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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

Aug 20: St Bernard, abbot, doctor

Aug 21: St Pius X, Pope

Aug 22: The Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Recently Deceased

Giuseppina Nesci.

#### Anniversaries

Patricia Belia, Andrew Cucinelli,  
Felicia & Giuseppe Spano,  
Cleopatra and Zainab El-Fahkri,  
Italina Zuliani, Najib Tunsey Ferry,  
Giuseppe (Joe) Viglione, Luke Bowen,  
Maria Kairouz, Mario Chritofis,  
George & Hannie Raffoal,  
Sarda & Khalil Iouy, and  
Antonietta Baschiera.

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### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

16-17 August

#### No Peace Without Cost

In today's Gospel reflection, Jesus' words challenge our assumptions about peace. He speaks not of comfort, but of division—even within families. True peace demands conversion and courage, not mere quiet. This reflection explores the cost of following Christ's radical call

A tough message that we hear from Jesus in the Gospel today! "Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?" Well, wasn't that the message that the angels announced on the night he was born\_ "Peace on earth to people of good will" (Luke 2:14)? But here he's saying, not peace, but division - division especially within families. What are we to make of it all?

Jesus may in fact have come to bring peace, but it is no simple matter for that peace to be received. His message calls for conversion of heart. It challenges deep-seated views and comfortable arrangements - especially social arrangements that privilege a few people while others miss out.

Bringing God's peace to the world will mean for Jesus conflict with the authorities of his people and ultimately death on a cross. It is only after he has emerged from that conflict, victorious in resurrection on the third day, that he will say to his shattered disciples, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36).

So there is a cost to being a peace-bringer to a world that may long for peace but not be prepared to confront the cost that true peace requires. Even the most basic human institutions are not exempt from the challenge that following the way of Jesus requires. Saint Francis of Assisi and many other saints who, like him, followed Jesus in a very radical way, had to break with their families in so doing. It's that sort of challenge that Jesus is being clear about in the Gospel.

*(Sharing the Treasure Reflections, Brendan Byrne SJ)*

*Lord Jesus, You came not to bring comfort, but truth—  
a peace that pierces complacency and calls us to conversion.  
Give us the courage to follow you, even when it divides,  
to seek justice over ease, and love over approval.  
May your Spirit strengthen us to bear the cost of discipleship,  
and bring your healing peace to a world longing for wholeness. Amen.*

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10*

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 39:2-4, 18*

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay! **R.**



**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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 10:27*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel of Luke** *12:49-53*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Readings** **Next Week—21st Sunday in OT: 24 Aug 2025**

1st Rdg: Isaiah 66:18-21 | 2nd Rdg: Heb 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-Mèlec 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-Mèlec, l'Etiopio:

«Prendi con te tre uomini di qui e tira su il profeta Geremia dalla cisterna prima che muoia».

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Salmo responsoriale Sal 39**

**Rit. \_Signore, vieni presto in mio aiuto.**

L.\_Ho sperato, ho sperato nel Signore,  
ed egli su di me si è chinato,  
ha dato ascolto al mio grido. **Rit.**

L.\_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. **Rit.**

L.\_Mi ha messo sulla bocca un canto nuovo,  
una lode al nostro Dio.  
Molti vedranno e avranno timore  
e confideranno nel Signore. **Rit.**

L.\_ Ma io sono povero e bisognoso:  
di me ha cura il Signore.  
Tu sei mio aiuto e mio liberatore:  
mio Dio, non tardare. **Rit.**

**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

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

**Canto al Vangelo Gv 10,27**

**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

**Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.**



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## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

## 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month—St Mary's
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month—St Anthony's
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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## Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person via the Parish Office:  
Moses El-Fahkri

## Parish Notices

### Pastoral Leadership Team report, August 2025:

Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 6 August to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed were:

- our ongoing celebrations for the 2025 Jubilee Year
- plans to publish a regular 'magazine' for our Partnership Parishes
- establishment of the Partnership Parishes Professional Standards Committee
- parish participation in the upcoming Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 17 September. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our discussions and decisions.

*Parish Pastoral Leadership Team*

**First Eucharist Commitment Mass: Saturday 16th August, 5:30pm—St Joseph's church** Northcote—Please pray for these students.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community:

- ◆ Dylan & Carly as they present Annabel Mary Struck
- ◆ Nunzio & Rennee as they present Luca Ivan Sulfaro

for their baptisms at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

### No Weekday Masses: Tuesday 19—Friday 22 August

Fr Shabin and Fr Peter will be attending the Clergy Conference next week.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion:** Children from our four parish schools will receive the sacrament next weekend:

- Saturday **23 August: 5pm** Holy Spirit, **5:30pm** St Joseph's Northcote
- Sunday **24 August: 10am** St Mary's, **10:30am** St Anthony's Alphington



Children in the Sacramental Program will receive it on:

- Sunday **31 August** & Sunday **28 September, 5:30pm** at St Mary's Thornbury

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacred Sacrament.



### Join Our Earthcare Initiative!

In 2015, Pope Francis released the encyclical Laudato Si, urging the world to address environmental issues and emphasizing that caring for creation is a responsibility rooted in Christian faith and a core aspect of living a

virtuous life. Answering this call, the Australian Bishops have challenged all parishes, Catholic schools, and Catholic institutions to implement the goals of Laudato Si through Caritas' Earthcare program.

Our Parish Leadership Team is excited to work towards establishing an Earthcare Working Group to bring these goals to life. We warmly invite parishioners to express their interest in joining this group by calling the Parish office at 9484 2907. No commitment is required at this stage; we simply want to gauge interest and provide more information at an upcoming evening presentation.

**WWCC:** Call the parish office (9484 2907) Wednesdays or Thursdays, **1–2pm** for help applying or renewing your Working With Children Check over the phone. Thank you!

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival—Registration** Now open [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au)



ACYF 2025 is a three-day national youth festival celebrating faith, community, and connection. **Interested in joining our parish group?** Scan the QR code to let us know, and we'll be in touch with more details! For more information please visit our [website](http://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan).

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