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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

27 Jan: St Angela Merici
Sts Timothy & Titus
28 Jan: St Thomas Aquinas
31 Jan: St John bosco

Recently Deceased

Geraldine Doyle, Adele Youssef Nasr
Sukkar

Anniversaries

Gaetano Mucilli, Martin Troy, Farid Zarif
Sukkar, Maurice Touma, Ivan Rosa
Fakhry, Sister Eleanor Kenneally, Dashed
Johnson, Father Gerard Quilter, Eva
Wakim, Lichaa Bichara Kayrouz, PC
Oommen, Mary Argenzio

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

25—26 January 2025



AUSTRALIA DAY 26 JANUARY 2025

Prayer for Australia Day

"God of grace, God of life, hear the cries from the heart of Australia: The cry of the farmers, struggling for survival in the face of change and uncertainty, seeking direction, shaping the future. The cry of the cities, busy and noisy, with so many people who need to learn to live together in peace."

"We praise you for its beauty and its bounty, for mountains, hills and plains, for rivers, creeks and seas, and wonderful variety of animals, birds, and sea-creatures. We praise you for the peoples to whom you first entrusted this land, each one made in your image, and all loved by you."

"Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

On Christmas Eve at St Peter's in Rome the Holy Father officially launched the Jubilee Year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". This is a year of grace and celebration for the whole Church. Our partnership parishes are planning several events to mark the significance of this Jubilee Year:

- We will launch our Jubilee Year activities on Sunday 2nd February. Each of our churches will have it's own decorated "holy door" to remind us of the holy doors in Rome and other places that pilgrims will walk through during the year.
- We will have our own parish pilgrimage on Sunday 18th May. Parishioners will gather at St Joseph's and walk together to St Anthony's, then Holy Spirit, finishing at St Mary's for the 5.30pm Mass. Prayers will be said at each church along the way. You can join us for all or part of the pilgrimage or meet the pilgrims at St Mary's.
- We are planning an evening workshop in the middle of year with a speaker to talk about the jubilee theme "Pilgrims of Hope". There will be more information about this when arrangements are finalised.
- There will be a parish jubilee picnic on Sunday 19th October at St Anthony's. This will be a multicultural celebration with people invited to bring food from their family's cultural background to share with others.
- The Jubilee Year concludes on Sunday 23rd November (Feast of Christ the King). It is our hope is that this year will bring many blessings to our parish family and the wider community. As Pope Francis reminds us, "our hope does not disappoint". Let us pray for each other during the year.

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10***A reading from the book of Nehemiah***

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10, 15***R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.***

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,

it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,

it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.
R.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians***

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke***

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the down trodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week 1-2nd February 2025

1st Reading: Mal 3:1-4

2nd Reading: Heb 2: 14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Prima lettura [Ne 8,2-4.5-6.8-10](#)**Dal libro di Neemìa**

In quei giorni, il sacerdote Esdra portò la legge davanti all'assemblea degli uomini, delle donne e di quanti erano capaci di intendere.

Lesse il libro sulla piazza davanti alla porta delle Acque, dallo spuntare della luce fino a mezzogiorno, in presenza degli uomini, delle donne e di quelli che erano capaci d'intendere; tutto il popolo tendeva l'orecchio al libro della legge. Lo scriba Esdra stava sopra una tribuna di legno, che avevano costruito per l'occorrenza.

Esdra aprì il libro in presenza di tutto il popolo, poiché stava più in alto di tutti; come ebbe aperto il libro, tutto il popolo si alzò in piedi. Esdra benedisse il Signore, Dio grande, e tutto il popolo rispose: «Amen, amen», alzando le mani; si inginocchiarono e si prostrarono con la faccia a terra dinanzi al Signore.

I leviti leggevano il libro della legge di Dio a brani distinti e spiegavano il senso, e così facevano comprendere la lettura. Neemìa, che era il governatore, Esdra, sacerdote e scriba, e i leviti che ammaestravano il popolo dissero a tutto il popolo: «Questo giorno è consacrato al Signore, vostro Dio; non fate lutto e non piangete!». Infatti tutto il popolo piangeva, mentre ascoltava le parole della legge.

Poi Neemìa disse loro: «Andate, mangiate carni grasse e bevete vini dolci e mandate porzioni a quelli che nulla hanno di preparato, perché questo giorno è consacrato al Signore nostro; non vi rattristate, perché la gioia del Signore è la vostra forza».

Parola di Dio

Salmo responsoriale [Sal 18](#)**Le tue parole, Signore, sono spirito e vita.**

La legge del Signore è perfetta, rinfranca l'anima;
la testimonianza del Signore è stabile, rende saggio il semplice.

I precetti del Signore sono retti, fanno gioire il cuore;
il comando del Signore è limpido, illumina gli occhi.

Il timore del Signore è puro, rimane per sempre;
i giudizi del Signore sono fedeli, sono tutti giusti.

Ti siano gradite le parole della mia bocca; avanti a te i pensieri
del mio cuore, Signore, mia roccia e mio redentore.

Seconda lettura [1Cor 12,12-30](#)**Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi**

Fratelli, come il corpo è uno solo e ha molte membra, e tutte le membra del corpo, pur essendo molte, sono un corpo solo, così anche il Cristo. Infatti noi tutti siamo stati battezzati mediante un solo Spirito in un solo corpo, Giudei o Greci, schiavi o liberi; e tutti siamo stati dissetati da un solo Spirito.

E infatti il corpo non è formato da un membro solo, ma da molte membra. Se il piede dicesse: «Poiché non sono mano, non appartengo al corpo», non per questo non farebbe parte del corpo. E se l'orecchio dicesse: «Poiché non sono occhio, non appartengo al corpo», non per questo non farebbe parte del corpo. Se tutto il corpo fosse occhio, dove sarebbe l'udito?

Se tutto fosse udito, dove sarebbe l'odorato?

Ora, invece, Dio ha disposto le membra del corpo in modo distinto, come egli ha voluto. Se poi tutto fosse un membro solo, dove sarebbe il corpo? Invece molte sono le membra, ma uno solo è il corpo. Non può l'occhio dire alla mano: «Non ho bisogno di te»; oppure la testa ai piedi: «Non ho bisogno di voi». Anzi proprio le membra del corpo che sembrano più deboli sono le più necessarie; e le parti del corpo che riteniamo meno onorevoli le circondiamo di maggiore rispetto, e quelle indecorose sono trattate con maggiore decenza, mentre quelle decenti non ne hanno bisogno. Ma Dio ha disposto il corpo conferendo maggiore onore a ciò che non ne ha, perché nel corpo non vi sia divisione, ma anzi le varie membra abbiano cura le une delle altre. Quindi se un membro soffre, tutte le membra soffrono insieme; e se un membro è onorato, tutte le membra gioiscono con lui.

Ora voi siete corpo di Cristo e, ognuno secondo la propria parte, sue membra. Alcuni perciò Dio li ha posti nella Chiesa in primo luogo come apostoli, in secondo luogo come profeti, in terzo luogo come maestri; poi ci sono i miracoli, quindi il dono delle guarigioni, di assistere, di governare, di parlare varie lingue. Sono forse tutti apostoli? Tutti profeti? Tutti maestri? Tutti fanno miracoli? Tutti possiedono il dono delle guarigioni? Tutti parlano lingue? Tutti le interpretano?

Parola di Dio.

Canto al Vangelo [Lc 4,18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Il Signore mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio,
a proclamare ai prigionieri la liberazione.

Alleluia.

Vangelo [Lc 1,1-4; 4,14-21](#)**Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

Poiché molti hanno cercato di raccontare con ordine gli avvenimenti che si sono compiuti in mezzo a noi, come ce li hanno trasmessi coloro che ne furono testimoni oculari fin da principio e divennero ministri della Parola, così anch'io ho deciso di fare ricerche accurate su ogni circostanza, fin dagli inizi, e di scriverne un resoconto ordinato per te, illustre Teòfilo, in modo che tu possa renderti conto della solidità degli insegnamenti che hai ricevuto. In quel tempo, Gesù ritornò in Galilea con la potenza dello Spirito e la sua fama si diffuse in tutta la regione. Insegnava nelle loro sinagoghe e gli rendevano lode.

Venne a Nàzaret, dove era cresciuto, e secondo il suo solito, di sabato, entrò nella sinagoga e si alzò a leggere. Gli fu dato il rotolo del profeta Isaia; aprì il rotolo e trovò il passo dove era scritto: «Lo Spirito del Signore è sopra di me; per questo mi ha consacrato con l'unzione e mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio, a proclamare ai prigionieri la liberazione e ai ciechi la vista; a rimettere in libertà gli oppressi e proclamare l'anno di grazia del Signore».

Riavvolse il rotolo, lo riconsegnò all'insergente e sedette. Nella sinagoga, gli occhi di tutti erano fissi su di lui. Allora cominciò a dire loro: «Oggi si è compiuta questa Scrittura che voi avete ascoltato».

Parola del Signore

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Edmond Nehme, Mark Cunningham, Young Joey, Laura Xueb, Ross Pace, Rita Ljubetic, Tina Marangoni

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



CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND PLEASE JOIN PARISHIONERS FOR A CUPPA AND CHAT



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community Caragh Aiko Hawes, who is presented for his baptism by his parents Fergus and Ikue at **St Joseph's** on Sunday. We congratulate him and his family and pray for his spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



Seniors Mass St Joseph's Northcote:

Please note: There is no Anointing Mass and Morning Tea in January at St Joseph's Church.

MEDITATION

Christian Meditation starts again

30th January at 10.30am, Holy Spirit Church Thornbury East.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST

We would like to thank all the Ministers and Readers for all their cooperation and support in 2024. If anyone is interested in reading or becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Priests or Parish Office **9484 2907** adminant@cam.org.au

ST JOSEPH CHURCH: Thanksgiving envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you could drop off in the mail box of parishioners that live near you it would help our postage costs.

Jubilee Thank you to Fr. Shabin, Fr. Peter, Fr Brendan and Monsignor Tom, parish Staff and all parishioners. Our sincere Jubilee thank you for the delicious morning tea, gifts, cards and well wishes on our retirement. They have been greatly valued and appreciated. With God's blessings and love.

Mirella and Maria

STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DR DARYL BARCLAY WORKING WITH ST ANTHONY'S CHOIR DURING THE MONTHS AHEAD.



*Nothing unites Christians as the **family of God** like prayer according to the Holy Spirit. We learn to recognize the needs of each individual and transform them into a shared invocation and intercession for all.*