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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

Sept 29: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
Archangels
Sept 30: St Jerome, priest, doctor
Oct 1: St Therese of the Child Jesus,
virgin, doctor
Oct 2: Holy Guardian Angels
Oct 4: St Francis of Assisi

Recently Deceased

Cesarina Zampieri, John P Chiodo, and
Antonio Trapani

Anniversaries

Bill Reid, Sestina & Antonio Acquarola,
Bob Patrick, Maria Lina Morlin (1mth),
Antonios Najib Taouk,
Joseph Norm Kizana,
Jamil and Nazha Najjar,
Antonio Bramato, Roger Naddaf,
Marko Buvinic, Tess Caruana,
John Zahra, and Joseph Argenzio Sr.

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our official parish website:
www.melbocatholic.org/s/



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

27-28 Sept 2025

Northcote & Thornbury Catholic Parishes
+ Parish of Holy Spirit & St Anthony's

Combined Parish Community SPRING BBQ

FOOD - FUN - LUCKY DRAW PRIZES

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR AS ONE COMMUNITY
BBQ SAUSAGES & PULLED PORK SLIDERS PROVIDED
+ BASIC DRINKS (TEA COFFEE & CORDIAL)
BRING ALONG ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO EAT & SHARE

SUNDAY
5
OCTOBER

FROM 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
52 AUSTIN ST, ALPHINGTON 3078

resp 24 september
parish office: 03 9484 2907 or email: adminANT@cam.org.au

Parking @ St Anthony's Sunday 5 October

For safety reasons,
St Anthony's school grounds
will be closed for parking on
Sunday 5 October.

Preparations for our
Combined Parish Picnic will
begin during the 10.30am
Mass, and the gates will
stay closed throughout the
event.

**Please plan to use street
parking instead.**

Thank you for your
understanding and for
helping us keep the day
safe.

Pastoral Leadership Team report, September 2025

Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 17 September to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed at the meeting were:

- The Combined Parish Community Spring BBQ planned for Sunday 5 October
- Plans for Advent and Christmas activities and Masses in our parishes
- Parish demographic data and other resources shared by the Archdiocese through their Vibrant Parishes Formation Series, to help us better identify and respond to the needs of our communities.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 26 November**. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our discussions and decisions.

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

First Reading Amos 6:1, 4-7**A reading from the prophet Amos**

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of
Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

L He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16**A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to Timothy**

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly
and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and
gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for
yourself the eternal life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in
front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of
all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a
witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to
you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with
no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord
Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,

who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke 16:19-31**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who
used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast
magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a
poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who
longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the
rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores.
Now the poor man died and was carried away by the
angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also
died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw
Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So
he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send
Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son,"
Abraham replied "remember that during your life good
things came your way, just as bad things came the way
of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you
are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a
great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted
to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any
crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send
Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers,
to give them warning so that they do not come to this
place of torment too." "They have Moses and the
prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah,
no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone
comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then
Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to
Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced
even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week—27th Sunday in OT: 5 Oct 2025

1st Rdg: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2nd Rdg: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Prima lettura Am 6,1.4-7
Dal libro del profeta Amos

Guai agli spensierati di Sion
 e a quelli che si considerano sicuri
 sulla montagna di Samaria!
 Distesi su letti d'avorio e sdraiati sui loro divani
 mangiano gli agnelli del gregge
 e i vitelli cresciuti nella stalla.
 Canterellano al suono dell'arpa,
 come Davide improvvisano su strumenti musicali;
 bevono il vino in larghe coppe
 e si ungono con gli unguenti più raffinati,
 ma della rovina di Giuseppe non si preoccupano.
 Perciò ora andranno in esilio in testa ai deportati
 e cesserà l'orgia dei dissoluti.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 145

Rit. _ Loda il Signore, anima mia.

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 1Tm 6,11-16
Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo a Timòteo

Tu, uomo di Dio, evita queste cose; tendi invece alla
 giustizia, alla pietà, alla fede, alla carità, alla
 pazienza, alla mitezza. Combatti la buona battaglia
 della fede, cerca di raggiungere la vita eterna alla
 quale sei stato chiamato e per la quale hai fatto la
 tua bella professione di fede davanti a molti
 testimoni.
 Davanti a Dio, che dà vita a tutte le cose, e a Gesù
 Cristo, che ha dato la sua bella testimonianza
 davanti a Ponzio Pilato, ti ordino di conservare
 senza macchia e in modo irreprensibile il
 comandamento, fino alla manifestazione del Signore
 nostro Gesù Cristo,
 che al tempo stabilito sarà a noi mostrata da Dio,
 il beato e unico Sovrano,
 il Re dei re e Signore dei signori,
 il solo che possiede l'immortalità

e abita una luce inaccessibile:
 nessuno fra gli uomini lo ha mai visto né può vederlo.
 A lui onore e potenza per sempre. Amen.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo 2 Cor 8,9

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gesù Cristo da ricco che era, si è fatto povero per voi,
 perché voi diventaste ricchi per mezzo della sua
 povertà.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 16,19-31
Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai farisei:

«C'era un uomo ricco, che indossava vestiti di porpora e
 di lino finissimo, e ogni giorno si dava a lauti banchetti.
 Un povero, di nome Lazzaro, stava alla sua porta,
 coperto di piaghe, bramoso di sfamarsi con quello che
 cadeva dalla tavola del ricco; ma erano i cani che
 venivano a leccare le sue piaghe.

Un giorno il povero morì e fu portato dagli angeli
 accanto ad Abramo. Morì anche il ricco e fu sepolto.
 Stando negli inferi fra i tormenti, alzò gli occhi e vide di
 lontano Abramo, e Lazzaro accanto a lui. Allora
 gridando disse: "Padre Abramo, abbi pietà di me e
 manda Lazzaro a intingere nell'acqua la punta del dito e
 a bagnarmi la lingua, perché soffro terribilmente in
 questa fiamma".

Ma Abramo rispose: "Figlio, ricòrdati che, nella vita, tu
 hai ricevuto i tuoi beni, e Lazzaro i suoi mali; ma ora in
 questo modo lui è consolato, tu invece sei in mezzo ai
 tormenti. Per di più, tra noi e voi è stato fissato un
 grande abisso: coloro che di qui vogliono passare da
 voi, non possono, né di lì possono giungere fino a noi".
 E quello replicò: "Allora, padre, ti prego di mandare
 Lazzaro a casa di mio padre, perché ho cinque fratelli.
 Li ammonisca severamente, perché non vengano
 anch'essi in questo luogo di tormento". Ma Abramo
 rispose: "Hanno Mosè e i Profeti; ascoltino loro". E lui
 replicò: "No, padre Abramo, ma se dai morti qualcuno
 andrà da loro, si convertiranno". Abramo rispose: "Se
 non ascoltano Mosè e i Profeti, non saranno persuasi
 neanche se uno risorgesse dai morti"».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Sylvia Simioni, Tina Marangoni, Max Gomez and Doris Zhara.

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



Thank you...

We thank Caro Wright a volunteer for her fabulous work at Holy Spirit where she has turned dead flower beds in to rich, thriving beds which enhance the ambience of the gardens. Though Caro does most of work herself she is supported by the lawn mowing group who do the extra hard work and the watering team.



Friday 3 Oct Anointing Mass—at St Anthony's Alphington—9:15 am
First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins 8:30 am



New Earthcare Group Starting Soon

The group's first meeting is coming soon, with commissioning planned at the **Saturday Mass on 4th October**—Feast of **St. Francis of Assisi**, closing the Season of Creation. To join, contact John via the Parish Office. Parishioners are encouraged to watch the video showcasing Earthcare achievements across Australia: <https://vimeo.com/1112169729?share=copy>

Next Weekend—4/5 October: No Cuppa after Mass due to the Combined Parish Spring BBQ— We look forward to seeing you there! Youth Mass on Sunday 5 October at 5:30pm at St. Mary's. All Welcome!



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Australian Catholic Youth Festival—YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025 UPDATE

We're excited to share that a group of 6 will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival later this year, representing the Alphington-Thornbury East, Northcote, and Thornbury parish community.

There's still time to be part of this experience! If you're in Year 9 through to age 25 and would like to join, please email the Parish office to register **your interest** via parish QR-code as parish groups or more information about the festival can be found here: <https://acyf.org.au/>



We ask you to keep our young participants in your prayers as they prepare for all that God has in store for them at the festival. If you would like to help cover the registration cost (\$390) for our young people or leaders, please speak with our priests or make an online donation to the "Church" account, using the reference "ACYF25."

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and generosity. In the coming weeks, there will also be opportunities to join with our young people as part of the festival celebrations.