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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

21 Jan: St Agnes, virgin, martyr
24 Jan: St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

Recently Deceased

Bruno Bruni, Patrick Walsh,
Hanah John, Dahear Kairouz,
Carl Damigella, Francesca Paravizzini,
Luigi Tana, Antonio Mercuri,
Frank Callago, Damileo Callago,
Michael Mercuri, Maria Bu Thi Luu.

Anniversaries

Ivan Ivelja, Lechar Kairouz,
Maria Bar Bar, Robert Naiken,
Anthony Pesavento, Zorka Smoljan,
Angelo Sartaretto, Pedro Peters,
Abraham Moussa Saad,
Lahoud H. Habchi, Dante D'Andrea,
Davide Spada and Concetto Giaccotto,
and Helene Green.

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our official parish website:

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

17-18 Jan 2026

Celebrating Christmas Together: A Heartfelt Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations so special.

A warm and sincere thanks to our school staff and families who prepared the Nativity Plays, and to all who participated —your efforts brought great joy to our Mission Parishes.

Special appreciation goes to our Liturgy Committee, choir directors, musicians and choirs, readers, commentators, altar servers, gift bearers, collectors, welcomers, special ministers, cleaners, florists and decorators, sacristans, and those who prepared the Mass slides and operated the laptops.

Your dedication and generosity made these celebrations truly memorable. **Thank you!**

I would like to thank Margaret, Fran and Pauline for all their work in organizing, preparing PowerPoints, printing, music and so much more. I also extend my gratitude to Fr Brendan and Fr Tuong for celebrating and concelebrating Christmas Masses, and for their ongoing help and support. *Fr Shabin*

Renewed in Grace: 2026 – The Year of Faith Community

The Catholic Jubilee Year concluded with the formal closing and sealing of the Holy Doors in Rome's major basilicas, culminating with the closing of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 6, 2026. This symbolic act marks the end of a year of grace, forgiveness, and spiritual renewal.

The closing rite of the Jubilee Year emphasizes that while the Church offers special opportunities for grace during the Jubilee, Jesus Christ remains the one true "door" to salvation and communion with God.

The closing to the Holy Doors signals a transition from a time of pilgrimage and personal reflection to an ongoing mission: bearing witness to hope and mercy, inspired by the graces received.

(Vatican Website – The Rite of Closing the Jubilee Door)

As we return to the regular rhythm of Church life in 2026, renewed by the fruits of the Holy Year, we are called to live these graces daily. Our parish theme, "The Year of Faith Community", invites us to deepen our faith, renew our commitments, and share that faith with others—bringing our four communities together and growing toward the fullness of life in Christ. *Fr Shabin*

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

First Reading *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
 I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
 my God was my strength.
 And now the Lord has spoken,
 he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 to gather Israel to him:
 'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
 to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
 I will make you the light of the nations
 so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10*

R *Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.*

L I waited, I waited for the Lord
 and he stooped down to me;
 he heard my cry.
 He put a new song into my mouth,
 praise of our God. **R.**

L You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
 but an open ear.
 You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
 Instead, here am I. **R.**

L In the scroll of the book it stands written
 that I should do your will.
 My God, I delight in your law
 in the depth of my heart. **R.**

L Your justice I have proclaimed
 in the great assembly.
 My lips I have not sealed;
 you know it, O Lord. **R.**



Liturgytools.net Jesus Lamb of God recognized by John the Baptist

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:1-3***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 1:29-34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel of John 1:29-34**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings Next Week—3rd Sunday in OT Year A—25 Jan 2026

1st Rdg: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Prima lettura Is 49,3.5-6
Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Il Signore mi ha detto:

«Mio servo tu sei, Israele,
 sul quale manifesterò la mia gloria».
 Ora ha parlato il Signore,
 che mi ha plasmato suo servo dal seno materno
 per ricondurre a lui Giacobbe
 e a lui riunire Israele
 – poiché ero stato onorato dal Signore
 e Dio era stato la mia forza –
 e ha detto:

«È troppo poco che tu sia mio servo
 per restaurare le tribù di Giacobbe
 e ricondurre i superstiti d'Israele.
 Io ti renderò luce delle nazioni,
 perché porti la mia salvezza
 fino all'estremità della terra».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 39

**Rit. _ Ecco, Signore,
 io vengo per fare la tua volontà.**

L. Ho sperato, ho sperato nel Signore,
 ed egli su di me si è chinato,
 ha dato ascolto al mio grido.
 Mi ha messo sulla bocca un canto nuovo,
 una lode al nostro Dio. **Rit.**

L. Sacrificio e offerta non gradisci,
 gli orecchi mi hai aperto,
 non hai chiesto olocausto né sacrificio per il peccato.
 Allora ho detto: «Ecco, io vengo». **Rit.**

L. «Nel rotolo del libro su di me è scritto
 di fare la tua volontà:
 mio Dio, questo io desidero;
 la tua legge è nel mio intimo». **Rit.**

L. Ho annunciato la tua giustizia
 nella grande assemblea;
 vedi: non tengo chiuse le labbra,
 Signore, tu lo sai. **Rit.**



Seconda lettura 1Cor 1,1-3
Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Paolo, chiamato a essere apostolo di Cristo Gesù per volontà di Dio, e il fratello Sòstene, alla Chiesa di Dio che è a Corinto, a coloro che sono stati santificati in Cristo Gesù, santi per chiamata, insieme a tutti quelli che in ogni luogo invocano il nome del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, Signore nostro e loro: grazia a voi e pace da Dio Padre nostro e dal Signore Gesù Cristo!

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Gv 1,14.12
Alleluia, alleluia.

Il Verbo si fece carne
 e venne ad abitare in mezzo a noi;
 a quanti lo hanno accolto
 ha dato potere di diventare figli di Dio.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 1,29-34
Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

In quel tempo, Giovanni, vedendo Gesù venire verso di lui, disse:

«Ecco l'agnello di Dio, colui che toglie il peccato del mondo! Egli è colui del quale ho detto: "Dopo di me viene un uomo che è avanti a me, perché era prima di me". Io non lo conoscevo, ma sono venuto a battezzare nell'acqua, perché egli fosse manifestato a Israele».

Giovanni testimoniò dicendo:

«Ho contemplato lo Spirito discendere come una colomba dal cielo e rimanere su di lui. Io non lo conoscevo, ma proprio colui che mi ha inviato a battezzare nell'acqua mi disse: "Colui sul quale vedrai discendere e rimanere lo Spirito, è lui che battezza nello Spirito Santo". E io ho visto e ho testimoniato che questi è il Figlio di Dio».

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.

Tony Gribeh, Wafa Ibrahim, Suhaila Yousif, Thuir Armenak, Mona Armenak, Charles, Giuseppe Callago, Arfix Callago

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

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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

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Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person via the Parish Office:

Moses El-Fahkri

Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Tate Julian Swanwick** who is presented for his baptism by his parent **Renee** at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate Tate and his family and pray for his spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



Our combined parish community gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 13 December, to celebrate our final Jubilee Year event. With the Closing of the Jubilee Year on January 6th, the feast of the Epiphany,

Renewed in Grace: We Embrace 2026 as The Year of Faith



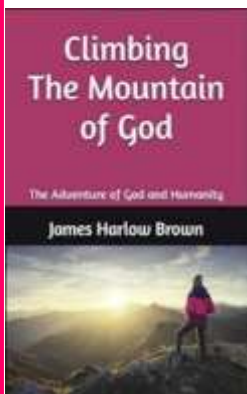
Monday 26 January

Australia Day Mass

At St Joseph's Northcote—10 am



An Exciting Opportunity to Learn More About Your Faith



The new 7-part series, based on Jim Brown's book **Climbing the Mountain of God**, begins on **Zoom** on Tuesday, **January 27**, at **7:00 PM**—the Zoom Meeting ID: **848 1143 9966**. The Zoom link will be emailed with the Bulletin mailout. You can also get a link to the Zoom meeting by emailing the Parish Office.

The first Face-to-Face Discussion Group covering the same 7 topics as the Zoom sessions will meet at **St. Anthony's Parish Meeting Room** on Sunday, **1 February**, at **12:00 PM**. The sessions will last for approximately 1 hour.

Everyone is invited. No registration. **We look forward to seeing you there.**

Pastoral Leadership Team Report

Our Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 26 November to discuss matters affecting our four communities. Key topics included:

- Clergy changes as we farewell Fr Peter and welcome Fr Tuong
- Final parish celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, with thanks to the Jubilee Committee for their creativity and dedication
- A review of 2025 activities and early planning for 2026, which will be our parish **"Year of Faith Community"**, aligning with the Church's Year of Faith and our commitment to strengthening unity across our communities

Our first meeting for **2026** will be held on Wednesday **11 February**. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout the year. We wish you a safe, and happy new year.

Naomi Brammer—*Combined Leadership Team*



Earthcare group launched - now planning events for 2026 We will begin the new year with a display in each church highlighting the group's aims and plans. Still keen to join? please contact John via the parish office.

We look forward to your interest, participation and prayers.

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