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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.

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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

28 Oct: Saints Simon & Jude, apostles

Recently Deceased:

Giuseppe Lodato, Maria Girardi,
Gina Grassi, Dr Dominic Vellar,
Youssef Gerges Lolou Taouk

Anniversaries

Oleh Harasymiv
Shaker Hermiz (2 years),
Leonardo De Lorenzo, Saverio Spano,
Antoine Ghobril,
Youssef El-Ferez Taouk,
Mtonios Saleh Fakhry, Angelita Obaldo,
Nakhle Dib Younan,
Fahed Wakim amad, Oleh Harasymiv,
George Ponton, Bert Joynson, and
Santina Bolzan.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

25-26 October 2026



The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. He joins this with a second commandment: to love our neighbour as ourselves. These two commandments are inseparable, for our love of God is expressed through our love and care

for others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need.

True Christian charity begins with compassion, placing ourselves in another's situation and seeking their good. It calls us not only to act kindly but also to listen attentively and understand the needs of others. Jesus reminds us that love is at the heart of Christian discipleship and the foundation of all God's commandments. As disciples of Christ, we are invited to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, worship, and service. When we open our hearts to God and to one another, we become signs of His presence in the world. May we strive each day to live this great commandment with generosity, compassion, and faithfulness.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ) [Jesus speaks to the Pharisees](#) James Tissot, (1886-1894)

AMALGAMATION CONSULTATION As we continue the amalgamation process, Father warmly invites parishioners to meet with him to share any questions, concerns, or thoughts they may have. He is keen to listen, hear your views, and engage in open conversation as we journey together through this important time. Father Shabin is available to meet with parishioners individually or in small groups of up to three people.

Father will be available at **St Mary's Presbytery** 1 Rossmoyne Street, Thornbury on **Wednesday 4 to Saturday 7 November**, from **11am to 5pm**.

If you would like to make an appointment please **call Fr Shabin** on 0427186922 or **email** shabin.kaniampuram@cam.org.au.

PARISH CONSULTATION MEETING

We warmly invite all parishioners to our next consultation meeting, which will be held on Sunday 8 November 2026 at 12.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 197 Clarendon Street, Thornbury East.

Facilitated by the Take the Way of the Gospel Change Management Team, this gathering will focus on our shared journey and the way forward for 2027. It will also be an opportunity to listen, share ideas, ask questions, and contribute to the future of our parish community.

We hope you can join us as we continue to discern and shape our future together. A light lunch will be provided, and all are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26**A reading from the book of Exodus**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

L_ I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

L_ Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere.

We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:34-40**A reading from the holy Gospel of Mathew**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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**Readings: Next Week: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 1 November 2026**

1st Rdg: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

2nd Rdg: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Prima lettura Es 22,20-26

Dal libro dell'Esodo

Così dice il Signore:

«Non molesterai il forestiero né lo opprimerai, perché voi siete stati forestieri in terra d'Egitto. Non maltratterai la vedova o l'orfano. Se tu lo maltratti, quando invocherà da me l'aiuto, io darò ascolto al suo grido, la mia ira si accenderà e vi farò morire di spada: le vostre mogli saranno vedove e i vostri figli orfani.

Se tu presti denaro a qualcuno del mio popolo, all'indigente che sta con te, non ti comporterai con lui da usuraio: voi non dovete imporgli alcun interesse.

Se prendi in pegno il mantello del tuo prossimo, glielo renderai prima del tramonto del sole, perché è la sua sola coperta, è il mantello per la sua pelle; come potrebbe coprirsi dormendo? Altrimenti, quando griderà verso di me, io l'ascolterò, perché io sono pietoso».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale** (Sal 17)**Rit. _ Ti amo, Signore, mia forza.**

L._ Ti amo, Signore, mia forza,
Signore, mia roccia,
mia forza, mio liberatore. **Rit.**

L._ Mio Dio, mia rupe, in cui mi rifugio;
mio scudo, mia potente salvezza e mio baluardo.
Invoco il Signore, degno di lode,
e sarò salvato dai miei nemici. **Rit.**

L._ Viva il Signore e benedetta la mia roccia,
sia esaltato il Dio della mia salvezza.
Egli concede al suo re grandi vittorie,
si mostra fedele al suo consacrato. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Ts 1,5-10

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Tessalonicesi

Fratelli, ben sapete come ci siamo comportati in mezzo a voi per il vostro bene.

E voi avete seguito il nostro esempio e quello del Signore, avendo accolto la Parola in mezzo a grandi prove, con la gioia dello Spirito Santo, così da diventare modello per tutti i credenti della Macedonia e dell'Acàia.

Infatti per mezzo vostro la parola del Signore risuona non soltanto in Macedonia e in Acaia, ma la vostra fede in Dio si è diffusa dappertutto, tanto che non abbiamo bisogno di parlarne.

Sono essi infatti a raccontare come noi siamo venuti in mezzo a voi e come vi siete convertiti dagli idoli a Dio, per servire il Dio vivo e vero e attendere dai cieli il suo Figlio, che egli ha risuscitato dai morti, Gesù, il quale ci libera dall'ira che viene.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo** Gv 14,23**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Se uno mi ama, osserverà la mia parola, dice il Signore, e il Padre mio lo amerà e noi verremo a lui.

Alleluia.**Vangelo** Mt 22, 34-40**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, i farisei, avendo udito che Gesù aveva chiuso la bocca ai sadducei, si riunirono insieme e uno di loro, un dottore della Legge, lo interrogò per metterlo alla prova:

«Maestro, nella Legge, qual è il grande comandamento?».

Gli rispose: «Amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il tuo cuore, con tutta la tua anima e con tutta la tua mente». Questo è il grande e primo comandamento. Il secondo poi è simile a quello: «Amerai il tuo prossimo come te stesso». Da questi due comandamenti dipendono tutta la Legge e i Profeti».

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, Madja Brozic, Mary Buttifant, Clara Luz Diaz, and Vittoria Calidonna.*

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

St Mary's Thanksgiving Envelopes: Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of our parish. Your contributions help sustain the many ministries and activities of our faith community. The new Thanksgiving envelopes are now available for collection from the church foyer.

Friday 30 October—Seniors Mass 10:30 am at St Joseph's Northcote, Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls



"We pray for them out of love and hope," ...

"Their journey to God continues, and our prayers strengthen them—and bring healing to us."

(Archbishop Peter Comensoli)

All souls Mass will be held **2 November, 10 am at St Mary's Thornbury and 7:30pm at St Joseph's Northcote**



Memoriam Masses—Saturday 7 to Sunday 8 November

In November we remember all those who have died and especially those who have been buried from our Parish Churches.

Please Join us as we celebrate and remember our dearly departed.



at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

Artwork: Garofalo, Christ washing the Disciple's feet—Courtesy of the Art gallery of Washington.

We Congratulate **Andrew Tran**, who completed his Parish Placement in our Parishes in Partnership in 2024, on his ordination to the Diaconate. With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, your prayers and presence are requested at the Ordination of **Andrew Tran** to the Diaconate, to be conferred by Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli DD, ArchBishop of Melbourne, on **Saturday 14 November 2026, at 10am**, at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

POSITION VACANT Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for positions in administration and finance in the Parish Office. If you are interested, please contact Margaret on financeant@cam.org.au for further information.

Pastoral Leadership Team report, October 2026: Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 19 August to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed at the meeting were: • plans for the Parish Spring Picnic on Sunday 11 October • nomination of parish representatives for the 2026 Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod • updates from the Transition Team regarding the amalgamation consultation process. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2 December**. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our discussions and decisions.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2027

The calendars are on sale for \$10 each, they are available at the back of the church. If you would like to use the Tap and Go machines, do so and put the envelope in the basket with TAP AND GO on it. Thank you Parish Office.