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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.

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: 10:30am, English/Italian
Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Nov 24: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions martyrs.

Recently Deceased

Angelina Tombolato, Joyce Tindal, Fr Francis Moloney SDB, Anne Dalle Molle, Mary Doyle.

Anniversaries

Olga Baratto (3 Yrs), Caterina Mercuri, Elio Durante 2 (Yrs), Iolanda Comodo, Giovanni Grassi, Boutros Hindi Taouk, Almorza Hindi Taouk, Moussa H Fakhry, Joe Saba Geagea, Annunziato Valenzisi, Jean Zambakah, Frank Lazzaro, Patricia Lazzaro, Elena & Tony Matisi, Diana & Raffael Pantalone, Giannelta & Gaetano Centorino, Maria Signa, Ichar Kairouz, Paula Kairouz, and Nabiha Kairouz.

To update parish details, please visit our official parish website:
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Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE 22-23 Nov 2025

Advent 2025

Week 1-Workshop & Reflection
On Advent & The Jubilee Theme: Hope
Thursday 27 November - 7:30pm
Holy Spirit Church - Thornbury East
Led by Fr John Vespa

Week 2-Carol Service Now @ St Mary's & Farewell Mass Honouring Fr Peter
with Combined Parish Choirs
Sunday 7 December
Carols 4:30pm Mass 5:30pm
St Mary's Church - Thornbury
Bring a plate to share

Week 3-Reconciliation - 2nd Rite
Thursday 18 December - 7:30pm
St Joseph's Church - Northcote

Weekly Advent Reflection Groups
Reflecting on "In Holy Stillness"
Wednesday Group: 7:30 pm @ John & Anne's Home starting 27 Nov
Thursday Group: 10:30 am @ Holy Spirit Church starting 28 Nov
Led by John Samana

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

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3**A reading from the second book of Samuel**

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5

R *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

L I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem **R.**

L Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

L For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David. **R.**

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.
Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body, he is its head.
As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel of Luke 23:35-43**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week—1st Sunday of Advent
30 Nov 2025

1st Rdg: Isaiah 2:1-5

2nd Rdg: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Prima lettura 2Sam 5,1-3

Dal libro di Samuèle

In quei giorni, vennero tutte le tribù d'Israele da Davide a Ebron, e gli dissero: «Ecco noi siamo tue ossa e tua carne. Già prima, quando regnava Saul su di noi, tu conducevi e riconducevi Israele. Il Signore ti ha detto: "Tu pascerai il mio popolo Israele, tu sarai capo d'Israele"».

Vennero dunque tutti gli anziani d'Israele dal re a Ebron, il re Davide concluse con loro un'alleanza a Ebron davanti al Signore ed essi unsero Davide re d'Israele.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 121

Rit. _ Andremo con gioia alla casa del Signore.

L. Quale gioia, quando mi dissero:
«Andremo alla casa del Signore!».
Già sono fermi i nostri piedi
alle tue porte, Gerusalemme! **Rit.**

L. È là che salgono le tribù,
le tribù del Signore,
secondo la legge d'Israele,
per lodare il nome del Signore.
Là sono posti i troni del giudizio,
i troni della casa di Davide. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Col 1,12-20

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Colossési

Fratelli, ringraziate con gioia il Padre che vi ha resi capaci di partecipare alla sorte dei santi nella luce. È lui che ci ha liberati dal potere delle tenebre e ci ha trasferiti nel regno del Figlio del suo amore, per mezzo del quale abbiamo la redenzione, il perdono dei peccati.

Egli è immagine del Dio invisibile, primogenito di tutta la creazione, perché in lui furono create tutte le cose nei cieli e sulla terra, quelle visibili e quelle invisibili: Troni, Dominazioni, Principati e Potenze.

Tutte le cose sono state create per mezzo di lui e in vista di lui.

Egli è prima di tutte le cose e tutte in lui sussistono.

Egli è anche il capo del corpo, della Chiesa.

Egli è principio,

primogenito di quelli che risorgono dai morti,

perché sia lui ad avere il primato su tutte le cose.

È piaciuto infatti a Dio che abiti in lui tutta la pienezza e che per mezzo di lui e in vista di lui siano riconciliate tutte le cose, avendo pacificato con il sangue della sua croce sia le cose che stanno sulla terra, sia quelle che stanno nei cieli.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Mc 11,9.10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore!

Benedetto il Regno che viene, del nostro padre Davide!

Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 23,35-43

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, [dopo che ebbero crocifisso Gesù,] il popolo stava a vedere; i capi invece deridevano Gesù dicendo: «Ha salvato altri! Salvi se stesso, se è lui il Cristo di Dio, l'eletto».

Anche i soldati lo deridevano, gli si accostavano per porgergli dell'aceto e dicevano: «Se tu sei il re dei Giudei, salva te stesso». Sopra di lui c'era anche una scritta: «Costui è il re dei Giudei».

Uno dei malfattori appesi alla croce lo insultava: «Non sei tu il Cristo? Salva te stesso e noi!». L'altro invece lo rimproverava dicendo: «Non hai alcun timore di Dio, tu che sei condannato alla stessa pena? Noi, giustamente, perché riceviamo quello che abbiamo meritato per le nostre azioni; egli invece non ha fatto nulla di male».

E disse: «Gesù, ricordati di me quando entrerai nel tuo regno». Gli rispose: «In verità io ti dico: oggi con me sarai nel paradiso».

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.

Max Gomez, Mary Burg, Caroline Fakhry.

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-Fakhri

Parish Notices

2026 Columban Calendars available for Purchase at the back of the church—\$10.



In Holy Stillness – daily reflections for Advent Year A 2025. Sessions will be held with John Samana but if you can't join John you could purchase a copy of the booklet for \$5.00 and reflect at home. Copies at the back of the churches.

Friday 28 Nov —Seniors Mass 10:30 am @ St Joseph's Northcote,
Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome.



Thanksgiving Mass – Fr John Vespa – Sat 22

Nov **5pm** Mass and Sun **23 Nov 9:30 am** at

Holy Spirit Church Thornbury East. We are

delighted to welcome Fr John Vespa back to the Holy Spirit Parish Community! Fr John will

be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with us this weekend, and we look forward to sharing this joyful occasion together.

Fr John was baptised at Holy Spirit and spent his early years in our parish before his family—parents Magdalena and Mario, along with his siblings—moved to Greensborough. There, he attended St Mary's Primary School and later graduated from Parade College.

After 17 years of prayerful discernment, Fr John entered Corpus Christi Seminary in 2019. He was ordained to the priesthood by Pope Leo XIV at St Peter's Basilica on June 27, 2025, during the Church's Year of Jubilee—a truly blessed milestone. Fr John has been appointed Assistant Priest at St Catherine of Siena Parish in Caroline Springs.

A special Morning Tea gathering will follow the 9:30 am Mass at Holy Spirit Church to thank and congratulate Fr John Vespa. All Welcome!



ACYF25 Launch & Pilgrimage Walk—Sunday 30 November | from 1:30pm | St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

All local parishes are invited to the ACYF Opening Event at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November. Afterwards, join the pilgrimage walk through Melbourne (**5 km to MCEC—ticketed pilgrims only**), carrying the Cross and Icon as signs of hope and joy for our city. Please keep all pilgrims in your prayers as they prepare to come to Melbourne for the adventure of a lifetime!



St Joseph's Christmas Mass and Lunch—Friday 12th December 2025 11.00am In the Parish Centre

\$25.00 **Signup sheets at the back door of St Joseph's**

Please support **Caritas Global Gift Christmas cards**— Donate: www.globalgifts.org.au for **Caritas Australia's Asia Storms Appeal**—visit www.caritas.org.au/asia-storms or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Thank you for your generous support.



Pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Cathedral and MacKillop Heritage Centre Tour

Mass—Saturday 13 December, 9.30 am

St Patrick's Cathedral,

After Mass, join us for a private tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre—\$10 (362 Albert St, East Melbourne). Optional morning tea: \$15. Arrange your own transport and **RSVP** on the sheets at the church entrance.

To receive the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, pilgrims must visit a designated site and, during or near that time, go to Reconciliation, receive Communion, and pray for the Holy Father's intentions—see <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/jubilee>