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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.

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST ANTHONY'S

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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: 10:30am, English/Italian
Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Recently Deceased

William John (Brien) Dickson,
Gloria Boemo, Vincenzo Caccoma,
Dorina Butera, Maria De Santis

Anniversaries

Milia Taouk and Family,
Ettore Del Monaco (10 yrs),
Frank Kennedy, Mikhail Mahra Taouk,
Kashlah Boulos Taouk, Jean Bradley,
Evelyn Lorraine Davies,
Anwar Salem, Therese Antoine Taouk,
Honey Boutros Amad and
John Michael Brick.

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our official parish website:
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Second Sunday in Lent —Year A

28 Feb—1 Mar 2026

A Glimpse of Glory

The Gospel of the Transfiguration invites us to pause and glimpse, even briefly, the glory of Christ revealed on the mountain. Peter, James, and John witness Jesus radiant in divine light, standing with Moses and Elijah — a moment that confirms Jesus as the beloved Son of God. Yet this glory cannot be separated from the path Jesus has already set before his disciples: the journey toward suffering, self-giving love, and the cross.

Peter wishes to hold onto the mountaintop moment, but Jesus leads them back down into the realities of the world, where healing and redemption await. Glory is not found in avoiding hardship but in following Christ faithfully through it. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are invited to carry this glimpse of glory with us — not as an escape, but as a promise. The radiance of Christ strengthens us to walk with him toward Jerusalem, trusting that God's love accompanies us in both light and shadow. *(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)*



Rite of Election

Last Sunday, St Patrick's Cathedral welcomed 550 catechumens and candidates—a record number for our Archdiocese—as they took part in the Rite of Election. Representing 86 parishes and communities, they were greeted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, who reminded us that Lent is our own journey “into God's heart.”



Let us keep our catechumens—Jake, Max, Kyle, and Caitlin—and our candidate, Lucy, in our prayers, together with all the other catechumens and candidates preparing to celebrate the sacraments this Easter.

Project Compassion 2026: Please collect your project compassion box from the back of the church.

The funds raised will help provide children like Sisilia, a 13-year-old from remote Tanzania, with safe, clean water close to home, giving them more time to study and pursue their dreams. **Donate** via website: caritas.org.au/project-compassion/sisilia-story/ | or call: 1800 024 413

For information on Lenten observances, please refer to our [Parish website](#) or the article [Lent: A guide for the perplexed](#), from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

First Reading *Genesis 12:1-4*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22*

R *Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

L The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

L The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine **R.**

L Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading *Romans 2 Timothy 1:8-10*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel of Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Transfiguration of Christ - Bellini

Readings Next Week—3rd Sun of Lent Year A—8 Mar 2026

1st Rdg: Exodus 17:3-7

2nd Rdg: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Prima lettura Gen 12,1-4**Dal libro della Genesi**

In quei giorni, il Signore disse ad Abram:

«Vàttene dalla tua terra,
dalla tua parentela
e dalla casa di tuo padre,
verso la terra che io ti indicherò.
Farò di te una grande nazione
e ti benedirò,
renderò grande il tuo nome
e possa tu essere una benedizione.
Benedirò coloro che ti benediranno
e coloro che ti malediranno maledirò,
e in te si diranno benedette
tutte le famiglie della terra».

Allora Abram partì, come gli aveva ordinato il Signore.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 32

Rit. _Donaci, Signore, il tuo amore: in te speriamo.

L._x Retta è la parola del Signore
e fedele ogni sua opera.

Egli ama la giustizia e il diritto;
dell'amore del Signore è piena la terra. **Rit.**

L. Ecco, l'occhio del Signore è su chi lo teme,
su chi spera nel suo amore,
per liberarlo dalla morte
e nutrirlo in tempo di fame. **Rit.**

L._x L'anima nostra attende il Signore:
egli è nostro aiuto e nostro scudo.
Su di noi sia il tuo amore, Signore,
come da te noi speriamo. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 2Tm 1,8-10**Dalla seconda lettera di san Paolo apostolo a Timòteo**

Figlio mio, con la forza di Dio, soffri con me per il Vangelo. Egli infatti ci ha salvati e ci ha chiamati con una vocazione santa, non già in base alle nostre opere, ma secondo il suo progetto e la sua grazia. Questa ci è stata data in Cristo Gesù fin dall'eternità, ma è stata rivelata ora, con la manifestazione del salvatore nostro Cristo Gesù. Egli ha vinto la morte e ha fatto risplendere la vita e l'incorruttibilità per mezzo del Vangelo.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

**Canto al Vangelo** Mc 9,7

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Dalla nube luminosa, si udì la voce del Padre:

«Questi è il mio Figlio, l'amato: ascoltatelo!».

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Vangelo Mt 17,1-9**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù prese con sé Pietro, Giacomo e Giovanni suo fratello e li condusse in disparte, su un alto monte. E fu trasfigurato davanti a loro: il suo volto brillò come il sole e le sue vesti divennero candide come la luce. Ed ecco apparvero loro Mosè ed Elia, che conversavano con lui.

Prendendo la parola, Pietro disse a Gesù:

«Signore, è bello per noi essere qui! Se vuoi, farò qui tre capanne, una per te, una per Mosè e una per Elia». Egli stava ancora parlando, quando una nube luminosa li coprì con la sua ombra. Ed ecco una voce dalla nube che diceva: «Questi è il Figlio mio, l'amato: in lui ho posto il mio compiacimento. Ascoltatelo».

All'udire ciò, i discepoli caddero con la faccia a terra e furono presi da grande timore. Ma Gesù si avvicinò, li toccò e disse:

«Alzatevi e non temete».

Alzando gli occhi non videro nessuno, se non Gesù solo. Mentre scendevano dal monte, Gesù ordinò loro:

«Non parlate a nessuno di questa visione, prima che il Figlio dell'uomo non sia risorto dai morti».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.



The Transfiguration - Raffaello Sanzio (1483-1520)

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for **2 weeks**, then a new request is required.

Tina Marangoni, Suhalia Yousef, Tony Gribbeh, Wafa Ibrahim, Gamal Gorgees, Angela McKinnon

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 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Akaran Keskar, Zach Marchi** and **Theodore Inglis** who are presented for their baptism by their parents **Keskar & Jeyanthimala, Daniel & Connie and Thomas & Bianca** at **St Mary's** this Sunday. We congratulate the children and their family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Friday 6 March Anointing Mass—at St Anthony's Alphington—9:15 am
First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins **8:45 am**

Session 6: THE FINAL DISCUSSION IN CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD IS ABOUT GRACE AND CHURCH.

Grace and church are inextricably linked. The final discussion will discuss both. The final Zoom meeting is on Tuesday, March **3**, at **7:00 PM**. Meeting ID: 848 1143 9966. Email Parish Office to request Zoom meeting link.

The final **Face-to-Face** Discussion of the same topic will be held at **St Anthony's Alphington Parish Meeting Room** on Sunday, **8 March**, at **12:00 PM**.

Visit from the Little Sisters of the Poor – Sharing Their Mission

The Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our parish next weekend to share their life and mission as Religious Women in the Church. They hope to help parishioners—especially our young people—deepen their understanding of their vocation as consecrated women and how they live the charism of St Jeanne Jugan today.

They will speak at **St Joseph's Church**, Northcote on: • Saturday 7 March at 5:30 pm • Sunday 8 March at 11 am

And at **St Mary's Church** on: • Sunday 8 March at 5:30 pm

They come simply to introduce their mission—no collection will be taken. We look forward to welcoming them and learning from the beautiful witness they offer our Church and community.

Invitation: St Patrick's Day Mass & 2026 Patrick Oration at St Patrick's Cathedral

You are warmly invited to attend the St Patrick's Day Mass and 2026 Patrick Oration on the Feast of St Patrick, to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on: Tuesday **17 March 2026**— doors open **5pm** – Mass **6pm** followed by Oration: **7.15pm**. All guests need to be seated by **7:15pm** when Livestream begins.

Fr Shabin will be attending this special event, and we would be delighted for five parishioners to join him in representing our Mission Parishes.

If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office to register your interest.

RSVP by 6 March. We look forward to celebrating this important feast day together.

St Anthony's Sunday Parking – Please Use the School Car Park: To support our elderly and disabled parishioners, and to keep space available for the Celebrant, we ask early arrivals to park in the school car park. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Pastoral Leadership Team report, February 2026: Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on 11 February to discuss key matters for our four communities, including plans for Lent and Holy Week, upcoming events for our 2026 Parish Year of Faith Community, and safeguarding updates. Our next meeting is on 25 March. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue this work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Naomi Brammer Chair PPLT



Asylum Seeker Support Group Alphington, Fairfield, Northcote & Thornbury Presents ... A Taste of India—Fundraising Dinner for Asylum Seekers

21 March 2026, 7-11pm | Holy Spirit Hall, 197 Clarendon St, Thornbury East | **Entertainment: Jhoom Bollywood Dance Company**

Introducing: Eve Watt Comedian

Tickets \$ 75 available via Humanitix: **<https://events.humanitix.com/indiandinner>** |