Thomas, one of the most vividly drawn disciples in the Gospels. He is portrayed as a realist—someone who struggles to accept extraordinary claims without personal experience. Because he was absent when Jesus first appeared to the

disciples on Easter night, Thomas refuses to accept their testimony that the Lord has risen. His insistence on seeing and touching Jesus' wounds highlights both his scepticism and his desire for certainty.

Eight days later, Jesus meets Thomas exactly where he is, offering him the very signs he demanded. Yet, in the moment of encounter, Thomas no longer needs to probe or test. Instead, he makes one of the most profound declarations of faith in all Scripture: "My Lord and my God." The Gospel emphasises that it is precisely Thomas—the hesitant, the latecomer—who articulates the full identity of Jesus with unmatched clarity.

The text also draws attention to the significance of Jesus still bearing his wounds after the resurrection. These marks are described as signs of vulnerable, enduring love, revealing that the risen Christ remains the one who suffers with humanity. This connection helps explain why Pope John Paul II designated this day as Divine Mercy Sunday: the wounded yet risen Christ is the one to whom believers can turn for mercy and understanding in a divine degree.

Finally, Jesus adds a comment that draws us into the story as well: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." This affirms that succeeding generations of believers—who trust the testimony handed down in the Church rather than relying on physical sight—are not at a disadvantage. Instead, our faith becomes a channel through which God's power enters the world. The passage invites us to recognise ourselves within this blessing and to embrace a deeper trust that does not depend on visible proof.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

On Divine Mercy Sunday we can obtain complete forgiveness of our sins and punishment if we go to confession, attend Holy Mass, pray the Divine Mercy Novena, venerate the Divine Mercy image and do works of mercy.

MelbourneCatholic.org Divine Mercy Novena & Feast

St Patrick's Cathedral will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with confessions at 1:45pm, Adoration and prayers, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm and more. Please refer to:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/divine-mercy-sunday-at-st-patricks-cathedral-2026>

First Reading Acts 2:42-47**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

L. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

L. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory

in the tents of the just. **R.**

L. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials;

so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!*

Alleluia!

Gospel of John 20:19-31**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me,

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A 19 Apr 2026

1st Rdg: Acts 2:14, 22-33 2nd Rdg: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Prima lettura At 2,42-47

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

[Quelli che erano stati battezzati] erano perseveranti nell'insegnamento degli apostoli e nella comunione, nello spezzare il pane e nelle preghiere.

Un senso di timore era in tutti, e prodigi e segni avvenivano per opera degli apostoli.

Tutti i credenti stavano insieme e avevano ogni cosa in comune; vendevano le loro proprietà e sostanze e le dividevano con tutti, secondo il bisogno di ciascuno. Ogni giorno erano perseveranti insieme nel tempio e, spezzando il pane nelle case, prendevano cibo con letizia e semplicità di cuore, lodando Dio e godendo il favore di tutto il popolo.

Intanto il Signore ogni giorno aggiungeva alla comunità quelli che erano salvati.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 117

Rit. _ Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono: il suo amore è per sempre.

L. Dica Israele:

«Il suo amore è per sempre».

Dica la casa di Aronne:

«Il suo amore è per sempre».

Dicano quelli che temono il Signore:

«Il suo amore è per sempre». **Rit.**

L. Mi avevano spinto con forza per farmi cadere, ma il Signore è stato il mio aiuto.

Mia forza e mio canto è il Signore,

egli è stato la mia salvezza.

Grida di giubilo e di vittoria

nelle tende dei giusti:

la destra del Signore ha fatto prodezze. **Rit.**

L. La pietra scartata dai costruttori è divenuta la pietra d'angolo.

Questo è stato fatto dal Signore:

una meraviglia ai nostri occhi.

Questo è il giorno che ha fatto il Signore:

rallegriamoci in esso ed esultiamo! **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Pt 1,3-9

Dalla lettera di san Pietro apostolo

Sia benedetto Dio e Padre del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, che nella sua grande misericordia ci ha rigenerati, mediante la risurrezione di Gesù Cristo dai morti, per una speranza viva, per un'eredità che non si corrompe, non si macchia e non marcisce. Essa è conservata nei cieli per voi, che dalla potenza di Dio siete custoditi mediante la fede, in vista della salvezza che sta per essere rivelata nell'ultimo tempo.

Perciò siete ricolmi di gioia, anche se ora dovete essere, per un po' di tempo, afflitti da varie prove, affinché la vostra fede, messa alla prova, molto più preziosa dell'oro

– destinato a perire e tuttavia purificato con fuoco –, torni a vostra lode, gloria e onore quando Gesù Cristo si manifesterà. Voi lo amate, pur senza averlo visto e ora, senza vederlo, credete in lui. Perciò esultate di gioia indicibile e gloriosa, mentre raggiungete la mèta della vostra fede: la salvezza delle anime.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Gv 20,29

Alleluia, alleluia.

Perché mi hai veduto, Tommaso, tu hai creduto; beati quelli che non hanno visto e hanno creduto!

Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 20,19-31

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

La sera di quel giorno, il primo della settimana, mentre erano chiuse le porte del luogo dove si trovavano i discepoli per timore dei Giudei, venne Gesù, stette in mezzo e disse loro: «Pace a voi!». Detto questo, mostrò loro le mani e il fianco. E i discepoli gioirono al vedere il Signore.

Gesù disse loro di nuovo: «Pace a voi! Come il Padre ha mandato me, anche io mando voi». Detto questo, soffiò e disse loro: «Ricevete lo Spirito Santo. A coloro a cui perdonerete i peccati, saranno perdonati; a coloro a cui non perdonerete, non saranno perdonati».

Tommaso, uno dei Dodici, chiamato Dìdimo, non era con loro quando venne Gesù. Gli dicevano gli altri discepoli: «Abbiamo visto il Signore!». Ma egli disse loro: «Se non vedo nelle sue mani il segno dei chiodi e non metto il mio dito nel segno dei chiodi e non metto la mia mano nel suo fianco, io non credo».

Otto giorni dopo i discepoli erano di nuovo in casa e c'era con loro anche Tommaso. Venne Gesù, a porte chiuse, stette in mezzo e disse: «Pace a voi!». Poi disse a Tommaso: «Metti qui il tuo dito e guarda le mie mani; tendi la tua mano e mettila nel mio fianco; e non essere incredulo, ma credente!». Gli rispose Tommaso: «Mio Signore e mio Dio!». Gesù gli disse: «Perché mi hai veduto, tu hai creduto; beati quelli che non hanno visto e hanno creduto!».

Gesù, in presenza dei suoi discepoli, fece molti altri segni che non sono stati scritti in questo libro. Ma questi sono stati scritti perché crediate che Gesù è il Cristo, il Figlio di Dio, e perché, credendo, abbiate la vita nel suo nome.

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.

Tina Marangoni, 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-Fakhri



Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Orlando Chandrawanka** who is presented for his baptism by his parents **Kavindha & Rebecca**, at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate Orlando and his family and pray for his spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

St Vincent De Paul—Holy Thursday Collection—Thank You—

The St Vincent de Paul Presidents for the Alphington and Thornbury Conferences are very grateful to all parishioners who generously donated during the Holy Thursday Masses. The collection for SVdP totalled \$279.00 at St Anthony's and \$436.00 at Holy Spirit. The Vinnies Alphington and Thornbury Conferences will use these funds to assist local people in need.

With Thanks and Easter Blessings

Tony Bolzan (Alphington Conference) and Brendan Leverett (Thornbury Conference)

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team 2025 Report: The 2025 Annual Report for our Partnership Parishes is now available on the parish website, with limited printed copies in each church. To request additional printed copies, please contact the **Parish Office.** *Many Thanks, Naomi Brammer (chair)*

Parish Sacramental Program – First Eucharist Preparation Classes:

Enrolments are now open for children who do not attend a Catholic school, are baptised, have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and wish to prepare for their First Eucharist through our program.

Classes will be held at **St Mary's Church, Thornbury**, from **4:15pm to 5:15pm** on the following Sundays: 19 April (Week 1), 3 May (Week 2), 17 May (Week 3), and 24 May (Week 4). **Classes will not run on ANZAC Day or Mother's Day weekends.** **The Sacrament of First Eucharist** will be celebrated on **31 May at St Mary's.** To enrol, please contact the Parish Office. Enrolments close on Friday, 16 April.

Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

Over 780,000 people are displaced due to conflict. Your support can help provide essential support.

DONATE NOW
[caritas.org.au/lebanon](https://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)



Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

Lebanon is facing a severe humanitarian crisis as escalating violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. In just 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the instability,

Caritas teams are working across seven governorates, providing food, essential supplies, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



Community Faith Walk – Saturday 2 May 2026

Join us for our Community Faith Walk as we strengthen our sense of unity, build friendships across our parishes, and get to know each of our churches.

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. All are welcome to come, walk, talk and share in fellowship.

Project Compassion 2026: Please return your project compassion box back to the church this weekend. The funds raised will help provide women like **Manaini**, a grandmother from rural Fiji, with the skills to turn leftover crops into flour, creating a sustainable income for her family. **Donate** via website: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion/sisilia-story/](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/sisilia-story/) | or call: 1800 024 413