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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

9 Dec: The Immaculate Conception
of Our Lady
10 Dec: Our Lady of Loreto
11 Dec: St Damasus I, Pope
12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe
13 Dec: St Lucy
14 Dec: St John of the Cross

Recently Deceased

Jean Zambakah, Julian Di Julio,
Margaret Boutros Amad, Veronica
O'Kelly, Shaker Hermiz

Anniversaries

Rosario Azzaro, Vincenzo Botta, Louis
Zahra, Elena & Tony Matisi, Giovanna
& Tano Centorino, Diana & Rafaele
Pantalone. Maria Signa, Yousef
Gorgees, Rosina Casamento, Favez
Toufic Taouk, Jalil Wakim, Sam
Maatouk, Daniel Hanna Fakhry,
Rosina Poci, John Walter Scott

ST JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE

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2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

7-8 December

Pope Francis prays throughout December that those summoned to announce the Word of God do so with courage and creativity, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. This week, in particular, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even before her birth, the Holy Spirit was working intimately in God's plan for the salvation of the world. The power of the Holy Spirit calls us, too, into God's plan of salvation. Take some time this week to be the face of Christ to those you know who are busy with young families: you might like to provide a meal or other practical assistance, or just offer encouragement and a listening ear. Be the one who hears 'a voice crying out in the desert'.



*'Glory to
God in
the highest
heaven, and
peace to
all who
enjoy
his favour'*



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER

5.00pm	Holy Spirit	Family Mass
5.00pm	St. Joseph's	Family Mass
6.30pm	St. Anthony's	Family Mass
6.30pm	St. Mary's	Family Mass

9.00pm Carols St. Mary's. 9.30pm Mass St. Mary's
9.30pm Carols St. Joseph's 10.00pm Mass St. Joseph's
Midnight Mass St. Anthony's

NO MORNING MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S ON 24 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

9.00am	St. Anthony's (Italian)
9.30am	Holy Spirit
10am	St Mary's
11 am	St Anthony's
11am	St. Joseph's

NO EVENING MASS AT ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS DAY

NEW YEAR MASS

10AM MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S AND ST MARY'S

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM
BOXING DAY 26 DECEMBER UNTIL 3 JANUARY**

ADVENT Sacrament of Reconciliation (2 Rite)

Prepare for Christmas in this coming of the Jubilee year 2025 by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. An opportunity has been provided for you on
Wednesday, 11 December at Holy Spirit Parish at 7.30pm

FIRST READING: Baruch 5: 1-9*A reading from the prophet Baruch*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 125

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears

carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Luke 3: 4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3: 1-6*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**Next week's readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

PRIMA LETTURA Ger 3,9-15.20*Dal libro della Genesi*

Rispose: «Ho udito la tua voce nel giardino: ho avuto paura, perché sono nudo, e mi sono nascosto». Riprese: «Chi ti ha fatto sapere che sei nudo? Hai forse mangiato dell'albero di cui ti avevo comandato di non mangiare?». Rispose l'uomo: «La donna che tu mi hai posto accanto mi ha dato dell'albero e io ne ho mangiato». Il Signore Dio disse alla donna: «Che hai fatto?». Rispose la donna: «Il serpente mi ha ingannata e io ho mangiato». Allora il Signore Dio disse al serpente: «Poiché hai fatto questo, maledetto tu fra tutto il bestiame e fra tutti gli animali selvatici! Sul tuo ventre camminerai e polvere mangerai per tutti i giorni della tua vita. Io porrò inimicizia fra te e la donna, fra la tua stirpe e la sua stirpe: questa ti chiacerà la testa e tu le insidierai il calcagno». L'uomo chiamò sua moglie Eva, perché ella fu la madre di tutti i viventi

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**SALMO RESPONSORIALE** Sal 97

Rit: Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo, perché ha compiuto meraviglie.

Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo,
perché ha compiuto meraviglie.
Gli ha dato vittoria la sua destra
e il suo braccio santo.

Il Signore ha fatto conoscere la sua salvezza,
agli occhi delle genti ha rivelato la sua giustizia.
Egli si è ricordato del suo amore,
della sua fedeltà alla casa d'Israele.

Tutti i confini della terra hanno veduto
la vittoria del nostro Dio.
Acclami il Signore tutta la terra,
gridate, esultate, cantate inni!

Rit: Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo, perché ha compiuto meraviglie.

RCIA— Rite of Acceptance

We welcome Aaron Fletcher to St Joseph's parish as he celebrates the ***Rite of Acceptance*** through which he makes total commitment to continue his preparation into full initiation into the Catholic church at Easter.

SECONDA LETTURA Ef 1,3-6.11-12*Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo agli Efesini*

Benedetto Dio, Padre del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, che ci ha benedetti con ogni benedizione spirituale nei cieli in Cristo. In lui ci ha scelti prima della creazione del mondo per essere santi e immacolati di fronte a lui nella carità, predestinandoci a essere per lui figli adottivi mediante Gesù Cristo, secondo il disegno d'amore della sua volontà, a lode dello splendore della sua grazia, di cui ci ha gratificati nel Figlio amato. In lui siamo stati fatti anche eredi, predestinati – secondo il progetto di colui che tutto opera secondo la sua volontà – a essere lode della sua gloria, noi, che già prima abbiamo sperato nel Cristo.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**CANTO AL VANGELO** Lc 1,28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rallègrati, piena di grazia, il Signore è con te,
benedetta tu fra le donne. Alleluia.

VANGELO Lc 1, 26-28*Dal Vangelo secondo Luca*

In quel tempo, l'angelo Gabriele fu mandato da Dio in una città della Galilea, chiamata Nàzaret, a una vergine, promessa sposa di un uomo della casa di Davide, di nome Giuseppe. La vergine si chiamava Maria. Entrando da lei, disse: «Rallègrati, piena di grazia: il Signore è con te». A queste parole ella fu molto turbata e si domandava che senso avesse un saluto come questo. L'angelo le disse: «Non temere, Maria, perché hai trovato grazia presso Dio. Ed ecco, concepirai un figlio, lo darai alla luce e lo chiamerai Gesù. Sarà grande e verrà chiamato Figlio dell'Altissimo; il Signore Dio gli darà il trono di Davide suo padre e regnerà per sempre sulla casa di Giacobbe e il suo regno non avrà fine». Allora Maria disse all'angelo: «Come avverrà questo, poiché non conosco uomo?». Le rispose l'angelo: «Lo Spirito Santo scenderà su di te e la potenza dell'Altissimo ti coprirà con la sua ombra. Perciò colui che nascerà sarà santo e sarà chiamato Figlio di Dio. Ed ecco, Elisabetta, tua parente, nella sua vecchiaia ha concepito anch'essa un figlio e questo è il sesto mese per lei, che era detta sterile: nulla è impossibile a Dio». Allora Maria disse: «Ecco la serva del Signore: avvenga per me secondo la tua parola». E l'angelo si allontanò da lei.

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.

Kirstin Spiteri, Jessica Simioni, Swhalia Ibrahim
Suad Hermiz, Isabela Yousef, Wafa Ibrahim
Sivador Kassab

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

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: **St Anthony's ONLY**

It's that time of the year. As we plan our own festive activities and gift-giving, let's plan for those who look to us for support. Working with the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project team, we will be making up some Christmas Gift Bags. It has all been done for you. On sale in the foyer for \$30, our Gift Bag has shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, shaving foam, socks and deodorant.

Pay for a bag: Sign a card, if you like. The cards have been made by St. Anthony's students and are on the table.

Write out a Christmas "bauble". Place the bag under the Christmas tree and put the "bauble" on the tree.

Thank you for your generosity. This bag may be the only gift someone receives this Christmas. God bless you.

CAN YOU HELP?

We need donations for flowers for the churches for Christmas. Please place in envelop marked 'flowers' and put in collection plate. **Thank You!**

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community **Daniel Paul Cullinan and Lucy Alice Rozsa** as they present **ZAC DANIEL** for baptism at **Holy Spirit** on Sunday. We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



You are invited to Mass and morning tea at St Mary's Thornbury at **10am on 22 December** to celebrate Mirella Pace and Maria Zaccardi's retirement. **ALL WELCOME!**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) - ST MARYS & HOLY SPIRIT

GIVING TREE – **PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY**

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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

—PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

Thank you to all those that have already taken a token from the Giving Tree. We encourage those that have not been involved to support our works. Hopefully by the end of this weekend's Masses all tokens will have been taken.

The generosity of the parish has enabled wonderful hampers to be made in past years and with your support things to be no different this year.

Items listed can then be purchased and left under the tree no later than the last week of Advent (21st / 22nd of December). Note: There is no need to gift wrap the items.

For further details about the hampers (or Vinnies in general) please contact the parish office and a Vinnies member will be in contact with you.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation to assist us purchase additional items and gift vouchers there are also envelopes on the tree. Donations can be left on the collection plates.

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. For further details about the hampers (or Vinnies in general) please contact [the parish office](#) and a Vinnies member will be in contact with you.

**** Note: This applies to St Mary's & Holy Spirit churches only ****