



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S



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5pm Sat, 10am Sun

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

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

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

4th Sunday of Lent - 27 March 2022 2nd Scrutiny's RCIA

1st Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him— Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

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Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Lent 3rd Scrutiny

1st Reading: Is 4:3-16, 21

2nd Reading: Phil 3: 8-14

Gospel: Jn 8: 1-11

Anniversaries and Deaths

We pray for those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Gabriele Varrato, Mario Barbanera, Hanna Taouk, Yesmine Taouk and Immacolata Natoli,

Diary Dates Please mark your diaries

Monday 28 March

7.30pm Lenten Reflection St A's Meeting Room

Tuesday 29 March

9.15am Middle D Class Mass

Thursday 31 March

8.30am Stations of the Cross (Italian) Holy Spirit

9.15am Mass Italian Holy Spirit

Friday 1 April

9.15am Class Mass 3 /4 CW

10am Stations of the Cross (Italian) St Anthony's

Saturday 2 April

10am Baptism Preparation Holy Spirit

We pray for Jake Fish as his journey through the Elect period continues with the readings of the 1st Scrutiny this weekend.

Summit

The religious leaders at the time of Jesus felt that there was no place for sinners in God's kingdom. This parable shows that there is always hope and a promise of forgiveness for those who repent and turn again to God, and that God never tires of seeking the lost. The father allows his youngest son the freedom to choose his way and make his own mistakes, but he keeps the door of welcome open. Through his journey, this son comes to realise that his fulfillment lies with his father and returns. At this point, the elder son changes places with the younger and becomes the one who is alienated and outside the feast. The reaction of the father is consistent: he goes outside to meet his elder son, now the lost one, to tell him, 'All I have is yours.' The reward is for both the righteous and the repentant sinner.

•Do you have a sense of God seeking you out, even in your anger or confusion, and saying to you, 'All I have is yours'?

•In what ways is the elder son 'lost', even though he has lived a model life?

Making connections

Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer

•Which of the characters in this story do you identify with the most: the younger son? the father? the older son? How might you react in such circumstances?

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Forgive me.

LENT

Reflection: St Anthony's Meeting Room at 7.30. Transport for two available from Holy Spirit...contact parish Office and Lynn Hale will contact you.
Make Lent meaningful and walk with others towards Easter.
They will be using "This Cup we Bless by Michael McGirr.

Prayer: Sheets will be available at the back of the Church with Forty Lenten ideas by Janet Schaeffler OP for you follow if you wish.

8.30am Thursdays Stations of the Cross in Italian Holy Spirit Church

10am Fridays Stations of the Cross in Italian St Anthony's Church

Alms Giving: Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for the 5 weeks will be available at the Church during Lent. The theme this year is;
"For all future generations"

This selection of useful and inspiring resources and articles from around the web has been collected to help you enter more deeply into the Lent and Easter seasons.

A rich and comprehensive collection of Lenten prayer and devotional resources from Hallow, the popular subscription-based Catholic prayer app
'Lent and Social Justice'—an exploration of the Lenten call to recognise the face of Christ in all those in need, from the Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

A free, video-based Way of the Cross from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, using the Gospel of Mark and featuring the beautiful carved stations of the late Melbourne sculptor Leopoldine (Poldi) Mimovich that reside in the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Deepdene

Laudato si' Stations of the Cross—a free, downloadable liturgy booklet from the Columbans in Australia

The Little Way of Lent, from Shalom Media—an Australian series of video reflections for kids, presented by Ann Rennie

'Ave Explores: Lent'—a series of Lenten-themed conversations from the Ave Explores podcast, produced by Ave Maria Press

A Guide to Night Prayer for Lent, a free downloadable 'Liturgy of the Hours' resource for families, from the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame (USA)

Vocations

On Saturday, 2 April, at 10.00am at the University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, there will be an information session on the Permanent Diaconate. Your help is needed to promote this vocation within your parish. Perhaps there are some male parishioners, married or single, between the age of 30 to 60 years, whom you could speak with concerning this call to ministry. Further details can be found in the documents attached to this message.

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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.**

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 # .

Ladies – fancy an evening out together?

After such a long time of not being able to gather, Belinda Gomez is opening her home to ladies of both communities who would like to get together for a meal and a chat. You are invited to Belinda's for a casual catch-up on Thursday March 31 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. If you can only drop in briefly, you are still very welcome.

Please bring a plate of food to share, but don't worry if you are coming from work, or somewhere else, and don't get time to bring anything – please come anyway.

If you know of any ladies, young or old, who are part of the parish but no longer come to mass or ladies who are new to the parish, please invite them. If you would like to come, but need a ride, we can help arrange a ride for you.

Please contact the parish office on 0432 576 500 if you would like to come.

Your name and number will be passed onto Belinda Gomez or Rosie Hoban who will then contact you directly with details. We look forward to seeing you.

For more than 100 years, Stella Maris Melbourne has been providing practical and pastoral support to seafarers from around the world. The pandemic has inevitably made life more difficult for seafarers, who have been unable to dock due to government regulations and effectively leaving them trapped in their workplace. During this time, Stella Maris Melbourne has continued to serve those at sea, offering online Masses, care packages, vital medical supplies and most recently, access to COVID vaccinations. In what was his first visit since the start of the COVID pandemic, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli celebrated Mass with staff and longtime volunteers at the Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre in Melbourne on Sunday 13 March. Located at 600 Little Collins Street, the Centre is considered a "home away from home" by those who spend months out at sea, away from their family and friends. 'It's good to be back here!' said Archbishop Comensoli. 'It's a shame that we cannot have any seafarers with us today given the circumstances, but nonetheless, it's good to be here.'

We celebrate too the belated anniversary of the Stella Maris Centre amid the reality of the various lockdowns, and I want to acknowledge [Stella Maris Chaplain] Fr Wayne Edwards especially, who is unable to be here due to his parish duties.' Stella Maris is part of the Catholic Church's global ministry to seafarers, which has various isolated and independent beginnings around the world. In Melbourne, the ministry dates back to 1889, when members of the St Vincent de Paul Society visited ships docked at Port Melbourne and Williamstown. In 1902, local priest Fr Patrick May founded a St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) Conference at St Augustine's in the city, and advocated for the ongoing care of seafarers visiting Australia. In 1904, SVDP Seamen's Conferences were established at all ports of call around the country. In 1920, a similar ministry to seafarers started in Glasgow, Scotland, led by Archbishop Donald Macintosh, Arthur Gannon and Peter Anson. Two years later, they approached Pope Pius XI who gave his blessing for the ministry and encouraged them to expand their work across the globe through what became known as "The Apostleship of the Sea". Some 30 years later, Pope Pius XII raised the Apostolate to an official missionary work of the Catholic Church. The international ministry would have celebrated its centenary in Glasgow in 2020, but the pandemic sadly put a halt to celebrations. This didn't stop Stella Maris Australia from marking the occasion, however, as longtime Melbourne volunteer Christina Siciliano shared. 'A friend in Rotary, John Wall, who also works at Australia Post, helped us get a special envelope made to acknowledge the 100 years, and it's absolutely beautiful,' said Christina. 'The Stella Maris legacy is one of kindness and care – caring for the seafarers of the world in the name of Jesus Christ. Our seafarers are the unsung heroes of our world, really. They keep the economy going.'

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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FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you'.

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33

R: *Taste and see that the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

R: *Taste and see that the goodness of the Lord.*

SECOND READING 2Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners, were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them. So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life;

he was lost and is found." The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.