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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.

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

Recently Deceased

Sebastiana Santiglia,
Charlie Camelleri.

Anniversaries

Vincenzo Caccamo (1 Month),
Francesco Vavalà (2 Yrs),
Giuseppe Furfaro,
Patricia Lazzaro (6 months),
Frank Lazzaro, David Reginato,
Paolo Vita, Maria Carfi,
Vincent Sookramanien,
Mtonios Malkeh Taouk,
Joseph George Baini,
Nabih Mansour Fakhry,
Sayed Salim Boulos Taouk,
Gerard Francis McCarthy,
Farid Boutros Fakhry,
Adam Christopher Falcone, and
Austin Silva.

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www.melbcatholic.org/s/



Palm Sunday — Year A

29 Mar 2026

Holy Week 2026



Palm Sunday, 28/29 March: Usual Weekend Mass Times

Chrism Mass, 31 March: 10am St Patrick's Cathedral

Reconciliation (2nd Rite):

Tuesday 31 March: 7:30pm - St Anthony's Alphington (English)
Wednesday 1 April: 9:15am - St Mary's Thornbury (Italian)

Holy Thursday, 2 April

7:30pm Mass at Holy Spirit Thornbury & St Anthony's Alphington
Followed by 30 mins of Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday, 3 April

10:30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, All Nations Park
3:00pm Services at all Churches

Easter Vigil, 4 April

7:30pm Mass at St Joseph's Northcote & St Mary's Thornbury

Easter Sunday, 5 April

9:30am, Mass at Holy Spirit, Thornbury East
10:00am, Mass at St Mary's Thornbury
10:30am, Mass at St Anthony's Alphington
11:00am Mass at St Joseph's Northcote

No Sunday Evening Mass at St Mary's



First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
 So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
 he provides me with speech.
 Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.
 The Lord has opened my ear.
 For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.
 I offered my back to those who struck me,
 my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
 I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
 The Lord comes to my help,
 so that I am untouched by the insults.
 So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 22:7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (R.1)***R** **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?****Second Reading** *Philippians 2:6-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling
 to his equality with God but emptied himself
 to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are,
 and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
 even to accepting death, death on a cross.
 But God raised him high and gave him the name
 which is above all other names so that all beings
 in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
 should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
 and that every tongue should acclaim
 Jesus Christ as Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation** *Philippians 2:8-9***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***Christ became obedient for us even to death,
 dying on the cross.**Therefore God raised him on high**and gave him a name above all other names.***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!****Gospel of John Matthew 27:11-54****A The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
 Matthew**

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the
 governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the
 Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was
 accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to
 answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how
 many charges they have brought against you?' But to the
 governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of
 the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to
 release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now
 there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was
 Barabbas.

So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do
 you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is
 called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they
 had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of
 judgment, his wife sent him a message,

'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a
 dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the
 crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of
 Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the
 two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But
 in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is
 called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked
 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him
 be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression,
 that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed
 his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this
 man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted
 back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released
 Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then
 handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium
 and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him
 and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some
 thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in
 his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail,
 king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and
 struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making
 fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own
 clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by
 name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached
 a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him
 wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to
 drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his
 clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there
 keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him: it read: 'This is
 Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were
 crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So
 you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then
 save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!'

The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the
 same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He
 is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and
 we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue
 him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God." Even
 the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same
 way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the
 ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud
 voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!' that is, 'My God, my God, why
 have you deserted me!' When some of those who stood there
 heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them
 quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting
 it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them
 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out
 in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

At that, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;
 the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the
 bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his
 resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and
 appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion,
 together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake
 and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In
 truth this was a son of God.'

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

Next Week—Easter Sunday—5 April, 1st Rdg: Acts 10:34, 37-43
 2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 | **Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

Prima lettura Is 50,4-7
Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Il Signore Dio mi ha dato una lingua da discepolo,
 perché io sappia indirizzare
 una parola allo sfiduciato.

Ogni mattina fa attento il mio orecchio
 perché io ascolti come i discepoli.

Il Signore Dio mi ha aperto l'orecchio
 e io non ho opposto resistenza,
 non mi sono tirato indietro.

Ho presentato il mio dorso ai flagellatori,
 le mie guance a coloro che mi strappavano la barba;
 non ho sottratto la faccia
 agli insulti e agli sputi.

Il Signore Dio mi assiste,
 per questo non resto svergognato,
 per questo rendo la mia faccia dura come pietra,
 sapendo di non restare confuso.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 21

Rit. _ Dio mio, Dio mio, perché mi hai abbandonato?

Seconda lettura Fil 2,6-11

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippesi

Cristo Gesù, pur essendo nella condizione di Dio,
 non ritenne un privilegio l'essere come Dio,
 ma svuotò se stesso assumendo una condizione di servo,
 diventando simile agli uomini.

Dall'aspetto riconosciuto come uomo,
 umiliò se stesso facendosi obbediente fino alla morte
 e a una morte di croce.

Per questo Dio lo esaltò e gli donò il nome
 che è al di sopra di ogni nome, perché nel nome di Gesù
 ogni ginocchio si pieghi nei cieli, sulla terra e sotto terra,
 e ogni lingua proclami: «Gesù Cristo è Signore!»,
 a gloria di Dio Padre.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Fil 2,8-9

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Vangelo Mt (27, 11-54) short version

Passione di nostro Signore Gesù Cristo secondo Matteo

- Sei tu il re dei Giudei?

In quel tempo Gesù comparve davanti al governatore, e il
 governatore lo interrogò dicendo: «Sei tu il re dei Giudei?».
 Gesù rispose: «Tu lo dici». E mentre i capi dei sacerdoti e gli
 anziani lo accusavano, non rispose nulla.

Allora Pilato gli disse: «Non senti quante testimonianze
 portano contro di te?». Ma non gli rispose neanche una parola,
 tanto che il governatore rimase assai stupito. A ogni festa, il
 governatore era solito rimettere in libertà per la folla un
 carcerato, a loro scelta. In quel momento avevano un carcerato
 famoso, di nome Barabba. Perciò, alla gente che si era
 radunata, Pilato disse: «Chi volete che io rimetta in libertà per
 voi: Barabba o Gesù, chiamato Cristo?». Sapeva bene infatti che
 glielo avevano consegnato per invidia.

Mentre egli sedeva in tribunale, sua moglie gli mandò a dire:
 «Non avere a che fare con quel giusto, perché oggi, in sogno,

sono stata molto turbata per causa sua». Ma i capi dei sacerdoti e
 gli anziani persuasero la folla a chiedere Barabba e a far morire
 Gesù. Allora il governatore domandò loro: «Di questi due, chi
 volete che io rimetta in libertà per voi?». Quelli risposero:
 «Barabba!». Chiese loro Pilato: «Ma allora, che farà di Gesù,
 chiamato Cristo?». Tutti risposero: «Sia crocifisso!». Ed egli disse:
 «Ma che male ha fatto?». Essi allora gridavano più forte: «Sia
 crocifisso!».

Pilato, visto che non otteneva nulla, anzi che il tumulto aumentava,
 prese dell'acqua e si lavò le mani davanti alla folla, dicendo: «Non
 sono responsabile di questo sangue. Pensateci voi!». E tutto il
 popolo rispose: «Il suo sangue ricada su di noi e sui nostri figli».
 Allora rimise in libertà per loro Barabba e, dopo aver fatto
 flagellare Gesù, lo consegnò perché fosse crocifisso.

- Salve, re dei Giudei!

Allora i soldati del governatore condussero Gesù nel pretorio e gli
 radunarono attorno tutta la truppa. Lo spogliarono, gli fecero
 indossare un mantello scarlatto, intrecciarono una corona di spine,
 gliela posero sul capo e gli misero una canna nella mano destra.
 Poi, inginocchiandosi davanti a lui, lo deridevano: «Salve, re dei
 Giudei!». Sputandogli addosso, gli tolsero di mano la canna e lo
 percuotevano sul capo. Dopo averlo deriso, lo spogliarono del
 mantello e gli rimisero le sue vesti, poi lo condussero via per
 crocifiggerlo.

- Insieme a lui vennero crocifissi due ladroni

Mentre uscivano, incontrarono un uomo di Cirene, chiamato
 Simone, e lo costrinsero a portare la sua croce. Giunti al luogo
 detto Gòlgota, che significa «Luogo del cranio», gli diedero da bere
 vino mescolato con fiele. Egli lo assaggiò, ma non ne volle bere.
 Dopo averlo crocifisso, si divisero le sue vesti, tirandole a sorte.
 Poi, seduti, gli facevano la guardia. Al di sopra del suo capo posero
 il motivo scritto della sua condanna: «Costui è Gesù, il re dei
 Giudei».

Insieme a lui vennero crocifissi due ladroni, uno a destra e uno a
 sinistra.

- Se tu sei Figlio di Dio, scendi dalla croce!

Quelli che passavano di lì lo insultavano, scuotendo il capo e
 dicendo: «Tu, che distruggi il tempio e in tre giorni lo ricostruisci,
 salva te stesso, se tu sei Figlio di Dio, e scendi dalla croce!». Così
 anche i capi dei sacerdoti, con gli scribi e gli anziani, facendosi
 beffe di lui dicevano: «Ha salvato altri e non può salvare se stesso!
 È il re d'Israele; scenda ora dalla croce e crederemo in lui. Ha
 confidato in Dio; lo liberi lui, ora, se gli vuol bene. Ha detto infatti:
 "Sono Figlio di Dio"!». Anche i ladroni crocifissi con lui lo
 insultavano allo stesso modo.

- Elì, Elì, lemà sabactàni?

A mezzogiorno si fece buio su tutta la terra, fino alle tre del
 pomeriggio. Verso le tre, Gesù gridò a gran voce: «Elì, Elì, lemà
 sabactàni?», che significa: «Dio mio, Dio mio, perché mi hai
 abbandonato?». Udendo questo, alcuni dei presenti dicevano:
 «Costui chiama Elia». E subito uno di loro corse a prendere una
 spugna, la inzuppò di aceto, la fissò su una canna e gli dava da bere.
 Gli altri dicevano: «Lascia! Vediamo se viene Elia a salvarlo!». Ma
 Gesù di nuovo gridò a gran voce ed emise lo spirito.

(Qui si genuflette e si fa una breve pausa)

Ed ecco, il velo del tempio si squarciò in due, da cima a fondo, la
 terra tremò, le rocce si spezzarono, i sepolcri si aprirono e molti
 corpi di santi, che erano morti, risuscitarono. Uscendo dai
 sepolcri, dopo la sua risurrezione, entrarono nella città santa e
 apparvero a molti. Il centurione, e quelli che con lui facevano la
 guardia a Gesù, alla vista del terremoto e di quello che succedeva,
 furono presi da grande timore e dicevano: «Davvero costui era
 Figlio di Dio!». 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.

Tina Marangoni, Iklas Mansoor.

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 Tuong.

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

RCIA: We thank Jim Coffey and Cheryl Sullivan for preparing our Catechumens: Jake, Kyle, Caitlin, Max and Candidate Lucy in their journey to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter. We keep our Catechumens and Candidate in our prayer as they prepare to receive their sacraments on Easter Vigil.

Calling for peace, social justice, and for a fair treatment of **refugees and asylum seekers** this **Palm Sunday** - 1pm: Gather on Princes Bridge - 1.30pm: Walk to **Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr** (near the 'Angel' sculpture) [See map here](#) 2pm - 3.30pm: Main program. speakers, etc. Please see poster in church foyers. **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project.**

Tuesday 31 March:

- **No weekday** 9:15am **Mass at St Joseph's** as our priests will be attending the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.
- **Chrism Mass - St Patrick's Cathedral—at 10:00 am**—Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday, **31 March**, where the oils for the coming year's Sacraments will be blessed. We hope many of you can join. *To learn more, see: [Melbourne Catholic what-is-the-chrism-mass](#)—*

Parish Reconciliation: Tuesday **31 March**—7:30pm, St Anthony's Alphington (**English**)
Riconciliazione: Mercoledì **1^o Aprile, ore 9:15** — St Mary's Thornbury (**Italiano**)

Project Compassion 2026: Please return your project compassion on Holy Thursday. The funds raised will help provide women like **Manaini**, a grandmother from rural Fiji, with the skills to turn leftover crops into flour, creating a sustainable income for her family. **Donate** via website: caritas.org.au/project-compassion/sisilia-story/ | or call: 1800 024 413

Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet: St Joseph's and St Mary's parishioners who would like to take part in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday are invited to register on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Please indicate which church you will be attending: St Anthony's or Holy Spirit.

Ecumenical Way of the Cross-Good Friday 3 April All Nations Park—10:30 am—Christians from across the City of Darebin gather on Good Friday at All Nations Park for the Ecumenical Way of the Cross. Afterwards, all are welcome to share a cup of soup from the Soup Kitchen for a gold-coin donation.

Pray for Pope Leo's March Intention: that nations move—Towards Nuclear Disarmament and leaders choose Peaceful Conflict Resolution



End of Daylight savings—Sunday of 5 April. At 3:00 am, remember to move backward your clock by 1 hour to 2 am.

Choose Chocolate Free from Labour Exploitation This Easter— Children, men and women are too often forced to work in exploitative conditions to bring us chocolate in Australia. Use the Chocolate Scorecard to see if the brand you use is ethical by reading the Poster "A Sweet Solution" at the back of the church or using this QR code to find out more of what you can do.



Melbourne Synod 2026— Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has formally convoked a synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of **4–6 December 2026**. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.

