



CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST. ANTHONY'S

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We are faith filled people, striving to live out the message of Jesus; sharing our talents,
nurturing our community, reaching out to all; celebrating God through prayer and liturgy.

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Fr. Ireneusz Czech SDS

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PASTORAL TEAM

Pauline Egan - Visitation Ministry

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Margaret Harrington - Admin (Thurs - Fri)

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COVID PROTOCOLS GIVEN TO US BY THE DEPT OF HEALTH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE STIPULATE THAT THERE WILL BE TWO TYPES OF GATHERINGS IN PARISHES
1.MASSES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DOUBLE VACCINATED
2. MASS FOR 50 PEOPLE WHO CANNOT SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATED
A COVID MARSHALL MUST BE AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH TO CHECK 1.QR ENTRY OR SIGN in 2. VACCINATED CERTIFICATES

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December

11.30am Mass—St Anthony's—Non vaccination

5 pm Mass—Holy Spirit (DV)
 6pm Mass—St Anthony's-Sacrament First Eucharist (DV)
 9am Mass—St Anthony's (Italian) (DV)
 10am Mass—Holy Spirit— (DV)
 11am Mass—St Anthony's-Sacrament First Eucharist (DV)

MONDAY 13 December

6pm—St Anthony's School end of year Mass (DV)

Tuesday 14 December

9.15am Communion Service - Holy Spirit (DV)
 5pm Holy Spirit School Graduation Mass (DV)
 7pm Adoration and Mass—Holy Spirit (DV)

Wednesday 15 December

9.15am Mass St Anthony's (DV)

Thursday 16 December

9.15am Mass (Italian) - Holy Spirit (DV)
 6pm Choir Practice—St Anthony's

Friday 17 December

9.15am Mass—St Anthony's (DV)
 6pm—Volunteers thank you dinner

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December

5 pm Mass—Holy Spirit (DV)
 6pm Mass—St Anthony's-Undeclared Vac Status
 9am Mass—St Anthony's (Italian) (DV)
 10am Mass—Holy Spirit— (DV)
 11am Mass—St Anthony's (DV)

Tuesday 21 December

9.15am Communion Service - Holy Spirit (DV)
 7pm Parish Reconciliation, Adoration and Mass—HS (DV)

Wednesday 22 December

9.15am Mass St Anthony's (DV)

Thursday 23 December

9.15am Mass (Italian) - Holy Spirit (DV)

Friday 24 December—Christmas Eve

5pm Mass Holy Spirit—Children's Nativity Play (DV)
 6pm Mass St Anthony's (DV)
 8pm Mass St Anthony's—Undeclared Vaccination
 Midnight (DV)

Saturday 25 December—Christmas Day

9am (Italian) - St Anthony's (DV)
 10am -Holy Spirit (DV)
 11am- St Anthony's (DV)
 5pm—Holy Spirit—Vigil Mass Holy Family (DV)
 6pm—St Anthony's—Vigil Mass Holy Family (DV)
Sunday 26 December—Feast of the Holy Family
 9am Italian - 11am St Anthony's (DV)
 10am Holy Spirit (DV)

Laudato Si...Care of our home

Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the first day of the new creation It in corporates the value of relaxation and festivity Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us sensitivity to the rights of others Sunday, centered on the Eucharist, ...motivates us to a greater concern for nature and the poor. P 237

Liturgy of the Word

This Weekend:

1st Reading: Zeph 3: 14-18

Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading: Is 12:2-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

Next Weekend 4th Sunday of Advent (Year C and Cycle 2)

1st Reading: Micah 5: 1-4,

2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

Deaths and Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently Bob Morrissey and Lois Flynn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Damiano Prospero that they all be at peace with their God.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are the first faith teachers for their children as a parish we support them with our prayers. Today we pray for Chris and Andria as they present Olivia Milledge for her Baptism at Holy Spirit and Damien and Annalisa as they present Juliette Rose and Ambrose Alexander Comazzetto for their Baptisms at St Anthony's

Saints this week

13 Dec- St Lucy —Born about 340, at Syracuse in Sicily, probably in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian in 304. Widely venerated from the earliest times, her memorial has long been kept on this day, probably because her name is suggestive of light and her intercession has been sought for eyesight problems.

14 December St John of the Cross—Remembered for his mystical writings, which combine theology and poetry to describe the spiritual journey through darkness to union with God.

Our Christmas Bulletin is available this weekend and on our web page. Details and stories gathered by Rosie Hoban from parishioners and creatively put together by Donna Maloney. Thank you ladies a wonderful Christmas read.

Fr Ireneusz.

Gospel Reflection

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the messiah, we are reminded of the qualities of the life of faith. John the Baptist gives them an edge, but it is important for the Christian community to realize that its 'feet are being held to the fire' in our own circumstances. In an echo of the sermon on the plain, the Gospel from Luke is preparing us for the radical teachings of the beatitudes and the sermon that leads on from those blessings: these are set before us as a meaning of Christmas.

Calls to the Parish office, please call 94128439 first and leave a message and then in an emergency also call 0432576500 or email hosan@cam.org.au

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.

2022 Columban Calendars and MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS on sale NOW

The calendars cost \$10 and Christmas cards are \$7 per pack and can be purchased at piety stall or using the envelopes attached to items.

Annual Nativity Play at Holy Spirit's 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve will go ahead. If you would like to take part please call the parish office on 94128439 or hosan@cam.org.au and your details will be passed on to a member of the organising committee.

CHRISTMAS 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 Brendon on 9484 6932. **Donations can be left on the collection plate. Should you prefer a bank transfer to support our works please direct to: Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria BSB: 063000 Account Number: 10317778 Agent Number: 946 (if not prompted for an Agent number please include '946 Thornbury' in the transaction description).** We thank you in advance for enabling us to continue our works in the community.

Vinnies – Change of president.

This notice is to inform all parishioners that the Holy Spirit/St Marys St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) conference has recently elected a new president - Ellie Coffey. We congratulate and welcome Ellie to this role and look forward to her leading us in the coming years. It is wonderful to have a new leader and it is worth noting that Ellie is one of our younger members which is important to the ongoing success of our group. As a conference we will continue to do what we have been doing for many years – supporting those in need in the Thornbury area.

Asylum Seekers Support Group—will hand out gift tags and envelopes at St Anthony's if you would like to donate this Christmas. It has been a disappointing year as we haven't been able to hold our usual fundraising activities and have had cancel our rice order. But we are determined to return in 2022!!!

A thank you from ASRC

As another challenging year draws to an end, we feel a deep sense of gratitude for the community of compassion that has supported our work. Your every act of kindness has made a difference in the lives of people seeking asylum, and for that we want to thank you. Whether you signed a petition, joined a calling party, shared our social media content, purchased a copy of our new book *Seeking Asylum*, took part in a fundraising event or made a generous donation, your kindness has ensured we could stand with people seeking asylum and refugees. It is our privilege to work alongside people seeking asylum - to empower people, provide support in moments of need and to amplify their voices. But you are the ones who make real change possible. From everyone here at the ASRC, thank you.

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 # . Cost of a local call.

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Announcing the Parish Pastoral Council

As we restart parish activities after COVID lockdown, we have renamed the Parish Support Team (PST) as the Parish Pastoral Council. The PST was first formed over two years ago and has helped our parish over that time. Its members are becoming the members of the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Lynn Hale (Holy Spirit)
- Jim Coffey (Holy Spirit)
- Jim Brown (St Anthony's)
- Joseph Thein (St Anthony's)
- Father Ireneusz

We ask you to support these people as they work towards growing the parish's life.

If you feel disengaged we are ready to listen.

The role of the Parish Pastoral Council is to promote the Church's mission to communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. It works together with parishioners and parish ministries to provide support for their efforts to follow Christ.

The following summarises what the Parish Pastoral Council does:

In order to fulfil its role, the Parish Pastoral Council will:

- support the work of Parish Priest in the day to day administering of the sacramental duties;
- search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners;
- grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish;
- encourage and support the good work of existing groups within the parish;
- evaluate carefully information gathered in order to contribute towards the making of decisions that reflect the values of the gospel and the teachings of the Church;
- set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish;
- provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other;
- develop, implement & improve parish initiatives to assist parishioners' continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society;
- It will lead both the Plenary Council and Mission Initiatives within our parish.

In the future, we will tell you more about the activities of the Parish Pastoral Council, which are already underway.

If you feel you might like to be nominated to become as member of the Parish Pastoral Council, please contact the Parish Office.