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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

5 Feb: St Agatha, virgin & martyr
6 Feb: St Paul Miki &
companions, martyrs

Recently Deceased

Violet Aquilina, Paul Groppi

Anniversaries

Mary Zaltron, Charbel Badr Habchi, Maria
Azrak Fakhry, Mary Joyce Taouk, Beshara
Nassima Fakhry, Phyllis McRoberts, Paul
Gori and Salvatore De Fazio, Rachelina
Ramunno, Gregory Bernard Hardiman,
Biagio De Petro

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The Presentation of the Lord Year C

01—02 February 2025

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

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 Malachi 3:1-4***A reading from the prophet of Malachi***

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10****R. *Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!***

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher,
ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty,
the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher,
ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R.**

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews***

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation cf Luke 2:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:22-40***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke***

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said :

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Readings Next Week 8-9th February 2025****1st Reading: Is 6:1-8****2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11****Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

Prima lettura *Ml 3,1-4**Dal libro del profeta Malachia*

Così dice il Signore Dio:

«Ecco, io manderò un mio messaggero a preparare la via davanti a me e subito entrerà nel suo tempio il Signore che voi cercate; e l'angelo dell'alleanza, che voi sospirate, eccolo venire, dice il Signore degli eserciti.

Chi sopporterà il giorno della sua venuta? Chi resisterà al suo apparire? Egli è come il fuoco del fonditore e come la lisciva dei lavandai.

Siederà per fondere e purificare l'argento; purificherà i figli di Levi, li affinerà come oro e argento, perché possano offrire al Signore un'offerta secondo giustizia. Allora l'offerta di Giuda e di Gerusalemme sarà gradita al Signore come nei giorni antichi, come negli anni lontani».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale** *Sal 23**Vieni, Signore, nel tuo tempio santo.*

Alzate, o porte, la vostra fronte,
alzatevi, soglie antiche, ed entri il re della gloria.

Chi è questo re della gloria?

Il Signore forte e valoroso, il Signore valoroso in battaglia.

Alzate, o porte, la vostra fronte,
alzatevi, soglie antiche, ed entri il re della gloria.

Chi è mai questo re della gloria?

Il Signore degli eserciti è il re della gloria.

Seconda lettura *Eb 2,14-18**Dalla lettera agli Ebrei*

Poiché i figli hanno in comune il sangue e la carne, anche Cristo allo stesso modo ne è divenuto partecipe, per ridurre all'impotenza mediante la morte colui che della morte ha il potere, cioè il diavolo, e liberare così quelli che, per timore della morte, erano soggetti a schiavitù per tutta la vita.

Egli infatti non si prende cura degli angeli, ma della stirpe di Abramo si prende cura. Perciò doveva rendersi in tutto simile ai fratelli, per diventare un sommo sacerdote misericordioso e degno di fede nelle cose che riguardano Dio, allo scopo di espiare i peccati del popolo. Infatti, proprio per essere stato messo alla prova e avere sofferto personalmente, egli è in grado di venire in aiuto a quelli che subiscono la prova.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo** *Lc 2,30.32*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I miei occhi hanno visto la tua salvezza:

luce per rivelarti alle genti e gloria del tuo popolo,

Israele. Alleluia.

Vangelo *Lc 2,22-40**Dal Vangelo secondo Luca*

Quando furono compiuti i giorni della loro purificazione rituale, secondo la legge di Mosè, Maria e Giuseppe portarono il bambino a Gerusalemme per presentarlo al Signore – come è scritto nella legge del Signore: «Ogni maschio primogenito sarà sacro al Signore» – e per offrire in sacrificio una coppia di tortore o due giovani colombi, come prescrive la legge del Signore.

Ora a Gerusalemme c'era un uomo di nome Simeone, uomo giusto e pio, che aspettava la consolazione d'Israele, e lo Spirito Santo era su di lui. Lo Spirito Santo gli aveva preannunciato che non avrebbe visto la morte senza prima aver veduto il Cristo del Signore.

Mosso dallo Spirito, si recò al tempio e, mentre i genitori vi portavano il bambino Gesù per fare ciò che la Legge prescriveva a suo riguardo, anch'egli lo accolse tra le braccia e benedisse Dio, dicendo:

«Ora puoi lasciare, o Signore, che il tuo servo vada in pace, secondo la tua parola, perché i miei occhi hanno visto la tua salvezza, preparata da te davanti a tutti i popoli: luce per rivelarti alle genti e gloria del tuo popolo, Israele».

Il padre e la madre di Gesù si stupivano delle cose che si dicevano di lui. Simeone li benedisse e a Maria, sua madre, disse: «Ecco, egli è qui per la caduta e la risurrezione di molti in Israele e come segno di contraddizione – e anche a te una spada trafiggerà l'anima –, affinché siano svelati i pensieri di molti cuori».

C'era anche una profetessa, Anna, figlia di Fanuèle, della tribù di Aser. Era molto avanzata in età, aveva vissuto con il marito sette anni dopo il suo matrimonio, era poi rimasta vedova e ora aveva ottantaquattro anni. Non si allontanava mai dal tempio, servendo Dio notte e giorno con digiuni e preghiere. Sopraggiunta in quel momento, si mise anche lei a lodare Dio e parlava del bambino a quanti aspettavano la redenzione di Gerusalemme.

Quando ebbero adempiuto ogni cosa secondo la legge del Signore, fecero ritorno in Galilea, alla loro città di Nàzaret. Il bambino cresceva e si fortificava, pieno di sapienza, e la grazia di Dio era su di lui.

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.

Edmond Nehme, Young Joey, Laura Xueb, Ross Pace, Rita Ljubetic, Tina Marangoni, Father Prakash Cutinha, Ibtsam Gorgees Their Armenak Wafa Ibrahim Phoenix Toma, Onyx Toma, Mark Cunningham

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

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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.

Parrochiani 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

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Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person via the Parish Office:

Parish Notices

St Mary's Feast Day Sunday 16th February 2025
St Mary's celebrates the Opening of the School Year Mass at 10:00 am, Sunday 16th February. There will be a short procession with the statue of Our Lady followed by a gathering. Please bring a plate to share. All Welcome!

WELCOME !! WELCOME!! We welcome Fran Adamopoulos as our new Admin Officer in the Parish Office. I am sure many of you know Fran and will make her very welcome. Fran's role will be to assist priests, staff, ministries and groups across our Parishes.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community:

- ♦ John & Paraskevi as they present Aurelia Gloria Antunes
- ♦ Brent & Fiona as they present Dominus Vincenzo Niceforo
- ♦ Jesse & Daniella as they present Ava Rose Vander Werf
- ♦ Dylan & Stephanie as they present Bonnie Ann, & Darcy William Garvin

for their baptisms at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

MEDITATION: Christian Meditation has recommenced, meeting every Thursday 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**

Thank you: Fr Shabin and parishioners would like to thank the Italian Committee of St Anthony's for their generosity and gift of monies raised through raffles and lunches in 2024. We appreciate the work of Lina and her team and their ongoing support of parish life.

CAN YOU SING – Would you like to join ST ANTHONY'S CHOIR?

Dr Daryl Barclay will be working with our current choir members and invites others to join him and them on Sunday 2 February at the 11am Mass at St Anthony's Church, 45 Railway Place, Alphington.

We are also looking for musicians to accompany the choir and work with Daryl during Mass.

Please come along or contact the Parish Office for more details.



CUPPA AFTER MASS
PLEASE JOIN PARISHIONERS
FOR A CUPPA AND CHAT