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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 English

Weekdays: Wednesday, 9.15am
Italian

St Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 11:00am English/Italian

Weekdays: Tuesday, 9.15am English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Weekdays: Thursday, 9.15am Italian

St Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian

11.00am English

Weekdays: Friday, 9.15am English

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

9 Sept: St Peter Claver
12 Sept: The Most Holy Name of Mary
13 Sept: St John Chrysostom
14 Sept: Exaltation of the Cross

Recently Deceased

Alfred Vasallo

Anniversaries

Francesco & Rosina Ianello; Aldo
Melone; Lorenzo De Marco; Evelino &
Robert Zampieri; Johnny Youssef El-
Fakhri; Nahme Taree Sukkar; Mariam
Baini; Boutros Bakhos Fakhry;
Kester Soriano; Harry Murphy Snr;
Ferdinando Pezzimenti.



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PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

7-8 September 2024

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark "Safeguarding Sunday 2024" on September 8, at the conclusion of National Child Protection

Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

This year Safeguarding Sunday has adopted the theme of National Child Protection Week – "Every conversation matters".

Embracing this theme, we are reminded that every conversation about safeguarding matters. Children and adults at risk are more likely to raise concerns and issues in an organisation that empowers and listens to them, and creating space for children and adults to have a say in decisions that affect them is an integral part of every safe organisation.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is deeply committed to the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a key responsibility of the Church. This commitment is founded in the teachings and mission of Jesus Christ, and lived out with love and justice to ensure the dignity of each human person.

Our safeguarding commitment articulates our recognition of the need for, and action towards, a culture of safety that ensures children and young people can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community.

Our young people are our present and our future. How we value them today will nurture a generation confident in the knowledge that each individual person matters and is cared for, and will prepare them to carry this legacy forward for their own children and beyond. May our commitment today, as followers of Christ, be the shared responsibility that celebrates, empowers and protects our young people always.

To ensure that we uphold "Safeguarding Children Policy" all volunteers in our Partnership Parishes need a Current Working with Children Check. Please call the Parish Office if you need assistance in getting one or go directly to:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check> and apply for one. It is free.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 145(146):7-10**Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!**SECOND READING**

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of Saint James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**Next week's readings: 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 50: 5-9

Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9

James 2:14-18

Mk 8: 27-35

Prima Lettura Is 35,4-7

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Dite agli smarriti di cuore: «Coraggio, non temete!
Ecco il vostro Dio, giunge la vendetta,
la ricompensa divina.

Egli viene a salvarvi». Allora si apriranno gli occhi dei ciechi e si schiuderanno gli orecchi dei sordi.

Allora lo zoppo salterà come un cervo, griderà di gioia la lingua del muto, perché scaturiranno acque nel deserto, scorreranno torrenti nella steppa.

La terra bruciata diventerà una palude, il suolo arido sorgenti d'acqua.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo Responsoriale** Sal 145**Rit: Loda il Signore, anima mia.**

1. Il Signore rimane fedele per sempre
rende giustizia agli oppressi,
dà il pane agli affamati.
Il Signore libera i prigionieri.

2. Il Signore ridona la vista ai ciechi,
il Signore rialza chi è caduto,
il Signore ama i giusti,
il Signore protegge i forestieri.

3. Egli sostiene l'orfano e la vedova,
ma sconvolge le vie dei malvagi.
Il Signore regna per sempre,
il tuo Dio, o Sion, di generazione in generazione.

Rit: Loda il Signore, anima mia.**Seconda Lettura** Gc 2,1-5

Dalla lettera di san Giacomo apostolo

Fratelli miei, la vostra fede nel Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, Signore della gloria, sia immune da favoritismi personali. Supponiamo che, in una delle vostre riunioni, entri qualcuno con un anello d'oro al dito, vestito lussuosamente, ed entri anche un povero con un vestito logoro. Se guardate colui che è vestito lussuosamente e gli dite: «Tu siediti qui, comodamente», e al povero dite: «Tu mettiti là, in piedi», oppure: «Siediti qui ai piedi del mio sgabello», non fate forse discriminazioni e non siete giudici dai giudizi perversi?

Ascoltate, fratelli miei carissimi: Dio non ha forse scelto i poveri agli occhi del mondo, che sono ricchi nella fede ed eredi del Regno, promesso a quelli che lo amano?

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo** Mt 4,23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gesù annunciava il vangelo del Regno
e guariva ogni sorta di infermità nel popolo.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Mc 7,31-37

Dal Vangelo secondo Marco

In quel tempo, Gesù, uscito dalla regione di Tiro, passando per Sidòne, venne verso il mare di Galilea in pieno territorio della Decàpoli.

Gli portarono un sordomuto e lo pregarono di imporgli la mano. Lo prese in disparte, lontano dalla folla, gli pose le dita negli orecchi e con la saliva gli toccò la lingua; guardando quindi verso il cielo, emise un sospiro e gli disse: «Effatà», cioè: «Apriti!». E subito gli si aprirono gli orecchi, si sciolse il nodo della sua lingua e parlava correttamente.

E comandò loro di non dirlo a nessuno. Ma più egli lo proibiva, più essi lo proclamavano e, pieni di stupore, dicevano: «Ha fatto bene ogni cosa: fa udire i sordi e fa parlare i muti!».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a te o Cristo

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

Baby Godfrey Joseph Moore; Lido Fontanini;
Zena El-Fahkri

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 Presbytery 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 contact Parish Offices **9484 2907**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation on Thursdays at 10.30am at Holy Spirit Parish. ALL WELCOME

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

- 1 Sunday of the month—St Mary's
 - 2 Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit
 - 3 Sunday of the month—St Anthony's
 - 4 Sunday of the month—St Joseph's
- First Wednesday of the month.**

St Joseph's: Baptism Preparation by appointment only.

St Mary's: By appointment only please call parish Office

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit : Baptism prep session 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Kevin and Katrina Jansz.

SENIORS

After the Thursday Italian Mass 9.15am 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 in 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

St Mary's and St Joseph's: R.E Classes in preparation for Sacraments.

Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit: Sacramental program 5pm to 6pm in meeting room
St Anthony's, six weeks before the Sacrament is received.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: Moses El-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

WHO IS YOUR GOD?

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT GOD CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

The topic for the eighth week is ***How do we celebrate being in heaven?*** led by Jim Brown, author of *Living Well in the Presence of God*. There is NO registration. You can attend any session you like. Zoom sessions are on Tuesday 10 September from 7:30pm to 8:30. The face-to-face session is Sunday 15 September, at 12:00pm, at St Anthony's Parish meeting room.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87523030851>

The **Tap and Go's** have been installed in all our four Parishes.

You can choose up to 4 amounts to make your donations.

We thank you for your financial support of our Parishes!

Finance Teams and Fr Shabin Kaniampuram IVDei.



Seniors Mass St Joseph's Northcote: Anointing Mass and Morning Tea, Friday 20 September 10.30am at St Joseph's Church. All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.



Coming soon Alpha 2 Commencing 8 October.

Invite your family and friends to attend. See you there!

Register via form at each church

or by contacting Mirella 9484 2907



HOPITALITY AND WELCOMING MINISTRY TEAM

WILL COMMENCE THIS WEEKEND DISTRIBUTING THE NEWSLETTER AND WELCOMING PARISHIONERS TO MASS.

If you would like to be part of this team

please contact the parish office and leave your name and contact details.

CHURCH RIDE

Need a ride to church? Can you lend a helping hand by providing a lift?

Our Church Ride Program aims to connect more people to rides so they can attend church comfortably.

Please reach out to the parish office to request a ride or connect us with someone in need of transportation. Let us know about any mobility aids, such as a walker or wheelchair, so we can arrange the appropriate vehicle. If you are able to offer transportation support, whether regularly, semi-regularly, or occasionally, we'd love to have you onboard. Please call the office on 9484 2907 or send us an email on adminANT@cam.org.au

Let's come together to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our four church community!



There will be a special Mass of thanksgiving next

Sunday 15 September at 10am Mass

at St Mary's to farewell and thank

Chris Ray, Principal of St Mary's school

as he retires. May the Lord guide and protect him in his future endeavours.

ALL WELCOME! Thank you Chris!

