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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 English
Weekdays: Wednesdays only:
9.15am

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11.00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesdays only: 9.15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9.30am
Weekdays: Thursdays only: 9.15am

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English

Weekdays: Fridays only: 9.15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

30 Nov: St. Andrew the Apostle
3 Dec: St. Francis Xavier

Recently Deceased

Maria Beninati; Joseph Saba Geagea
Alfonso Gallina (1 month)

Anniversaries

Liberto Falvo; George Karim Kairouz;
Angelita Obaldo; Mtonios Saleh
Fakhry; Elizabetha Deodato; Garzie
Fakhry; Louis Flaffell; Paula Kairouz
Sarda & Khalil; Jamal Khalil; Samir
Kairouz; Tony & Elena Matisi
Raffaele & Diana Pantalone; Maria
Signa; Gaetano & Gianetta
Centorino; Famiglia Zanatta &
Dujellaand; Livia Attard.

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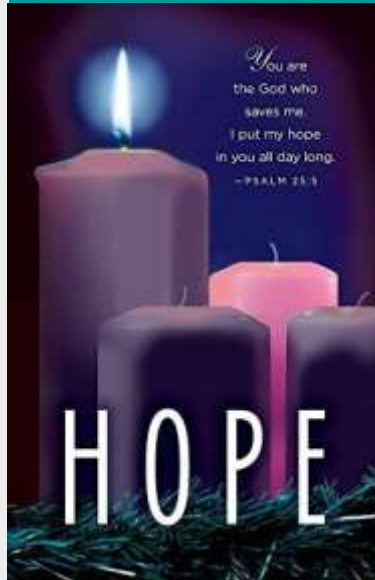
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1 Sunday of Advent

26/27 November 2022



Advent is a season of waiting and expectation for Christmas – the birth of Christ, the Nativity of Our Lord. We prepare our homes and hearts for four weeks before Christmas. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical season – it concludes a long period of Ordinary Time and leads us into the new church year with hope and patience in preparation for Christmas.

This season was likely first celebrated in the fifth century, originating from the tradition of fasting several times a week, beginning on St. Martin de Tours' Feast Day (November 11) and concluding on Christmas Day.

Nowadays, Advent always starts about four weeks before Christmas, on the Sunday closest to St.

Andrew's Feast Day (November 30).

Keeping track of Advent dates amidst the busyness of the holidays can be tricky, especially as the dates change year after year.

Our challenge during the Season of Advent is to slow down and truly prepare our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus at Christmas. The world around us is crying out for hope and joy amidst these difficult times—with war in Ukraine and climate crisis throughout the world. Let us not be caught up in the busyness surrounding us but be people of hope and prayer, setting the example for others to follow.

Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Vito Pegolo on his 50 Jubilee of Ordination. Fr. Vito will celebrate Mass at 9am at St. Anthony's on Sunday. May the Lord's fullest blessings be upon him always.

The Season of Advent is a time of joyful waiting.

Take the time to stop and prepare for Christmas by attending our Advent

Evenings which will be held over the four weeks of Advent.

Week 1: Tuesday 29 November at 7.30pm in St. Anthony's church

Week 2: Tuesday 6 December at 7.30pm in St. Mary's church

Week 3: Tuesday 13 December at 7.30pm with Reconciliation

at St. Joseph's church

Week 4: Tuesday 20 December at 7.30pm with Reconciliation at Holy Spirit church.

ALL WELCOME.



This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah
The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem'.

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 121

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

1. 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.
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
"Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!"
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: "Peace upon you!"
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

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

SECOND READING Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans
You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord show us your mercy and love
And grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 24: 37-44

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Week's Readings

Isa:11:1-10

Psalm: 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17

Rom:15:4-9

Mathew: 3:1-12

Prima Lettura: Is 2,1-5

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Messaggio che Isaia, figlio di Amoz, ricevette in visione su Giuda e su Gerusalemme.

Alla fine dei giorni, il monte del tempio del Signore sarà saldo sulla cima dei monti e s'innalzerà sopra i colli, e ad esso affluiranno tutte le genti.

Verranno molti popoli e diranno: «Venite, saliamo sul monte del Signore, al tempio del Dio di Giacobbe, perché ci insegni le sue vie e possiamo camminare per i suoi sentieri».

Poiché da Sion uscirà la legge e da Gerusalemme la parola del Signore. Egli sarà giudice fra le genti e arbitro fra molti popoli.

Spezzeranno le loro spade e ne faranno aratri, delle loro lance faranno falci; una nazione non alzerà più la spada contro un'altra nazione, non impareranno più l'arte della guerra.

Casa di Giacobbe, venite, camminiamo nella luce del Signore. Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Seguite il coro se il ritornello del salmo e diverso del foglietto.

Salmo Responsoriale: Sal 121

Rit: Andremo con gioia alla casa del Signore.

1. Quale gioia, quando mi dissero:
«Andremo alla casa del Signore!».

Già sono fermi i nostri piedi
alle tue porte, Gerusalemme!

2. 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.

3. Chiedete pace per Gerusalemme:
vivano sicuri quelli che ti amano;
sia pace nelle tue mura,
sicurezza nei tuoi palazzi.

4. Per i miei fratelli e i miei amici
io dirò: «Su di te sia pace!».
Per la casa del Signore nostro Dio,
chiederò per te il bene.

**Rit: Andremo con gioia
alla casa del Signore.**

Seconda Lettura: Rm 13,11-14

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, questo voi farete, consapevoli del momento: è ormai tempo di svegliarvi dal sonno, perché adesso la nostra salvezza è più vicina di quando diventammo credenti.

La notte è avanzata, il giorno è vicino. Perciò gettiamo via le opere delle tenebre e indossiamo le armi della luce.

Comportiamoci onestamente, come in pieno giorno: non in mezzo a orge e ubriachezze, non fra lussurie e impurità, non in litigi e gelosie. Rivestitevi invece del Signore Gesù Cristo. Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Sal 84,8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Mostraci, Signore, la tua misericordia
e donaci la tua salvezza.

Alleluia.

Vangelo: Mt 24,37-44

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«Come furono i giorni di Noè, così sarà la venuta del Figlio dell'uomo. Infatti, come nei giorni che precedettero il diluvio mangiavano e bevevano, prendevano moglie e prendevano marito, fino al giorno in cui Noè entrò nell'arca, e non si accorsero di nulla finché venne il diluvio e travolse tutti: così sarà anche la venuta del Figlio dell'uomo. Allora due uomini saranno nel campo: uno verrà portato via e l'altro lasciato. Due donne macineranno alla mola: una verrà portata via e l'altra lasciata.

Vegliate dunque, perché non sapete in quale giorno il Signore vostro verrà. Cercate di capire questo: se il padrone di casa sapesse a quale ora della notte viene il ladro, veglierebbe e non si lascerebbe scassinare la casa. Perciò anche voi tenetevi pronti perché, nell'ora che non immaginate, viene il Figlio dell'uomo».

Parola del Signore



Anointing of the Sick Masses:

Holy Spirit: 9.15am December 1
St. Anthony's: 9.15am December 2
St. Joseph's: 11am December 2
St. Mary's: 9.15am December 7
All are welcomed .

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

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 Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin or Fr. Dixon.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATE O CONFINATE 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 contact Parish Offices **9484 2907**

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms. This is a way for school aged children to gather and understand the Gospel at their age level.

Cancelled until further notice

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am WEEKLY NOW ALL WELCOME!

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

- 1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's
- 2 Sunday of the month - Holy Spirit
- 3 Sunday of the month - St. Anthony's
- 4 Sunday of the month - St. Joseph's

First Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

By appointment only.

St. Mary's: By appointment only please call parish Office

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Baptism prep session 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Kevin and Katrina Jansz.

SENIORS

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.**

First Wednesday of the month

St. Mary's 9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Wednesday of the month.

"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

St. Mary's: Sundays at 9.45 am. R.E Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Sacramental program 5pm to 6pm in meeting room St Anthony's, six weeks before the Sacrament is received.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: Moses El-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community

MATTEO GUARINO

baptized on Sunday at St. Joseph's

We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) - ST MARYS & HOLY SPIRIT GIVING TREE – PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

For over 20 years the members of the joint St Mary's/Holy Spirit St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) conference have made up food hampers for those in need in the Thornbury community, allowing them to enjoy a Christmas meal in the manner that most of us are used to. Covid19 restrictions have seriously impacted our operations and the number of face to face visits we make so we are as keen as ever to provide Christmas hampers. A comment from one member at our local meeting was 'A gift is always a good way of connecting' and we feel it is important to reconnect as much as we can with people who are very often isolated.

To assist us source required food items we have again put up the Giving Tree in the Church. The Giving Tree has symbols attached, detailing what we require to make up the hampers. Feel free to take any number of these symbols. Items listed can then be purchased and left under the tree no later than the last week of Advent (17th / 18th of December). Note: There is no need to gift wrap the items.

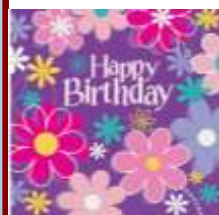
If you would prefer to make a cash donation to assist us purchase additional items and gift vouchers there are also envelopes on the tree. Donations can be left on the collection plates. Should you prefer a bank transfer to support our works please direct to: Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society 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 those interested in helping on the morning of Christmas Eve or 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 ****

There will be a cuppa after all Masses next weekend at St. Anthony's, Holy Spirit and St. Mary's.



At Cuppa next week at 11am at St. Anthony's we will be joined by Jenny Jones celebrating her 80th and Mary Sellars her 90th Birthdays respectively.

Please join us to celebrate these wonderful events...



Product for November—Asylum Seekers Group

In November we are asking you to please donate gladwrap, aluminium foil and clothes pegs. They are not too expensive so you might be able to donate a couple of items over the month.



How can you contribute to the parish

This QR code is unique to **St Anthony, Alphonse and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East** and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan

If you would like to donate 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 smart watch - donations will go straight in to our Church account.

Presbytery Accounts: St Mary's & St Joseph's BSB 083 347 Account 857260792

Church account St. Mary's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 557931064

Church account: St. Joseph's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 663182650