



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND 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
11am Sundays— St. Anthony'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 Eng/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

2 Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels

4 Oct: St. Francis of Assisi

5 Oct: St. Bruno

7 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

Recently Deceased

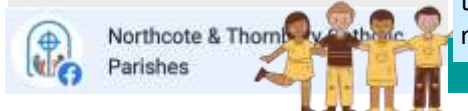
Angelo Cesaro
(funeral 10.30am Weds.
4 Oct St. Mary's)



Anniversaries

Bill Reid; Ally Powell; Jamil and Nazha
Najjar; Helena Hanna Fakhry;
Antonios Najib Taouk; Mounir Nabih
Fakhry; Antonio Bramato.

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26 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

30 Sept—1 October 2023

Everyone is invited

St. Joseph's Northcote 130 Anniversary Mass Sunday 15 October at 11am followed by Light refreshments in the school.

If you are able to make something for morning tea, please drop it off at the school office before Mass.

Did you know?

St Joseph's has suffered two major fires.
In March 1918, the old church building in Arthurton
Road, which was being used as a school building and
club rooms after the new Church was built in
Westbourne Road, was totally destroyed.



During Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve 1971, the school hall burnt to the
ground. The Church was evacuated after the Gospel and when the fire was
extinguished – Mass resumed!

The Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focus on staying on the path of discipleship. When we do sin, we need to turn back to God. He will show us the way. It requires a humble heart to admit we have sinned and seek to get back on the right path. Christ is our model of obedience and humility.

Parable of Two Sons: The parable of the two sons highlights the theme of obedience and response to God's call. The contrast between the two sons' initial reactions illustrates the importance of genuine actions over empty promises.

Repentance and Actions: The son who initially refused but later obeyed his father showcases the theme of repentance and transformation. This emphasizes the possibility of change and the significance of aligning one's actions with God's will.

Hypocrisy and Self-Deception: The theme of hypocrisy and self-deception is evident as Jesus contrasts verbal agreement with actual obedience. He challenges the religious leaders' outward appearances that mask their lack of genuine response. Jesus' reference to tax collectors and prostitutes entering the kingdom ahead of the religious leaders emphasizes the theme of unexpected redemption. This highlights God's willingness to forgive and transform even those society deems less worthy.

Belief and Transformation: The parable's focus on the son's eventual change highlights the theme of belief leading to transformation. This emphasizes the importance of faith that results in authentic life changes.

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

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet of Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: You object, "What the Lord does is unjust". Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?

When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed.

When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9.Rv.6

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord**SECOND READING** Phil. 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other s people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as

Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;

Jesus crucified and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matt. 21:28-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'What is your opinion?

A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today".

He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went.

The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said.

Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Next week's readings: 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.

Is 5: 1-7 Psalm:79 Phil 4:6-9 Matt 21:33-43

Prima lettura Ez18, 25-28
Dal libro del profeta Ezechièle

Così dice il Signore:

«Voi dite: “Non è retto il modo di agire del Signore”. Ascolta dunque, casa d’Israele: Non è retta la mia condotta o piuttosto non è retta la vostra? Se il giusto si allontana dalla giustizia e commette il male e a causa di questo muore, egli muore appunto per il male che ha commesso. E se il malvagio si converte dalla sua malvagità che ha commesso e compie ciò che è retto e giusto, egli fa vivere se stesso. Ha riflettuto, si è allontanato da tutte le colpe commesse: egli certo vivrà e non morirà». Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

Salmo Responsoriale Sal 24
Rit: Ricòrdati, Signore, della tua misericordia.

1. Fammi conoscere, Signore, le tue vie,
insegnami i tuoi sentieri.
Guidami nella tua fedeltà e istruiscimi,
perché sei tu il Dio della mia salvezza;
io spero in te tutto il giorno.

2. Ricòrdati, Signore, della tua misericordia
e del tuo amore, che è da sempre.
I peccati della mia giovinezza
e le mie ribellioni, non li ricordare:
ricòrdati di me nella tua misericordia,
per la tua bontà, Signore.

3. Buono e retto è il Signore,
indica ai peccatori la via giusta;
guida i poveri secondo giustizia,
insegna ai poveri la sua via.

Rit: Ricòrdati, Signore, della tua misericordia.

Seconda Lettura Fil 2 1-11
Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippési

Fratelli, se c’è qualche consolazione in Cristo, se c’è qualche conforto, frutto della carità, se c’è qualche comunione di spirito, se ci sono sentimenti di amore e di compassione, rendete piena la mia gioia con un medesimo sentire e con la stessa carità, rimanendo unanimi e concordi.
Non fate nulla per rivalità o vanagloria, ma ciascuno di voi, con tutta umiltà, consideri gli altri superiori a

se stesso. Ciascuno non cerchi l’interesse proprio, ma anche quello degli altri.

Abbiate in voi gli stessi sentimenti di Cristo Gesù: egli, pur essendo nella condizione di Dio, non ritenne un privilegio l’essere come Dio, ma svuotò se stesso assumendo una condizione di servo, diventando simile agli uomini.

Dall’aspetto riconosciuto come uomo, umiliò se stesso facendosi obbediente fino alla morte e a una morte di croce.

Per questo Dio lo esaltò e gli donò il nome che è al di sopra di ogni nome, perché nel nome di Gesù ogni ginocchio si pieghi nei cieli, sulla terra e sotto terra, e ogni lingua proclami: «Gesù Cristo è Signore!», a gloria di Dio Padre. Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

Canto al Vangelo. (Gv 10,27)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Le mie pecore ascoltano la mia voce, dice il Signore, e io le conosco ed esse mi seguono.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 21, 28-32
Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai capi dei sacerdoti e agli anziani del popolo: «Che ve ne pare? Un uomo aveva due figli. Si rivolse al primo e disse: “Figlio, oggi va’ a lavorare nella vigna”. Ed egli rispose: “Non ne ho voglia”. Ma poi si pentì e vi andò. Si rivolse al secondo e disse lo stesso. Ed egli rispose: “Sì, signore”. Ma non vi andò. Chi dei due ha compiuto la volontà del padre?». Risposero: «Il primo». E Gesù disse loro: «In verità io vi dico: i pubblicani e le prostitute vi passano avanti nel regno di Dio. Giovanni infatti venne a voi sulla via della giustizia, e non gli avete creduto; i pubblicani e le prostitute invece gli hanno creduto. Voi, al contrario, avete visto queste cose, ma poi non vi siete nemmeno pentiti così da credergli». 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.

Suhaila & Gorges Yousif, Jamal & Ibtisam
Gorges; Lucy Ghibeh; Paula Toma; Lewis Zahra;
Jenny Cox; Julie Mimo and Pamela Rushtran

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**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

No Meditation during school holidays

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's and St. Joseph's at **12.30pm**

3 Sunday of the month - Holy Spirit & St. Anthony's at **12.30pm**

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.**

Masses of Anointing of the Sick

9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place in the first week of the month at all Parishes at respective weekday Mass time.

"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-Fakhri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

The Parish Dinner Dance is coming, join the celebration!

Join us to celebrate our four church communities in partnership. This year we celebrate the **130th anniversary of St Joseph's in Northcote**, the **centenary of St Mary's in Thornbury**, the **70th anniversary of Holy Spirit in East Thornbury** and the **thriving community of St Anthony's in Alphington**.

Our partnership parishes combined dinner dance is on **Saturday 21st October from 6.30 pm at the Furlan Club in Thornbury**. It's been a big year of celebrations in our 4 church communities this year and this will be a chance for us to all get together for a combined celebration. Tickets will be \$60 adults; \$15 children. Make up a table of your friends and family. Tickets will be sold on line (through trybooking -booking fee applies)

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLKCM> Buy your tickets after Mass **TODAY OR** through the Parish Office. **ALL WELCOME**



ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

This report is overdue, but should we say, some of us have not yet fallen back to earth after the Indian Dinner on 2 September. Thank you for the incredible support - we had a full house, indeed we had a couple of very late requests for extra tickets. The team worked hard and the feedback has been gratifying. It was great to see so many of you enjoying the entertainment and the delicious food. The atmosphere certainly was electric and celebratory. Perhaps we were all so elated to be together again, after the wretched pandemic years. Wonderful to catch up with old friends and exchange news.

The amount raised was just over \$8,000, a marvelous result. Now that we can relax, over the holidays we will carefully plan where the funds will be directed. There will be news of this in the bulletin. You already know your contributions have a positive impact. Over many years, this community has, without doubt, made a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

We want to emphasize our thanks for your support and commitment to the Dinner. Your encouragement and generous contributions made everything a lot easier. There's no doubting the strength and unity of our community.

Of course, the work goes on. There is great need out there. If you can spare some extra items during your grocery shopping, to be precise - **1 litre bottles of cooking oil, small packs of detergent, small bags of rice, and sweet biscuits that's great.**

Times continue to be challenging for everyone and we deeply appreciate your generosity. Together, we can continue to help people who are hard pressed, we can bring a little joy into lives crowded with unrelenting anxiety around immigration status, and perhaps bring a little brightness to those with little hope.

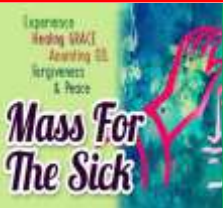
Masses of Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday 3 October 9.15am - St. Joseph's, Northcote

Wednesday 4 October 9.15am - St. Mary's, Thornbury

Thursday 5 October at 9.15am -Holy Spirit, Thornbury East

Friday, 6 October at 9.15am- St. Anthony's, Alphington.



Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses TODAY!
Please stay back and enjoy one another's company.



How can you contribute to our parishes

This QR code is unique to St Anthony, Alphington and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.

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. **Church Account: Holy Spirit and St Anthony's Account: BSB 083 347 Account 573502200**

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