



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S



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Weekend Masses:
5pm Sat, 10am Sun

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
(Italian)

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St Anthony's Church
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Alphington

Weekend Masses:
6pm Sat,
9am Sun (Italian)
11am

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22 May 2022

1st Reading: Acts 15: 1-2,22-29

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading: Rev 21: 12-14, 22-23

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

Gospel: Jn 14: 23-29

Next Week: The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

Anniversaries and Deaths We pray for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Paula Kairouz

Diary Dates

Please mark your diaries

Monday 23 May

6pm Confirmation Catechist Class

Tuesday 24 May

9.15am Class Middle S Holy Spirit

Wednesday 25 May

7.30pm Liturgy Meeting

Thursday 26 May at 6pm at St. Anthony's
'The Leadership Teams of our Parishes;
St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, Holy Spirit and
St. Anthony's will meet for the first time
on to pray and reflect on leadership and
our journey together as people of God."

Summit Exploring the Word

Jesus has alluded to the fact that he is going away but that he will one day return. In the meantime, the disciples—the community to whom John is writing his gospel—are living in the 'in-between times'. Jesus has come once in the flesh and has promised to return at the end of the world, so this instruction is a continuation of the teaching on how disciples should live out their faith in Jesus' absence: they must keep his word, the word of God. 'And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us' (John 1:14).

They will not be alone in this task, as Jesus has promised to send the Advocate or the Holy Spirit, who will continue to unfold the word as the Church grows and meets new situations and challenges.

You could look at the first reading from Acts, which highlights one such situation. In conferring the gift of peace on his disciples, Jesus is preparing them for his departure and his absence. This will be a trial for the disciples, but the peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit will help them to understand his return to the Father and to be confident that they too will one day make that journey

Try to stand up for someone this week who may be in need of a defender. Take on the role of an advocate. Alternatively, you could try to bring the gift of peace to someone whose heart is troubled or afraid.

This week, use today's prayer after Communion:

*Almighty and ever living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us we pray, the fruits of the paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. this
saving food.*

Remember Jake Fish this weekend as he completes the formal part of the RCIA journey with his Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation Sacraments being received at the 5pm Mass at Holy Spirit with Monsignor Tom. We pray for him, his family, his sponsors and those who have walked with him in the RCIA journey Mirella and John.

The Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention OR contact the child safety representatives of our Parish—Margaret Harrington, Pauline Egan, Fran Adamopoulos and Max Gomez.

Parish Telephone Prayer Group: Call in: Tuesday at 11.30am. Cost of a local call.

Call-in number: a) 07-5660 6012 b) access code : 722762 # .

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NEW PARISH OFFICES

for

**St Joseph's Northcote, St Mary's Thornbury,
Holy Spirit Thornbury East, St Anthony's Alphington
They will be situated at 45 Railway Place Alphington
(it is the building to the left of St Anthony's Church)
We are looking forward to working together and
welcoming all our parishioners.**

**We invite you to come and have a look and a cuppa at our
"Open Parish Office" week Tuesday 21st June – Friday 24th June 2022.**

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE NEW PARISH OFFICES AND THE NEW SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

**Archbishop Peter will bless and open the offices at
10.30am Mass on Sunday 19 June 2022,
at St Anthony's Church 45 Railway Place, Alphington.
Please save the date and join us at this wonderful occasion
for our faith communities.**

ANNUAL ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY LUNCHEON

Will be held on Sunday 19th June (after the blessing of the new parish offices and the school playground) in the Mackillop Room 12.30pm.

Lunch will include a 3 course meal, antipasto, pasta, sweet and coffee, 25.00 pp.

Children under 12 years \$15.00. Plus we have some great prizes to raffle.

Booking and payment in advance is necessary by 10/6/22.

Please contact the Parish Office for more details and booking.

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

How can our parish respond to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers ... and the challenge Jesus gave us?
"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. I assure you, as often as you did it for the least among you, you did it for me." — Matthew 25:35-40

Parishioners from Holy Spirit, St Anthony's, St Mary's and St Joseph's have been supporting asylum seekers, through advocacy, prayer and donations, for almost 20 years.

For many asylum seekers life in Australia remains as harsh and difficult now as it ever was.

If you would like to join with other parishioners and look at possible responses to the refugee crisis in 2022 please come along to St Anthony's after the 11am Mass on Sunday June 5.

Join other interested people and hear what is needed and how you might feel called to respond to the words of Jesus ... "I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." **Laxmi Fonseca**

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

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. Thank you for your continued support.



If you would like to make a donation 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 or smart watch — donations will go straight into our Church account.

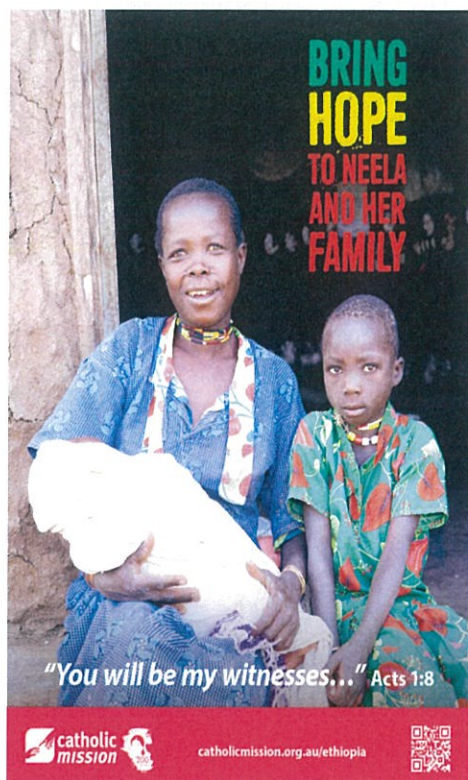
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2022 Catholic Mission Church Appeal



Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries around the world with your parishioners. Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, works on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church-run mission programs around the world.

Thanks to the generosity of Australians like you, last year we were able to support life-giving programs like the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand, where pregnant women and mothers from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds are given a helping hand to create a brighter future for themselves and their precious babies. Without your help, Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters could not continue this critical program, especially with the impact of the pandemic. But there is still work to be done in many other Church-run programs around the world.

This year, we invite parishioners to support families from disadvantaged backgrounds through programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Ethiopia. Due to ongoing droughts and failed harvests, many families in the rural township of Emdibir are unable to provide enough food for their loved ones. In collaboration with the local community, Fr Habtesilassie Antuan and the Church dream of building a goat rearing centre, which will provide nourishing goats' milk for families in need and nutrition programs at local health clinics. However, the Centre can only be built with partnership and support. Through this appeal, Catholic Mission invites parishioners to be part of this life-changing mission program from the beginning, and by doing so, commit to being witnesses of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to your parish partnering with us to support this life-giving work in Ethiopia, along with many other Church-run mission programs around the world.

Give Generously this weekend.

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Phone 24 hour free call **1800 012 011**



Sacraments:

**Baptism—2nd Sunday Holy Spirit 10am Mass
3rd Sunday St Anthony's 11am Mass
Preparation 1st Saturday at 10am Holy Spirit Church**

**Confirmation: Saturday 18 June 3pm
Holy Spirit and 6pm St Anthony's.**

**Catechical Classes begin Monday 2 May 2022
6pm-7pm Meeting Room at St Anthony's.
Contact Parish Office for further information.**

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved'. This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.' The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66/67

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth.
and all nations learn your saving help.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Word of the Lord

All: 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!

THE GOSPEL John 14:23-29

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know
that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.