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ST MARY'S THORNBURY

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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: 9:00am Italian:

11:00am: English

Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Tues 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord

Recently Deceased

Roberta Sia Uy

Anniversaries

Immacolata Natoli, Marie Franklin,
Frank Franklin, Don Giuseppe Scarpetta,
Angelina DeFazio, Mtonios Malkeh
Taouk, Joseph George Baini, Boutros
Bakhos Fakhry, Micheal J Corridon, and
Alessandro Reginato.

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our official parish website:

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3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

22—23 March 2025

Happy St Joseph's Feast Day

Sunday 23rd of March 11:00 am—St Joseph's Northcote

We welcome all parishioners and especially all students who are preparing for sacraments in 2025. Please support them by your prayers.



Prayer to St. Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Easter 2025 Timetable

Lenten Reconciliation, Wednesday 9 April 7.30pm St Mary's

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 13th April

Regular weekend mass times at all churches

Holy Thursday 17th April

7.30pm—Holy Spirit Church & St Mary's Church

Good Friday 18th April

10.30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross —All Nations Park

3.00pm—St Anthony's Church & St Mary's Church

Easter Vigil — 19th April

7.00pm—St Anthony's Church & St Joseph's Church

Easter Sunday

20th April

9.00am St Anthony's Church *Italian*

9.30am Holy Spirit Church

10.00am St Mary's church

11.00am St Joseph's church

11.00am St Anthony's Church

No Sunday evening Mass at St Mary's Church

Find more information from the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team on the back page



First Reading Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15***A reading from the book of Exodus***

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11***R. The Lord is kind and merciful.***

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians***

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 13:1-9***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke***

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable:

'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week 30 March 2025

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9–12

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

Prima lettura Es 3,1-8.13-15***Dal libro dell'Èsodo***

In quei giorni, mentre Mosè stava pascolando il gregge di Ietro, suo suocero, sacerdote di Madian, condusse il bestiame oltre il deserto e arrivò al monte di Dio, l'Oreb. L'angelo del Signore gli apparve in una fiamma di fuoco dal mezzo di un roveto. Egli guardò ed ecco: il roveto ardeva per il fuoco, ma quel roveto non si consumava. Mosè pensò: «Voglio avvicinarmi a osservare questo grande spettacolo: perché il roveto non brucia?». Il Signore vide che si era avvicinato per guardare; Dio gridò a lui dal roveto: «Mosè, Mosè!». Rispose: «Eccomi!». Riprese: «Non avvicinarti oltre! Togliti i sandali dai piedi, perché il luogo sul quale tu stai è suolo santo!». E disse: «Io sono il Dio di tuo padre, il Dio di Abramo, il Dio di Isacco, il Dio di Giacobbe». Mosè allora si coprì il volto, perché aveva paura di guardare verso Dio. Il Signore disse: «Ho osservato la miseria del mio popolo in Egitto e ho udito il suo grido a causa dei suoi sovrintendenti: conosco le sue sofferenze. Sono sceso per liberarlo dal potere dell'Egitto e per farlo salire da questa terra verso una terra bella e spaziosa, verso una terra dove scorrono latte e miele». Mosè disse a Dio: «Ecco, io vado dagli Israeliti e dico loro: "Il Dio dei vostri padri mi ha mandato a voi". Mi diranno: "Qual è il suo nome?". E io che cosa risponderò loro?». Dio disse a Mosè: «Io sono colui che sono!». E aggiunse: «Così dirai agli Israeliti: "Io Sono mi ha mandato a voi"». Dio disse ancora a Mosè: «Dirai agli Israeliti: "Il Signore, Dio dei vostri padri, Dio di Abramo, Dio di Isacco, Dio di Giacobbe mi ha mandato a voi". Questo è il mio nome per sempre; questo è il titolo con cui sarò ricordato di generazione in generazione».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 102*****Rit. _ Il Signore ha pietà del suo popolo.***

L._ Benedici il Signore, anima mia,
quanto è in me benedica il suo santo nome.
Benedici il Signore, anima mia,
non dimenticare tutti i suoi benefici. **Rit.**

L._ Egli perdona tutte le tue colpe,
guarisce tutte le tue infermità,
salva dalla fossa la tua vita,
ti circonda di bontà e misericordia. **Rit.**

L._ Il Signore compie cose giuste,
difende i diritti di tutti gli oppressi.
Ha fatto conoscere a Mosè le sue vie,
le sue opere ai figli d'Israele. **Rit.**

L._ Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore,
lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.
Perché quanto il cielo è alto sulla terra,
così la sua misericordia è potente su quelli che lo
temono. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Cor 10,1-6.10-12***Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi***

Non voglio che ignoriate, fratelli, che i nostri padri furono tutti sotto la nube, tutti attraversarono il mare, tutti furono battezzati in rapporto a Mosè nella nube e nel mare, tutti mangiarono lo stesso cibo spirituale, tutti bevvero la stessa bevanda spirituale: bevevano infatti da una roccia spirituale che li accompagnava, e quella roccia era il Cristo. Ma la maggior parte di loro non fu gradita a Dio e perciò furono sterminati nel deserto.

Ciò avvenne come esempio per noi, perché non desiderassimo cose cattive, come essi le desiderarono. Non mormorate, come mormorarono alcuni di loro, e caddero vittime dello sterminatore. Tutte queste cose però accaddero a loro come esempio, e sono state scritte per nostro ammonimento, di noi per i quali è arrivata la fine dei tempi. Quindi, chi crede di stare in piedi, guardi di non cadere.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Mt 4,17**

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!
Convertitevi, dice il Signore,
il regno dei cieli è vicino.
Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Vangelo Lc 13,1-9***Dal Vangelo secondo Luca***

In quel tempo si presentarono alcuni a riferire a Gesù il fatto di quei Galilei, il cui sangue Pilato aveva fatto scorrere insieme a quello dei loro sacrifici. Prendendo la parola, Gesù disse loro: «Credete che quei Galilei fossero più peccatori di tutti i Galilei, per aver subito tale sorte? No, io vi dico, ma se non vi convertite, perirete tutti allo stesso modo. O quelle diciotto persone, sulle quali crollò la torre di Siloe e le uccise, credete che fossero più colpevoli di tutti gli abitanti di Gerusalemme? No, io vi dico, ma se non vi convertite, perirete tutti allo stesso modo».

Diceva anche questa parabola:

«Un tale aveva piantato un albero di fichi nella sua vigna e venne a cercarvi frutti, ma non ne trovò. Allora disse al vignaiolo: "Ecco, sono tre anni che vengo a cercare frutti su quest'albero, ma non ne trovo. Taglialo dunque! Perché deve sfruttare il terreno?". Ma quello gli rispose: "Padrone, lascialo ancora quest'anno, finché gli avrò zappato attorno e avrò messo il concime. Vedremo se porterà frutti per l'avvenire; se no, lo taglierai"».

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.

Joyce Wong, Lucia Lanteri, Milly, Norma and Phillip, Mark Cunningham, Edmond Nehme, Pierrie, Tina Marangoni, Georgette Ayoub, Rita Ljubetic, Wafa Ibrahim, Phoenix Toma and Onyx Toma.

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-Fahkri

Parish Notices

Bringing our communities together for Holy Week

Why can't we have all the liturgies at all of the churches?

Due to the difficulty in finding additional priests, and with only two regular priests serving our parishes, it is not feasible to hold all liturgies at each of our four churches. Reducing the number of liturgies helps lessen the burden on our clergy, sacristans, and volunteers, ensuring their well-being throughout the Easter season.

What will happen next year?

Next year's Holy Week timetable will be similar, with liturgies rotating among the four churches. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil will alternate between St Mary's and St Joseph's, and Holy Spirit, and St Anthony's.

What can people do if they need help with transport?

If you need help with transport to the liturgies, we encourage you to reach out to fellow parishioners or contact the Parish Office. If you can offer a lift to others, you can arrange this privately or register with the Parish Office to be connected with someone who needs assistance.

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team



St Anthony's Alphington 2025 Open Mornings 9:30-10:30 am

WED 26 MAR | MON 28 APR | TUE 13 MAY | THUR 5 JUNE | Or

call to arrange a private tour with the principal: 9489 7936 or

visit: santhony@saalphington.catholic.edu.au

52 Austin Street, Alphington



In March, children at our Parish Primary schools and those in the Sacramental Program will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This week:

- **Holy Spirit School:** Tuesday, 25th March at 7:00 pm—Holy Spirit Church
- **St Anthony's School:** Wednesday, 26th March at 7:00 pm—St Anthony's Church
- **Sacramental Program:** Sunday, 30th March at 4:00 pm—St Mary's Church

Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Lord's gentle forgiveness and love.



Friday 28th March—Seniors Mass 10:30 am

at St Joseph's Northcote, Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.

Stations of the Cross in Italian every Friday of Lent at St Anthony's – 10:00 am



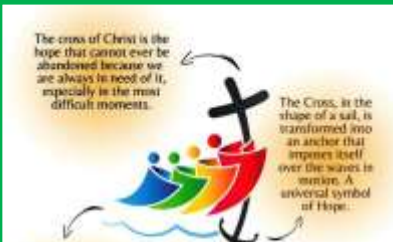
Project Compassion 2025: Uniting against poverty this Lent-

Please collect your project compassion box from the back of the church.

The funds raised will help provide clean and safe drinking water in Samoan schools where students face severe challenges to their learning due to water scarcity. [learn more.](#)



Please pray that the NSW Parliament does not pass the proposed abortion bill, introduced by Dr Amanda Cohn from the Greens which could compel Catholic and Christian hospitals to provide abortions and restrict conscientious objection rights for healthcare workers. Debate begins in the coming days. To learn more about the proposed legislation go to <https://www.drjoannahowe.com/stopthegreens>.



JUBILEE 2025

Understanding the Symbols of The Jubilee Logo

To learn more about the Jubilee Year, see

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