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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

45 Railway Pl, Alphington VIC 3078

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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

1 Jan: Mary, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

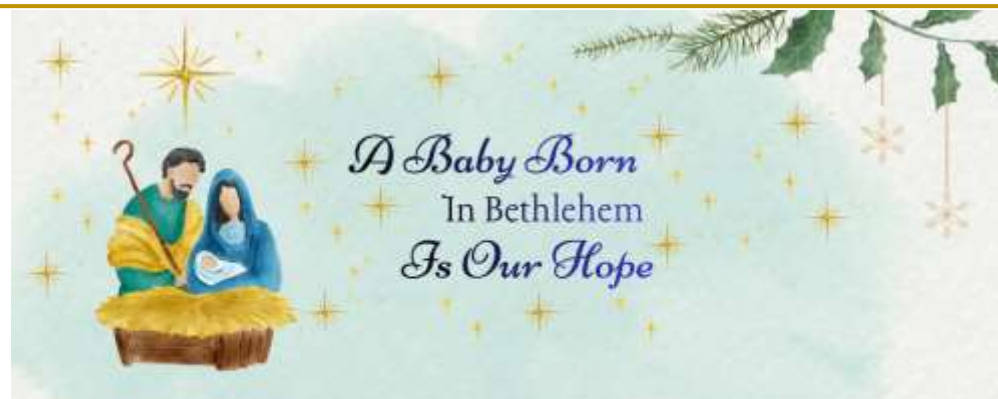
We remember all our parishioners and relatives who have passed away. May their family and friends be comforted in the knowledge that they now share in the banquet of heaven promised to them.

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



Christmas—Year A

24-25 Dec 2025



On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis symbolically opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, marking the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year. Jubilee Years occur every 25 years and are times of reconciliation and renewal. The theme of this Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope.

The official conclusion of the Catholic Jubilee Year 2025 will take place on January 6, 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany. However, local celebrations in dioceses and parishes around the world may conclude anytime after this year's Christmas Day. We too, in our partnership parishes, celebrated this Jubilee in a meaningful way around the theme Pilgrims of Hope, focusing on Jesus Christ as our hope.

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop used to say, "We are but travellers here." For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invited us to reflect on what it means to be Pilgrims of Hope: a people who are not only travellers here, but who walk in joyful anticipation of "the heavenly goal to which we have been called."

In Today's world, hope suffers; that too many people have been robbed by cynicism and despair. During this jubilee year and especially on this Christmas season, the church invites us to have "an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Jesus Christ". This hope is born from knowing that nothing can separate us from God's love. It is a Grace from God—a trust in the Lord's promises: that He is good, that He is merciful, and that we are journeying toward the One who says "Look, I am making everything new" (Rev 21:5). The boy born in Bethlehem is our hope and He makes all things new for us.

In 2026, our parish theme will be *The Year of Faith Community*, reflecting our continued focus on bringing our four communities together. This theme for should encourage us to deepen our Faith, renew our commitments, and share that faith with others. May 2026 lead our communities closer to the fullness of life in Jesus Christ.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shabin Kaniampuram

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

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

We pray for the sick in our parish that Our Lord may comfort them and heal them as best.

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

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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

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Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person via the Parish Office:

Moses El-Fakhri

Parish Notices

2026 Columban Calendars available for Purchase at the back of the church—\$10.

Christmas Masses 24-25 Dec—Only **1 Collection** for Presbytery.
Please find Christmas Envelopes on the pews.



New Years Day Thursday 1 January: **10 am** Mass at **St Anthony's & St Mary's**.
No Weekday Masses from Boxing Day 26 Dec until **3 January**
The Office will be closed and will open back on **12 January**.

Pastoral Leadership Team report, November 2025

Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 26 November to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed at the meeting were:

- the changes to our clergy as we farewell Fr Peter and welcome Fr Tuong
- our final parish celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year, with sincere thanks to the Jubilee Committee for all of their wonderful ideas and hard work this year
- a general review of our activities throughout 2025 and initial plans for 2026: we have decided that our parish theme for 2026 will be the "Year of Faith Community", continuing our focus on bringing our four communities together. More details about upcoming events and activities will be shared in the new year!

Our first meeting for 2026 will be on Wednesday **11 February**. We thank you for your continued prayers and support for our parishes, and wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Naomi Brammer—*Combined Leadership Team*



Please remember those in need during this festive season. Thank you for generosity.

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We get energy and joy and hope from our conversations with others about life and God. Climbing the Mountain of God is a new series of enriching conversations in our parish led by **Jim Brown**, beginning in late **January**.

Watch for details in the Weekly Bulletin.



Earthcare group launched - now planning events for 2026 We will begin the new year with a display in each church highlighting the group's aims and plans. Still keen to join? please contact John via the parish office.

We look forward to your interest, participation and prayers.