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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

Recently Deceased:

Eligio Milani, Pauline Zammit,
Francis Alwyn Byron, Joe Hassib Harb,
And Oleh Harasymiv.

Anniversaries

Venancio Jardim (1 Year),
Robert A. Patrick (1 Year),
Giuseppe Giordano (26 Years),
Vladimir Rudov (27 Years),
Mary Ponton, Hector Horacio Pa'rraga,
Armando Pa'rraga, Marino Casamento,
Marjorie Ang, Farid Tunsey Fakhry,
Michael Doyle, Maroun Boulos L Taouk,
Keith Meynell and
Youssef Hanna Souki fakhry.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

17-18 October 2026



Combined Parish Spring Picnic & Sacramental Sunday

Seventy-five parishioners attended our Parish Spring Picnic. It was a lovely Sunday gathering enjoyed by parishioners from all our churches, along with several school families.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed by donating food, time, and resources; to those involved in organising the event; to our barbecue cooks; and to all who joined us on the day. Special thanks to JuJu Café for generously donating the delicious chicken skewers.

The barbecue, salads, and desserts were outstanding. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, with plenty of opportunities to chat and connect. Entertaining music added to the joy of the afternoon, and the dancing was a highlight for many.



OBEDIENCE TO GOD OVER ALL—Matthew 22: 15–21

Jesus' encounter about paying taxes to Caesar reveals an attempt by various groups to trap Him and undermine His authority. By asking for the coin, He exposes their own compromise with Roman power, and His response—"Render to Caesar, render to God"—places civil responsibility within the greater call to obedience to God. This moment anticipates the Christian understanding of the distinct yet related roles of Church and State, reminding us that all earthly authority is ultimately held within God's sovereignty. It also challenges us to examine where our true loyalty lies, inviting a deeper fidelity to God's will. In every age, disciples are called to navigate civic duties with a conscience formed by faith. Jesus' teaching remains a guide for living responsibly and faithfully in the world.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2027

The calendars are on sale for \$10 each, they are available at the back of the church.

If you would like to use the **Tap and Go** machines, do so and put the envelope in the basket with **TAP AND GO** on it. Thank you Parish Office.

First Reading *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10*

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

L. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

L. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

L. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

L. Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank
God for you all, and constantly remember before
God our Father how you have shown your faith in
action, worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
have been chosen, because when we brought the Good
News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Philippians 2:15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 22:15-21***A reading from the holy Gospel of Mathew**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them
how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their
disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach
the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not
afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing
to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to
pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of
their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you
set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the
tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied,
'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they
replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to
Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what
belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



[The Tribute Money - Tissot](#)

James Tissot (1836-1902)

Readings: **Next Week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Year A 25 October 2026

1st Rdg: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Rdg: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Prima lettura Is 45,1, 4-6**Dal libro del profeta Isaia**

Dice il Signore del suo eletto, di Ciro:

«Io l'ho preso per la destra,
per abbattere davanti a lui le nazioni,
per sciogliere le cinture ai fianchi dei re,
per aprire davanti a lui i battenti delle porte
e nessun portone rimarrà chiuso.
Per amore di Giacobbe, mio servo,
e d'Israele, mio eletto,
io ti ho chiamato per nome,
ti ho dato un titolo, sebbene tu non mi conosca.
Io sono il Signore e non c'è alcun altro,
fuori di me non c'è dio;
ti renderò pronto all'azione, anche se tu non mi
conosci,
perché sappiano dall'oriente e dall'occidente
che non c'è nulla fuori di me.
Io sono il Signore, non ce n'è altri».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale (Sal 95)****Rit. _ Grande è il Signore e degno di ogni lode.**

L._ Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo,
cantate al Signore, uomini di tutta la terra.
In mezzo alle genti narrate la sua gloria,
a tutti i popoli dite le sue meraviglie **Rit.**

L._ Grande è il Signore e degno di ogni lode,
terribile sopra tutti gli dèi.
Tutti gli dèi dei popoli sono un nulla,
il Signore invece ha fatto i cieli. **Rit.**

L._ Date al Signore, o famiglie dei popoli,
date al Signore gloria e potenza,
date al Signore la gloria del suo nome.
Portate offerte ed entrate nei suoi atri. **Rit.**

L._ Prostratevi al Signore nel suo atrio santo.
Tremi davanti a lui tutta la terra.
Dite tra le genti: «Il Signore regna!».
Egli giudica i popoli con rettitudine. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1 Ts 1,1-5**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Tessalonicési**

Paolo e Silvano e Timòteo alla Chiesa dei Tessalonicési che è in Dio Padre e nel Signore Gesù Cristo: a voi, grazia e pace.
Rendiamo sempre grazie a Dio per tutti voi, ricordandovi nelle nostre preghiere e tenendo continuamente presenti l'operosità della vostra

fede, la fatica della vostra carità e la fermezza della vostra speranza nel Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, davanti a Dio e Padre nostro.

Sappiamo bene, fratelli amati da Dio, che siete stati scelti da lui. Il nostro Vangelo, infatti, non si diffuse fra voi soltanto per mezzo della parola, ma anche con la potenza dello Spirito Santo e con profonda convinzione.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Fil 2,15-16****Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Risplendete come astri nel mondo,
tenendo salda la parola di vita.*

Alleluia.**Vangelo Mt 22, 15-21****Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, i farisei se ne andarono e tennero consiglio per vedere come cogliere in fallo Gesù nei suoi discorsi.

Mandarono dunque da lui i propri discepoli, con gli erodiani, a dirgli:

«Maestro, sappiamo che sei veritiero e insegni la via di Dio secondo verità. Tu non hai soggezione di alcuno, perché non guardi in faccia a nessuno. Dunque, di' a noi il tuo parere: è lecito, o no, pagare il tributo a Cesare?».

Ma Gesù, conoscendo la loro malizia, rispose:

«Ipocriti, perché volete mettermi alla prova? Mostratemi la moneta del tributo».

Ed essi gli presentarono un denaro. Egli domandò loro:

«Questa immagine e l'iscrizione, di chi sono?».

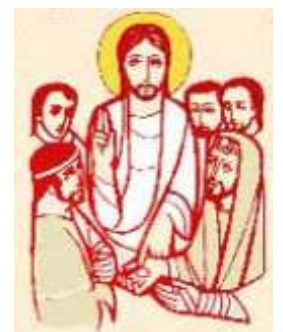
Gli risposero:

«Di Cesare».

Allora disse loro:

«Rendete dunque a Cesare quello che è di Cesare e a Dio quello che è di Dio».

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. *Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Mary Buttifant, Clara Luz Diaz, and Vittoria Calidonna.*

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 Tuong.

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 Alphonson.

"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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community *Romeo John, Oscar Dylan, and Christian*, who are presented for their baptism by their parents *Damian & Erica, Dylan & Carly, and Daniel & Laura* at **St Anthony's** this Sunday. We congratulate Romeo John, Oscar Dylan, and Christian, and their families, and pray for their continued spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

AMALGAMATION Update: *AMALGAMATION CONSULTATION to the next stage, Fr Shabin would like to meet with parishioners who still have some questions about amalgamation and he will be available at St Mary's Presbytery 1 Rossmoyne Street, Thornbury on Wednesday 4 to Saturday 7 November, from 11am to 5pm. If you would like to make an appointment please call Fr Shabin on 0427186922 or email shabin.kaniampuram@cam.org.au.*

Our next consultation meeting will be held on Sunday 8 November 2026 at 12.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 197 Clarendon Street, Thornbury East. This meeting will be led by Take the Way of the Gospel, Change Management Team and we will be focused on the way forward for 2027. We hope many parishioners will attend and light lunch will be provided. Please contact the office for further information.



St Mary's Primary School Thornbury are back at this years Rossmoyne Rummage - 2.5km of garage sales held on Rossmoyne Street in Thornbury on **Sunday 18th October from 10am**. St Mary's will host stalls of preloved books and toys + sausage sizzle, cake stall, coffee van, pop up sports clinics an more. **School Tour 12pm.**



St Mary's: Envelopes available at the foyer for collection.

Fr Shabin will be away in Rome to attend a Jesus Youth International Conference in his capacity as a chaplain of Jesus Youth Ministry in Melbourne, from **20 October to 2 November**. Please keep him in your prayers and we wish him a safe journey.



We Congratulate **Andrew Tran**, who completed his Parish Placement in our Parishes in Partnership in 2024, on his ordination to the Diaconate. With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, your prayers and presence are requested at the Ordination of **Andrew Tran** to the Diaconate, to be conferred by Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli DD, Archbishop of Melbourne, on Saturday **14 November 2026, at 10 am**, at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

Artwork: Garofalo, Christ washing the Disciple's feet—Courtesy of the Art gallery of Washington.

POSITION VACANT Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for positions in administration and finance in the Parish Office. If you are interested, please contact Margaret on financeant@cam.org.au for further information.

Pastoral Leadership Team report, October 2026: *Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 19 August to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed at the meeting were: • plans for the Parish Spring Picnic on Sunday 11 October • nomination of parish representatives for the 2026 Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod • updates from the Transition Team regarding the amalgamation consultation process. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2 December. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our discussions and decisions.*

Melbourne Synod Representatives: *Melanie Pinto and Ronan Tassone have been elected by the Archdiocese as the lay parishioners to represent our Parishes in Partnership for the upcoming Melbourne Synod. Fr Shabin has also been selected to represent the Northern Region Clergy. The Synod will be held from Friday 4 December to Sunday 6 December. Holy Spirit, guide our representatives with wisdom and peace. Bless their discernment and strengthen our Church in hope. Amen.*