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MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 9.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English

Weekdays: Wednesdays only
during August: 9.15am

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 10:30am Eng/Italian

Weekdays: Tuesdays only during
August: 9.15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 10:00am

Weekdays: Thursdays only during
August: 9.15am

St. Anthony's Alphington

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English

Weekdays: Fridays only during
August: 9.15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

15 August: The Assumption of Mary
16 August St. Stephen of Hungary
19 August St. John Eudes
20 August: St. Bernard

Recently Deceased

Rosa Hanna Fakhri: Antonia
Pozzebon (1 month anni.) Giovanna
Borsato

Anniversaries

Giovanna Mondello; Mario
Pozzebon; Hanna Tansey Peters,
Mtianos Fakhry; Hanna Hassib Harb.

20 Sunday in Ordinary Time

13/14 August 2022

In our desire to affirm that the scriptures are inspired, it can be easy to forget that they come out of the lived experience of a community of faith. Indeed, one of the things that is wonderful about our belief in God's revelation is that it occurs within human experience. Today's Gospel is an excellent example. Jesus predicts that one of the consequences of believing in him is that divisions will follow.



FIRE! DIVISION! DECISION!
- LUKE 12:49-53 NLT -

We can tell from the whole text of Luke's Gospel that these divisions were certainly a part of the earliest Christian community which wrote this book and that their faith in Christ led them to confront some very tough issues: how could Gentiles inherit the promises made to the Jews; why the rich

members of the community had special responsibility to the poor; the centrality of forgiveness in the Christian life; and what leadership role women should have in the earliest Church. We know that fights over these issues and faith in Jesus as the Christ or the Messiah, divided families and villages, cities, nations and a religious tradition.

This gospel is both a stark reminder of the costs involved in following Jesus and a comfort to us in the church today. Sometimes we can domesticate the Christian community into a 'feel-good' society. Our religious words and actions, however, are always meant to have an edge; our faith should 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted'. If Christians at home, at work, in society and on the international stage just go along with what is trendy or current because we're frightened of conflict or because we want to be seen to be part of the crowd, then we are not worthy of this Gospel.

What's comforting about this gospel is that it recognises conflict as a necessary part of the Christian life. There are some who want to pretend that the followers of Jesus should never disagree with one another or with those outside the Church. Conflict in itself, Jesus teaches us today, is an element of our commitment to the kingdom of God. What marks out the way we should disagree with one another inside and outside the Church, however, is that it is conducted with charity, dignity, careful listening and compassion. Christians always look to put the best possible interpretation on the opinions of those with whom we disagree and to be reconciled to those we have hurt, to heal divisions where we can.

May this Eucharist give us the courage to divide the crowd for the right reasons. May we be a blazing fire that casts light on darkness where people are exploited and injustice smothers the growth Christ wants to see in the human family. No one promised us that Christian faith was ever going to be a picnic!

Richard Leonard SJ

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let this man be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin. 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies'.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39

R: Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
God, do not delay.

R: Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12: 1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24: 42.44

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they know me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 12: 49-53

A reading from the Holy Gospel according the Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! '

Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalms: 116

Hebrews: 12 5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Prima Lettura: Ger 38,4-6.8-10

Dal libro del profeta Geremia

In quei giorni, i capi dissero al re: «Si metta a morte Geremia, appunto perché egli scoraggia i guerrieri che sono rimasti in questa città e scoraggia tutto il popolo dicendo loro simili parole, poiché quest'uomo non cerca il benessere del popolo, ma il male». Il re Sedecia rispose: «Ecco, egli è nelle vostre mani; il re infatti non ha poteri contro di voi». Essi allora presero Geremia e lo gettarono nella cisterna di Malchia, un figlio del re, la quale si trovava nell'atrio della prigione. Calarono Geremia con corde. Nella cisterna non c'era acqua ma fango, e così Geremia affondò nel fango.

Ebed-Mélec uscì dalla reggia e disse al re: «O re, mio signore, quegli uomini hanno agito male facendo quanto hanno fatto al profeta Geremia, gettandolo nella cisterna. Egli morirà di fame là dentro, perché non c'è più pane nella città». Allora il re diede quest'ordine a Ebed-Mélec, l'Etiopio: «Prendi con te tre uomini di qui e tira su il profeta Geremia dalla cisterna prima che muoia».

Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo Responsoriale: - Sal 39

R: Signore, vieni presto in mio aiuto.

1. Ho sperato, ho sperato nel Signore,
ed egli su di me si è chinato,
ha dato ascolto al mio grido.

2. Mi ha tratto da un pozzo di acque tumultuose,
dal fango della palude;
ha stabilito i miei piedi sulla roccia,
ha reso sicuri i miei passi.

3. Mi ha messo sulla bocca un canto nuovo,
una lode al nostro Dio.
Molti vedranno e avranno timore
e confideranno nel Signore.

4. Ma io sono povero e bisognoso:
di me ha cura il Signore.
Tu sei mio aiuto e mio liberatore:
mio Dio, non tardare.

R: Signore, vieni presto in mio aiuto.

Seconda Lettura: Eb 12,1-4

Dalla lettera agli Ebrei

Fratelli, anche noi, circondati da tale moltitudine di testimoni, avendo deposto tutto ciò che è di peso e il peccato che ci assedia, corriamo con perseveranza nella corsa che ci sta davanti, tenendo fisso lo sguardo su Gesù, colui che dà origine alla fede e la porta a compimento.

Egli, di fronte alla gioia che gli era posta dinanzi, si sottopose alla croce, disprezzando il disonore, e siede alla destra del trono di Dio.

Pensate attentamente a colui che ha sopportato contro di sé una così grande ostilità dei peccatori, perché non vi stanchiate perdendovi d'animo. Non avete ancora resistito fino al sangue nella lotta contro il peccato.

Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo: Mt: 24, 42-44

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Le mie pecore ascoltano la mia voce, dice il Signore,
e io le conosco ed esse mi seguono.

Alleluia!

Vangelo Lc 12,49-53

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«Sono venuto a gettare fuoco sulla terra, e quanto vorrei che fosse già acceso! Ho un battesimo nel quale sarò battezzato, e come sono angosciato finché non sia compiuto!

Pensate che io sia venuto a portare pace sulla terra? No, io vi dico, ma divisione. D'ora innanzi, se in una famiglia vi sono cinque persone, saranno divisi tre contro due e due contro tre; si divideranno padre contro figlio e figlio contro padre, madre contro figlia e figlia contro madre, suocera contro nuora e nuora contro suocera».

Parola del Signore.

A: Lode a Te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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 will commence on 14 July, St. Anthony's meeting 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 Friday of the month

St. Mary's 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Friday 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-Fakhri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

St. Joseph's Northcote: Parishioners please pickup your thanksgiving Envelops from the table at the side door entrance to the Church.

Asylum Seekers Group: August Product of the Month

August is the month of cooking oil (olive, canola, vegetable etc) and the Myki card (with some credit on it). Please leave your donation in the box at the back of the Church and it will be collected and delivered.

If you would like to join our support network please contact Rosie Hoban at hobanrosie@gmail.com and Laxmi Fonseca osvaldo3644@gmail.com



Feast of the Assumption Masses 15 August

9.15am: St. Joseph's church and 9.15am: St. Anthony's church
11.30am: Holy Spirit Church
7pm: St. Mary's Church

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Can you help?

St Mary's Gardening group is looking for parishioners who could assist for 1 to 2 hours every 6 weeks on a Saturday morning to help by mowing the lawns, trim bushes and keeping our gardens looking beautiful. If you can assist with this **please contact the Parish office on 9484 2907 and we will connect you with the gardening group.**



MASS TIMES SURVEY 2022

On the weekends of 20/21 August and 27/28 August there will a member of the Parish Leadership team speaking at all Masses regarding Mass times. You will be asked to complete a quick survey on Mass times, we ask for cooperation in gaining valuable information that will assist the Leadership team to make informed and prudent decisions for our 4 parish communities.



How can you 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.

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

Church Account: Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's Account BSB 083 347 Account 57352200