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ST MARY'S THORNBURY

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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

2 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord
5 Feb: St Agatha, virgin, martyr
6 Feb: St Paul Miki & companions, martyrs

Recently Deceased

Maria Longo, Michele Salvo,
Grace Vigilente, Sam Rogto.

Anniversaries

Francesca Paravizzini 1 mth,
Salvatore Fratangelo (3mth),
Pedro Peters, Almorza Hayaf Fakhry,
Eva Wakim, Sister Eleanor Kenneally,
Dashell Johnson, Alexander Mahfoud,
Mary Joyce Taouk and Adele A Sukkar,
Andy Anderson, Emma Gugel, Anne,
Anne's Family, Jamia Younan 1 yr,
Enza Gurrici, Michele Amceto,
Lehn Elepands, Gianni Pilone.

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our official parish website:
www.melb catholic.org/s/hosan



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

31 Jan -1 Feb 2026



St Mary's Feast Day

&

Opening of the School Year Mass

with the commissioning of school staff
and the installation of the School Captain & Leaders

10:00 am on Sunday 15th February 2026

Followed by a short procession with the statue of

Our Lady of Lourdes

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the school hall.

Please bring a plate of food to share. All are welcome.

Welcoming Our Community into the 2026 School Year



We warmly welcome all staff and school families back to the new school year. A special greeting is extended to the new families and staff who have joined our Mission Parishes, Schools, and Community. We are pleased to welcome Noelene Hussey as Acting Principal for Term 1, 2026, at Holy Spirit School and Parish Community.

Staff from our four schools gathered for a Mass of Commitment to begin the new school year, celebrated by Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ at Holy Spirit on 29 January.

We wish all our staff and families a joyful, fulfilling, and successful academic year ahead.



First Reading *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13***A reading from the prophet Zephaniah**

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in
the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145:7-10*

R *Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

L It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

L It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

L It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:26 –31***A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you
were called: how many of you were wise in the
ordinary sense of the word, how many were
influential people, or came from noble families? No,
it was to shame the wise that God chose what is
foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is
strong that he chose what is weak by human
reckoning; those whom the world thinks common
and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen
- those who are nothing at all to show those who
are everything.

The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but
you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by
God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue,
and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if
anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 5:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.*

Alleluia!

Gospel of *Matthew 5:1-12***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings Next Week—5th Sunday in OT Year A—8 Feb 2026

1st Rdg: Isaiah 58:7-10

2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Prima lettura Sof 2,3; 3,12-13
Dal libro del profeta Sofonia

Cercate il Signore
 voi tutti, poveri della terra,
 che eseguite i suoi ordini,
 cercate la giustizia,
 cercate l'umiltà;
 forse potrete trovarvi al riparo
 nel giorno dell'ira del Signore.
 «Lascerò in mezzo a te
 un popolo umile e povero».
 Confiderà nel nome del Signore
 il resto d'Israele.
 Non commetteranno più iniquità
 e non proferiranno menzogna;
 non si troverà più nella loro bocca
 una lingua fraudolenta.
 Potranno pascolare e riposare
 senza che alcuno li molesti.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 145

Rit. _ Beati i poveri in spirito.

L. Il Signore rimane fedele per sempre
 rende giustizia agli oppressi,
 dà il pane agli affamati.
 Il Signore libera i prigionieri. **Rit.**

L. Il Signore ridona la vista ai ciechi,
 il Signore rialza chi è caduto,
 il Signore ama i giusti,
 il Signore protegge i forestieri. **Rit.**

L. Egli sostiene l'orfano e la vedova,
 ma sconvolge le vie dei malvagi.
 Il Signore regna per sempre,
 il tuo Dio, o Sion, di generazione in generazione. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Cor 1,26-31
Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo
ai Corinzi

Considerate la vostra chiamata, fratelli: non ci sono
 fra voi molti sapienti dal punto di vista umano, né
 molti potenti, né molti nobili.
 Ma quello che è stolto per il mondo, Dio lo ha scelto
 per confondere i sapienti; quello che è debole per il
 mondo, Dio lo ha scelto per confondere i forti;
 quello che è ignobile e disprezzato per il mondo,
 quello che è nulla, Dio lo ha scelto per ridurre al
 nulla le cose che sono, perché nessuno possa
 vantarsi di fronte a Dio.

Grazie a lui voi siete in Cristo Gesù, il quale per noi è
 diventato sapienza per opera di Dio, giustizia,
 santificazione e redenzione, perché, come sta scritto,
 chi si vanta, si vanti nel Signore.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Mt 5,12

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rallegratevi ed esultate,
 perché grande è la vostra ricompensa nei cieli.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 5,1-12

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, vedendo le folle, Gesù salì sul monte: si
 pose a sedere e si avvicinarono a lui i suoi discepoli. Si
 mise a parlare e insegnava loro dicendo:

«Beati i poveri in spirito,
 perché di essi è il regno dei cieli.
 Beati quelli che sono nel pianto,
 perché saranno consolati.
 Beati i miti,
 perché avranno in eredità la terra.
 Beati quelli che hanno fame e sete della giustizia,
 perché saranno saziati.
 Beati i misericordiosi,
 perché troveranno misericordia.
 Beati i puri di cuore,
 perché vedranno Dio.
 Beati gli operatori di pace,
 perché saranno chiamati figli di Dio.
 Beati i perseguitati per la giustizia,
 perché di essi è il regno dei cieli.
 Beati voi quando vi insulteranno, vi perseguiteranno
 e, mentendo, diranno ogni sorta di male contro di voi
 per causa mia. Rallegratevi ed esultate, perché
 grande è la vostra ricompensa nei cieli».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.



[Sermon on the Mount - Sweet Publications](#)

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Tony Ghribeh, Wafa Ibrahim, Tina Marangoni

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 <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 **Willow May O'Neill** who is presented for her baptism by her parent **Ashlea** at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate Willow and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

St Joseph's School Northcote

The Opening of the School Year mass with the Commissioning of the School Staff & installation of school captains and Leaders will be celebrated on Tuesday **3 February at 9:15 am mass**. All welcome!



PLEASE COME TO THE CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD DISCUSSION SERIES

Even if you didn't attend the first session, please join us this week. The topic is an exploration of how we know who God is. The Zoom meeting is on Tuesday, February **3**, at **7:00 PM**.

Meeting ID: 848 1143 9966. You can also get a link to the Zoom meeting from our parish [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) pages or by [emailing](#) the Parish Office.

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

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

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP ALPHINGTON, FAIRFIELD, NORTHCOE AND THORNBURY PRESENTS...

A Taste of India

Fundraising Dinner for Asylum Seekers

21 March 2026, 7-11PM | Holy Spirit Parish Hall
197 Clarendon St. Thornbury East

TICKET PRICE **\$75** PER PERSON

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Enquiries: 9484 2907

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Thank you sincerely for your generous offering.

For those not participating in the Parish Thanksgiving program, please know that your support is still warmly appreciated and may be given via **Tap and Go** before or after Mass.

With gratitude and blessing.



WWCC: Call the parish office (9484 2907) Wednesdays or Thursdays, **1-2pm** for help