



CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST. ANTHONY'S

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We are faith filled people, striving to live out the message of Jesus; sharing our talents,
nurturing our community, reaching out to all; celebrating God through prayer and liturgy.

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**COVID PROTOCOLS GIVEN TO US BY THE
DEPT OF HEALTH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
MELBOURNE STIPULATE THAT WE CAN NOW ALL
GATHER TOGETHER BUT WE MUST STILL USE
THE QR CODE TO ENTER THE CHURCH**

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December

5 pm Mass—Holy Spirit
6pm Mass—St Anthony's
9am Mass—St Anthony's (Italian)
10am Mass—Holy Spirit
11am Mass—St Anthony's

Tuesday 21 December

9.15am Communion Service - Holy Spirit
7pm Parish Reconciliation, Adoration and Mass—HS

Wednesday 22 December

9.15am Mass St Anthony's

Thursday 23 December

9.15am Mass (Italian) - Holy Spirit

Friday 24 December—Christmas Eve

5pm Mass Holy Spirit—Children's Nativity Play
6pm Carols and Mass St Anthony's
Midnight

Saturday 25 December—Christmas Day

9am (Italian) - St Anthony's
10am -Holy Spirit
11am- St Anthony's
NO EVENING MASSES

Sunday 26 December—Feast of the Holy Family

9am Italian
10am Holy Spirit
11am St Anthony's

Tuesday 28 December

9.15am -Mass - Holy Spirit

Wednesday 29 December

9.15am Mass St Anthony's

Thursday 30 December

9.15am Mass (Italian) - Holy Spirit

Friday 31 December—

9.15am Mass St Anthony's

Saturday 1 January 2022—Mary, the Holy Mother

10am Mass St Anthony's
Vigil Masses for Epiphany of the Lord

5pm Mass Holy Spirit
6pm Mass St Anthony's

Sunday 2 January

9am Mass Italian - St Anthony's
10am Holy Spirit
11am St Anthony's

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES
UNTIL
TUESDAY 18th January 2022 and
AND NO
6PM SATURDAY NIGHT MASS AT
ST ANTHONY'S
UNTIL
22nd January 2022**

Liturgy of the Word

This Weekend:

1st Reading: Micah 5: 1-4,

Responsorial Psalm

Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia I am the servant of the Lord; may his will for me be done. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

Next Weekend: Christmas Masses

1st Reading: Is 62:11-12

2nd Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 15-20

26th Dec—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28

2nd Reading: 1John 3:1-2,21-24

Gospel: Lk 2: 41-52

Deaths and Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Brian Lennox that they all be at peace with their God.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are the first faith teachers for their children as a parish we support them with our prayers. Today we pray for Harrison and Annalise who present Nina Evangelia Antoniou for her Baptism at St Anthony's this weekend.

**Our Christmas Bulletin is available on our web page.
Details and stories gathered by Rosie Hoban from
parishioners and creatively put together by Donna
Maloney. Thank you ladies a wonderful
Christmas read. Fr Ireneusz.**

Thank you Fr Ireneusz

We farewelled Fr Ireneusz at the volunteers dinner on Friday night and gave him a gift from the parish for his time with us over the past three years.

Though the past two years have been a difficult time for us all we thank him for his work, prayers and support during this time.

We wish him well and pray for him as he prepares for the next stage of his life journey in 2022.

Laudato Si

The world was created by the three Persons acting as a single divine principle. The Trinity has left its mark on all creation. Like the Trinity, the world is a web of relationships. Everything is interconnected P 239-240.

Calls to the Parish office, please call 94128439 first and leave a message and then in an emergency also call 0432576500 or email hosan@cam.org.au

The Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention OR contact the child safety representatives of our Parish—Margaret Harrington, Pauline Egan, Fran Adamopoulos and Max Gomez.

2022 Columban Calendars and MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS on sale NOW

The calendars cost \$10 and Christmas cards are \$7 per pack and can be purchased at piety stall or using the envelopes attached to items.

Annual Nativity Play at Holy Spirit's 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve will go ahead. If you would like to take part please call the parish office on 94128439 or hosan@cam.org.au and your details will be passed on to a member of the organising committee.

Asylum Seekers Support Group—will hand out gift tags and envelopes at St Anthony's if you would like to donate this Christmas. It has been a disappointing year as we haven't been able to hold our usual fundraising activities and have had to cancel our rice order. But we are determined to return in 2022!!!

A thank you from ASRC

As another challenging year draws to an end, we feel a deep sense of gratitude for the community of compassion that has supported our work. Your every act of kindness has made a difference in the lives of people seeking asylum, and for that we want to thank you. Whether you signed a petition, joined a calling party, shared our social media content, purchased a copy of our new book *Seeking Asylum*, took part in a fundraising event or made a generous donation, your kindness has ensured we could stand with people seeking asylum and refugees. It is our privilege to work alongside people seeking asylum - to empower people, provide support in moments of need and to amplify their voices. But you are the ones who make real change possible. From everyone here at the ASRC, thank you.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

CDF is continuously looking to improve its service and client support and with Christmas fast approaching they are introducing an easier way for parishioners to support our parish with a new CDF pay QR code. 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 on display in the foyer of the Church with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps. We thank you for your support of the parish in this way.

New envelopes will begin next weekend.

Direct debit and Credit Card receipts will be sent out next week.

Thank you during these difficult times for your continued support of the Parish and Fr Ireneusz.

Parish Telephone Prayer Group:

Call in: Tuesday at 11.30am. Cost of a local call.

Call-in number: a) 07-5660 6012 b) access code : 722762 # . Cost of a local call.

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SUMMIT IS BACK.....

Once again we have the wonderful resource from the Archdiocese of Melbourne that helps us to understand the readings and traditions of our faith.

Here is a part from today's The complete take home sheet is at the back of the church.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' (Luke 1:39-44)

Did you know?

In Luke's Gospel, the conception and birth of Jesus are described in parallel with the conception and birth of John the Baptist. One important difference is that the announcement of the miraculous conception of John to elderly parents comes to his father, Zechariah, while the announcement of the conception of Jesus comes to his mother, Mary. In Matthew's Gospel, it is Joseph who is the main protagonist, while Luke concentrates on Mary's role in cooperating in God's plan for the world. Luke's Gospel pays a great deal of attention to the role that women play in the story of salvation. Mary undertakes a journey from Nazareth in Galilee, in the north of Israel, to the hill country of Judah in the south. This is an extraordinary journey for a young pregnant woman of her time to undertake alone!

Exploring the Word

Elizabeth's response to the visit of her young kinswoman is quite remarkable. She can have had no way of knowing what had happened to Mary, but she receives a sudden intuition from God and is 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. Elizabeth and the child she carries both recognise and respond to an in-breaking of God's action in human history. The revelation to Elizabeth is even more profound when we realise that she rejoices not only because Mary is carrying the long-awaited saviour, but also because she sees that Mary's blessedness is a direct result of her faith. 'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' It is Mary's willing acceptance of the role God chose for her that has resulted in her being blessed among women.

Can you think of a time when you 'knew' something without being told?

What was the source of your intuition?

What promises has God made to you?

Do you believe the promises that have been made?

Making connections Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer

'You are most blessed.'

Do you have a sense of how 'blessed' you are?

Can you recognise the 'blessedness' of others?

Have there been occasions when you have had a sense of being filled with the Holy Spirit or a sense of the closeness of God?

This week try to visit someone who is in need of some attention, especially as Christmas is almost upon us.

Make the time to reach out to another.

Have you ever felt honoured by a visit from someone special?

Is there a favourite relative that you visit on a regular basis?

Do you have special memories associated with your mother or grandmother?

Share your reflections with others.

Living the Word

What images of Mary are there in your parish church or other buildings?

You could visit those images and discuss them.

Are there particular Marian devotions held in your community?

More on the take home sheet.....