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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

Sept 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept 13: St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

Recently Deceased

Carmelina Mineo

Anniversaries

Vito Di Benedetto,
Maria and Rosalina Di Benedetto,
Carmelo Carpenzano,
Vito Fiscarelli (18 yrs), Nurse Farr,
Johnny Youssef El-Fakhri,
Nahme Tarre Sukkar, Mariam Baini,
Ferdinando Pezzimenti, Nancy O'Neill,
Ann Ralston (4 Months) and Zlata Markovic (3 Months).

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
www.melbocatholic.org/s/hosan



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 6-7 Sept 2025



Archbishop's Campaign 2025

Parish Collections

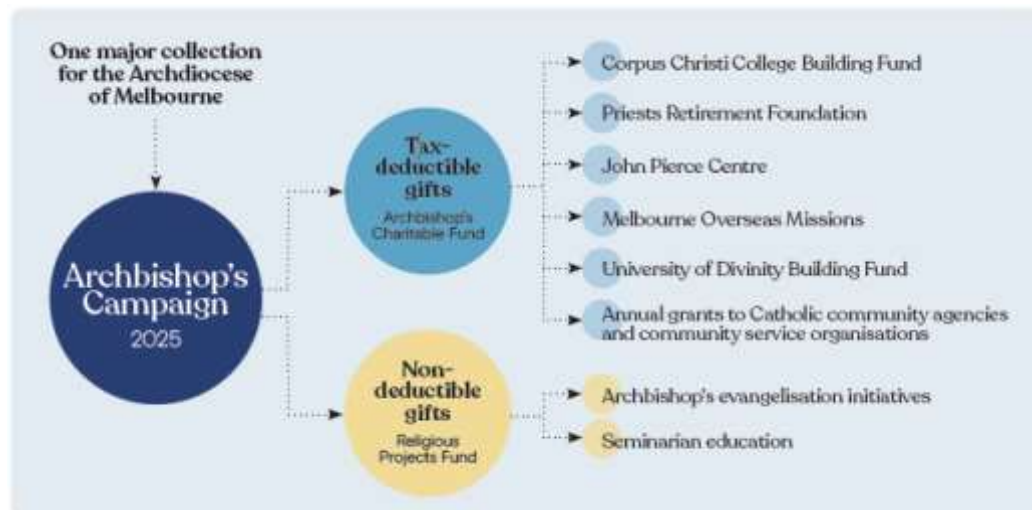
1st Giving Weekend—6-7 September
2nd Giving Weekend—13-14 September

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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 vital ministries listed below. Campaign envelopes will be in the pews.

For more information please visit: melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign



Season of Creation—Peace With Creation 2025

From **September 1 to October 4** an annual global celebration of prayer and action is promoted to protect our common home, earth.

Join Our Earthcare Initiative! An information night will be held on Thursday, **September 11th** at **7pm** in **Holy Spirit Church**. Find more information at the back of the Bulletin.

First Reading *Wisdom 9:13-18***A reading from the book of Wisdom**

What man can know the intentions of God?
 Who can divine the will of the Lord?
 The reasonings of mortals are unsure
 and our intentions unstable;
 for a perishable body presses down the soul,
 and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming
 mind.
 It is hard enough for us to work out what is on
 earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach;
 who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
 As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
 had you not granted Wisdom
 and sent your holy spirit from above?
 Thus have the paths of those on earth been
 straightened and men been taught what pleases
 you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17*

R. *In every age, O Lord, you have been our
 refuge.*

L. You turn men back in to dust
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
 To your eyes a thousand years
 are like yesterday, come and gone,
 no more than a watch in the night **R.**

L. You sweep men away like a dream,
 like grass which springs up in the morning.
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:
 by evening it withers and fades **R.**

L. Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants. **R.**

L. In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading *Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17***A reading from the letter to the x**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is
 more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing
 to you for a child of mine, whose father I became
 while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am
 sending him back to you, and with him - I could say
 - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep

him with me; he could have been a substitute for you,
 to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News
 has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything
 without your consent; it would have been forcing your
 act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know
 you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it
 was only so that you could have him back for ever, not
 as a slave any more, but something much better than a
 slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how
 much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a
 brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common
 means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Ps 118:135*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
 and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke *14:25-33***A reading from the holy Gospel according
 to Luke**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
 turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me
 without hating his father, mother, wife, children,
 brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be
 my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and
 come after me cannot be my disciple.
 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a
 tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to
 see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he
 laid the foundation and then found himself unable to
 finish the work, the onlookers would all start making
 fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to
 build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king
 marching to war against another king would not first
 sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men
 he could stand up to the other who advanced against
 him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other
 king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to
 sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be
 my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings **Next Week—24th Sunday in OT: 14 Sept 2025**

1st Rdg: Numbers 21:4-9

2nd Rdg: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Prima lettura Sap 9,13-18**Dal libro della Sapienza**

Quale, uomo può conoscere il volere di Dio?
 Chi può immaginare che cosa vuole il Signore?
 I ragionamenti dei mortali sono timidi
 e incerte le nostre riflessioni,
 perché un corpo corruttibile appesantisce l'anima
 e la tenda d'argilla opprime una mente piena di
 preoccupazioni.
 A stento immaginiamo le cose della terra,
 scopriamo con fatica quelle a portata di mano;
 ma chi ha investigato le cose del cielo?
 Chi avrebbe conosciuto il tuo volere,
 se tu non gli avessi dato la sapienza
 e dall'alto non gli avessi inviato il tuo santo spirito?
 Così vennero raddrizzati i sentieri di chi è sulla
 terra;
 gli uomini furono istruiti in ciò che ti è gradito
 e furono salvati per mezzo della sapienza».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 89****Rit. _ Signore, sei stato per noi un rifugio di
generazione in generazione.**

L. Tu fai ritornare l'uomo in polvere,
 quando dici: «Ritornate, figli dell'uomo».
 Mille anni, ai tuoi occhi,
 sono come il giorno di ieri che è passato,
 come un turno di veglia nella notte. **Rit.**

L. Tu li sommergi:
 sono come un sogno al mattino,
 come l'erba che germoglia;
 al mattino fiorisce e germoglia,
 alla sera è falciata e secca. **Rit.**

L. Insegnaci a contare i nostri giorni
 E acquisteremo un cuore saggio.
 Ritorna, Signore: fino a quando?
 Abbi pietà dei tuoi servi! **Rit.**

L. Saziaci al mattino con il tuo amore:
 esulteremo e gioiremo per tutti i nostri giorni.
 Sia su di noi la dolcezza del Signore, nostro Dio:
 rendi salda per noi l'opera delle nostre mani,
 l'opera delle nostre mani rendi salda. **Rit.**

**Seconda lettura Fm 1,9-10.12-17
Dalla lettera Filènone**

Carissimo, ti esorto, io, Paolo, così come sono,
 vecchio, e ora anche prigioniero di Cristo Gesù. Ti
 prego per Onèsimo, figlio mio,

che ho generato nelle catene. Te lo rimando, lui che mi
 sta tanto a cuore.

Avrei voluto tenerlo con me perché mi assistesse al
 posto tuo, ora che sono in catene per il Vangelo. Ma non
 ho voluto fare nulla senza il tuo parere, perché il bene
 che fai non sia forzato, ma volontario.

Per questo forse è stato separato da te per un
 momento: perché tu lo riavessi per sempre; non più
 però come schiavo, ma molto più che schiavo, come
 fratello carissimo, in primo luogo per me, ma ancora
 più per te, sia come uomo sia come fratello nel Signore.
 Se dunque tu mi consideri amico, accoglilo come me
 stesso.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Sal 118,135****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Fa' risplendere il tuo volto sul tuo servo
 e insegnami i tuoi decreti.

Alleluia.**Vangelo Lc 14,25-33****Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

In quel tempo, una folla numerosa andava con Gesù.
 Egli si voltò e disse loro:

«Se uno viene a me e non mi ama più di quanto ami
 suo padre, la madre, la moglie, i figli, i fratelli, le
 sorelle e perfino la propria vita, non può essere mio
 discepolo.

Colui che non porta la propria croce e non viene
 dietro a me, non può essere mio discepolo.

Chi di voi, volendo costruire una torre, non siede
 prima a calcolare la spesa e a vedere se ha i mezzi per
 portarla a termine? Per evitare che, se getta le
 fondamenta e non è in grado di finire il lavoro, tutti
 coloro che vedono comincino a deriderlo, dicendo:
 "Costui ha iniziato a costruire, ma non è stato capace
 di finire il lavoro".

Oppure quale re, partendo in guerra contro un altro
 re, non siede prima a esaminare se può affrontare
 con diecimila uomini chi gli viene incontro con
 ventimila? Se no, mentre l'altro è ancora lontano, gli
 manda dei messaggeri per chiedere pace.

Così chiunque di voi non rinuncia a tutti i suoi averi,
 non può essere mio discepolo».

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.

Max Gomez, Phoenix Toma, Onyx Toma, Tina Marangoni, Angela Di Benedetto and Charlie (Carmel) Restall.

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

- 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



Today we honour the men who have embraced the sacred role of fatherhood with courage, compassion, and faith. Whether by birth, adoption, mentorship, or spiritual guidance, your presence has shaped lives and hearts.

Thank you for your sacrifices, your quiet strength, and your unwavering love.

May God bless you abundantly and continue to guide you in your journey as a father. You are deeply appreciated and celebrated!

Blessed Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati, are to be canonized on Sunday 7 September, 2025 at 10am Rome local time. When saints are canonized, Heaven rejoices— Let us lift our prayers to join the celebration above.



Come Along to the Earthcare Information Night!

Join us for an engaging Earthcare Information Night during this year's Season of Creation, from **September 1st to October 4th.**



Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, September 11th
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Narthex of **Holy Spirit Church**, East Thornbury

Parishioners from Mary Mother of the Church, Ivanhoe, will share their experience of running an Earthcare group for the past five years. Discover how the Mission Parishes can also do this and contribute to the Laudato Si Action Platform goals. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn, connect, and decide if you want to be part of this exciting initiative to care for our creation. Please **RSVP** by contacting the **Parish Office**. For more information, ask to contact John Samanna from Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing you there!

Online Info Session via Zoom: The Permanent Diaconate is Open to single and married men (ages 30–60) discerning a call to serve as ordained ministers. Tuesday, **23 Sept 2025—7:00–8:00pm (AEST)** | to attend email: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

Save the Date - Combined Parishes Jubilee Spring BBQ

Please join us for an afternoon of food, good company and community spirit as we mark the Jubilee year together. Everyone is invited!

Sunday 5 October | 11:30 am - 1:30pm | St Anthony's Primary School

59 Austin St, Alphington | for safety, parking is on local streets only

RSVP: 28 September P: 03 9484 2907 | E: adminANT@cam.org.au

BYO drinks and your favourite snack to share.



Australian Catholic Youth Festival—Registration Now open



acyf.org.au ACYF 2025 is a three-day national youth festival celebrating faith, community, and connection. **Interested in joining our parish group?** Scan the QR code to let us know, and we'll be in touch with more details! For more information please visit our [website](https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan).

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