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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: Wednesdays only:
9.15am

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11.00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesdays only: 9.15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9.30am
Weekdays: Thursdays only: 9.15am

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Fridays only: 9.15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe
13: St. Lucy
14 Dec: St. John of the Cross

Recently Deceased

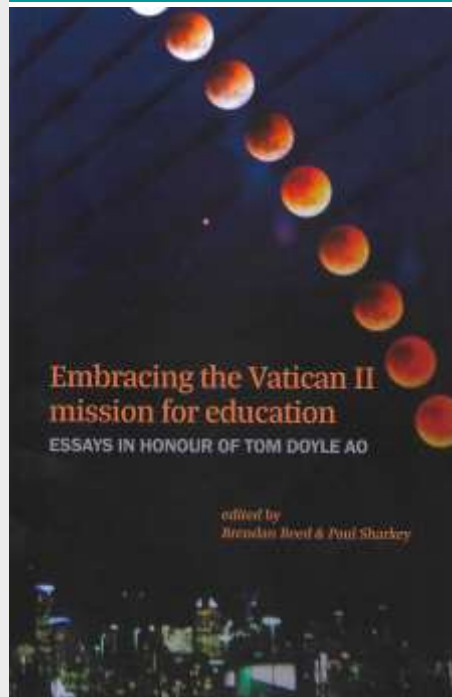
Leo Mayne; Promo Simionato;
Nilda Soligo

Anniversaries

John W. Scott; Daniel Hanna Fakhry;
Sam Maatouk; Youssef Anoor Taouk;
Maroun Hanna Taouk; Rosina
Casamento; Pietro & Lucia Piro;
Henry Restall; Joe Bugeja; Melita
Bugeja; Pat Foster; Tessie Craig;
Most Rev Joseph Angelo Grech;
Maria Consiglio; Charlie Restall
White; Emidia Micallef; Rosario
Azzaro and Clare.

3 Sunday of Advent Year A

10/11 December 2022



Congratulations to Monsignor Tom Doyle on the release of the book Embracing the Vatican II - Mission for Education Essays in honour of Tom Doyle AO

Embracing the Vatican II mission for Education was commissioned by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria in honour of Monsignor Tom Doyle AO. Mons. Tom Doyle was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Melbourne on the eve of the Second Vatican

Council. For the next sixty years he has spent his life unpacking and implementing the vision of the Council. He has worked in seminary formation, adult education, catechesis and religious education.

Mons. Tom was Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for over two decades and Director of Religious Education prior to that. He has been both member and Chair of the National Catholic Education Commission. His contribution and influence span over half a century.

This book is made up of essays from those who continue to work in the field of Catholic school identity, religious education, scripture, theological formation and governance, both national and internationally.

All of them have been influenced by Mons. Tom Doyle. All of them are continuing the task of embracing the mission for Catholic education that was renewed at Vatican II. It is hoped that this book of essays will inspire others to do the same.

The Book may be purchased from Garratt Publishing.

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This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-6. 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
 Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
 let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
 let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
 let it rejoice and sing for joy.
 The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
 the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
 they shall see the glory of the Lord,
 the splendour of our God.
 Strengthen all weary hands,
 steady all trembling knees
 and 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 those Yahweh has ransomed shall return.
 They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
 everlasting joy on their faces;
 joy and gladness will go with them
 and sorrow and lament be ended. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145

R: Lord, come and save us.

1. 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.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger
 and upholds the widow and orphan.
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age.

R: Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING: St James 5:7-10.

A reading from the letter of St James the Apostle
 Now be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think
 of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit
 of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the
 spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose
 heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not
 make complaints against one another, brothers, so as
 not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is
 already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your
 example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the
 prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.
 The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Isaiah 61:1

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The spirit of the Lord is upon me;
 He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
 Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and
 he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is
 to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?'
 Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear
 and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers
 are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised
 to life and the Good and happy is the man who does not
 lose faith in me'.

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to
 the people about John: 'What did you go out into the
 wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No?
 Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine
 clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be
 found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a
 prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet:
 he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going
 to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your
 way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a
 greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet
 the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'
 The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord
 Jesus Christ.**

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 23:1-6

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Prima Lettura Is 35,1-6.8.10

Dal libro del profeta Isaia
 Si rallegrino il deserto e la terra arida,
 esulti e fiorisca la steppa.
 Come fiore di narciso fiorisca;
 sì, canti con gioia e con giubilo.
 Le è data la gloria del Libano,
 lo splendore del Carmelo e di Saron.
 Essi vedranno la gloria del Signore,
 la magnificenza del nostro Dio.
 Irrobustite le mani fiacche,
 rendete salde le ginocchia vacillanti.
 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.
 Ci sarà un sentiero e una strada
 e la chiameranno via santa.
 Su di essa ritorneranno i riscattati dal Signore
 e verranno in Sion con giubilo;
 felicità perenne splenderà sul loro capo;
 gioia e felicità li seguiranno
 e fuggiranno tristezza e pianto.
 Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo Responsoriale:** Sal 145**R: Vieni, Signore, a salvarci.**

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.

R: Vieni, Signore, a salvarci.**Seconda Lettura:**

Gc 5,7-10

Dalla lettera di san Giacomo apostolo
 Siate costanti, fratelli miei, fino alla venuta del Signore.
 Guardate l'agricoltore: egli aspetta con costanza il
 prezioso frutto della terra finché abbia ricevuto le prime
 e le ultime piogge. Siate costanti anche voi, rinfrancate i
 vostri cuori, perché la venuta del Signore è vicina.
 Non lamentatevi, fratelli, gli uni degli altri, per non
 essere giudicati; ecco, il giudice è alle porte. Fratelli,
 prendete a modello di sopportazione e di costanza i
 profeti che hanno parlato nel nome del Signore.
 Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo** (Is 61,1)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lo Spirito del Signore è sopra di me,
 mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio.
 Alleluia.

Vangelo: Mt 11,2-11

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Giovanni, che era in carcere, avendo
 sentito parlare delle opere del Cristo, per mezzo dei suoi
 discepoli mandò a dirgli: «Sei tu colui che deve venire o
 dobbiamo aspettare un altro?». Gesù rispose loro:
 «Andate e riferite a Giovanni ciò che udite e vedete: I
 ciechi riacquistano la vista, gli zoppi camminano, i
 lebbrosi sono purificati, i sordi odono, i morti
 risuscitano, ai poveri è annunciato il Vangelo. E beato è
 colui che non trova in me motivo di scandalo!».
 Mentre quelli se ne andavano, Gesù si mise a parlare di
 Giovanni alle folle: «Che cosa siete andati a vedere nel
 deserto? Una canna sbattuta dal vento? Allora, che cosa
 siete andati a vedere? Un uomo vestito con abiti di
 lusso? Ecco, quelli che vestono abiti di lusso stanno nei
 palazzi dei re! Ebbene, che cosa siete andati a vedere?
 Un profeta? Sì, io vi dico, anzi, più che un profeta. Egli è
 colui del quale sta scritto: "Ecco, dinanzi a te io mando il
 mio messaggero, davanti a te egli preparerà la tua via".
 In verità io vi dico: fra i nati da donna non è sorto alcuno
 più grande di Giovanni il Battista; ma il più piccolo nel
 regno dei cieli è più grande di lui».
 Parola del Signore.

A: Lode a Te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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. Dixon.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATE O CONFINATE 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**

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms.

This is a way for school aged children to gather and understand the Gospel at their age level.

Cancelled until further notice

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am **WEEKLY NOW ALL WELCOME!**

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

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: 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

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

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.**

First Wednesday of the month

St. Mary's 9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Wednesday of the month.

"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: Sundays at 9.45 am. 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

Can you help? All our four churches need Flower donations for Christmas, please put in collection basket in envelope marked flowers or in the flower donation box.

Product for December Asylum Seekers Group

In December we are asking you to please donate gladwrap, aluminium foil and clothes pegs. They are not too expensive so you might be able to donate a couple of items over the month.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) - ST MARYS & HOLY SPIRIT GIVING TREE – PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

Just a reminder that next weekend is the last weekend for you to return the items purchased for the St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree. This deadline is to ensure we have time to stock take what we have received and to purchase additional items as needed.

So far the parish response has been great and we extend our thanks to those who have already returned their gift(s) or donation.

If anyone is interested in helping with the hampers on Christmas eve at 9am please call the parish office and a Vinnies member will be in contact with you.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

St. Joseph's; St. Mary's; Holy Spirit, St. Anthony's

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

FAMILY MASSES: Holy Spirit, 5pm; St. Joseph's, 5.30pm
St. Anthony's 6pm; St. Mary's 6.30pm

St Mary's and St. Joseph's

CAROLS: 9.00PM with CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: 9.30PM

St. Anthony's: 12 midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY, 25 DECEMBER

9am St. Anthony's Italian

9.30am Holy Spirit English

10am St. Mary's Bilingual

11am Mass St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's English

Please note No evening Mass on Christmas Day at St. Mary's

NO MASSES ON 26, 27, 28, 29. 30 DECEMBER

Saturday, 31 December: 5pm Holy Spirit, 5.30pm St. Joseph's

Sunday, 1 JANUARY—NEW YEAR'S DAY 2023

Feast of Mary Mother of God -

9am St. Anthony's- Italian; 9.30am Holy Spirit - English

10am St. Mary's - Bilingual; 11am Mass St. Joseph's—English;

St. Anthony's—English 5.30pm St. Mary's — English

The Season of Advent Reflection Evenings

- **Tuesday 13 December at 7.30pm with Reconciliation at St. Joseph's church**
- **Mercoledì, 14 Dicembre alle 9.15am St. Mary's Riconciliazione in Italiano**
- **Tuesday 20 December at 7.30pm with Reconciliation at Holy Spirit church**



How can you contribute to the parish

This QR code is unique to St Anthony, Alphonse and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East and will give

If you would like to donate via Tap and Go please use the terminal located in the foyer.

The limit is \$5. All you need to do to make a donation is tap the terminal with your credit card/ debit card/smart phone smart watch - donations will go straight in to our Church account.

Presbytery Accounts: St Mary's & St Joseph's BSB 083 347 Account 857260792

Church account St. Mary's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 557931064

Church account: St. Joseph's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 663182650