



5 Sunday of Easter

14/15 May 2022

MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 9.00am English/Italian

5.30pm English

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday evening: 5.30pm

Sunday: 10:30am Eng/Italian

Weekday Masses

Mon: No Mass

St. Joseph's Northcote

Tues: 9.15am

Thurs: 9.15am

St. Mary's Thornbury

Weds: 9.15am

Fri: 9.15am

WEEKEND ROSTERS

21/22 May

St. Mary's Thornbury

Altar Society Team **TBA**

Sunday 9.00am Mass 22 May

Lector: M. Matisi

L. Finotello

POF: M. De Marco/ R. Wevers

Sp.Min: E. Zaccardi

Sunday 5.30pm Mass: 22 May

Lector: D. Ryan

POF: R. Maida

Sp.Min: M. Tassone

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 21 May

Readers: Moses El-Fahkri

Sr. Rita Hayes

Sp.Min: Joan Reid

Musician in charge: Teddy

Sunday 10.30am: 22 May

Readers: Winston van Haltren

Audrey van Haltren

Sp.Min: Adelma Meilak

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon

Feast Days this Week

18 May: St. John I

20 May: St. Bernardine of Siena

21 May: St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

Recently Deceased

Samir Esbeck; Giovanna Centurino (1 month anni.)

Anniversaries

Emile Ibrahim Fakhry; Assaad Saba Geagea;

Harba Youssef Taouk; Gaetano

Centurino; Rosario and Luigina Centurino;

Francesco and Maria Signa;

Merlyn Van Haltren; Addieie Iushton.

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Love As I have Loved

What love means

The small section of John 13 that we hear today lies at the heart of the Johannine Gospel message 'Love as I have loved'. To be a Christian is to live and to love, with Jesus as the measure of what life and love look like. The Gospel mentions Judas and if we are to understand what Jesus means by love we need to remember that up until this stage in the Gospel Judas has been present. He is one of Jesus' own who gather for his final meal. Judas has had his feet washed by Jesus and received from Jesus' hand the morsel of bread. Jesus willingly gives of himself even to one who will betray him.

This is Jesus' definition of love – a giving of self even when that will not be reciprocated, even when that love will be rejected and betrayed. This is not a romantic fuzzy feeling, but the tough faithful love asked of disciples. It's the love seen in families where parents give themselves to the care of their children even when it seems their care is not appreciated. It's the love seen when adult children give themselves to the care of an aged parent who can no longer remember them. It's love in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad. The short passage we read today is from John 13 and follows on from the account of Jesus' washing the disciples' feet. In the synoptic Gospels on the eve of his death Jesus used bread and wine to symbolise the meaning of his death as his body given for his disciples. The Foot-washing has a similar function in John. When Jesus lays aside and then takes up his garments, these words recall what was said about the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and then can take it up again.

'I lay down my life for the sheep. . . . For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.'

Jesus says to the disciples, 'You do not understand what I am doing now, but you will understand later.' It is only after the Cross that disciples will grasp the deeper symbolism of this action. Both the action of foot-washing and the image of the Good Shepherd are John's symbols of the Cross – of Jesus laying down his life as the expression of God's love for the world. This is the model, or standard of love that disciples are challenged to live by. **'Love as I have loved.'**

The sign of discipleship is love as Jesus loved. This means that discipleship can never be measured by one hour in church each week. Discipleship is best measured in the family home, in our places of work, on the bus, in the street. In this vision, the author sees Jerusalem, the holy city, and hears the announcement that God now lives here among people. What is missing from this vision is the Temple. There is no building, no dwelling place of God, for ultimately God's dwelling is not in a building but within all humanity. The entire earth is now a living Temple of God's presence. **Maryanne Coloe**



Our Partnership Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans. The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144

R: *I will bless your name for ever,
my King and my God.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

R: *I will bless your name for ever,
my King and my God.*

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John saw a new heaven and a new earth ; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL John 13:31-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'
The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prima Lettura At 14, 21-27

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli.

In quei giorni, Paolo e Bàrnaba ritornarono a Listra, Icònio e Antiòchia, confermando i discepoli ed esortandoli a restare saldi nella fede «perché - dicevano - dobbiamo entrare nel regno di Dio attraverso molte tribolazioni».

Designarono quindi per loro in ogni Chiesa alcuni anziani e, dopo avere pregato e digiunato, li affidarono al Signore, nel quale avevano creduto. Attraversata poi la Pisidia, raggiunsero la Panfilia e, dopo avere proclamato la Parola a Perge, scesero ad Attàlia; di qui fecero vela per Antiòchia, là dove erano stati affidati alla grazia di Dio per l'opera che avevano compiuto.

Appena arrivati, riunirono la Chiesa e riferirono tutto quello che Dio aveva fatto per mezzo loro e come avesse aperto ai pagani la porta della fede. Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Seguite il coro se il ritornello del salmo e diverso del foglietto.**Salmo Responsoriale** Sal 144**RIT: Benedirò il tuo nome per sempre, Signore.**

1. Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore,
lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.
Buono è il Signore verso tutti,
la sua tenerezza si espande su tutte le creature.

2. Ti lodino, Signore, tutte le tue opere
e ti benedicano i tuoi fedeli.
Dicano la gloria del tuo regno
e parlino della tua potenza.

3. Per far conoscere agli uomini le tue imprese
e la splendida gloria del tuo regno.
Il tuo regno è un regno eterno,
il tuo dominio si estende per tutte le generazioni.

RIT: Benedirò il tuo nome per sempre, Signore.**Seconda Lettura** Ap 21, 1-5

Dal libro dell'Apocalisse di san Giovanni apostolo.

Io, Giovanni, vidi un cielo nuovo e una terra nuova: il cielo e la terra di prima infatti erano scomparsi e il mare non c'era più.

E vidi anche la città santa, la Gerusalemme nuova, scendere dal cielo, da Dio, pronta come una sposa adorna per il suo sposo.

Udii allora una voce potente, che veniva dal trono e diceva: «Ecco la tenda di Dio con gli uomini!

Egli abiterà con loro

ed essi saranno suoi popoli

ed egli sarà il Dio con loro, il loro Dio.

E asciugherà ogni lacrima dai loro occhi

e non vi sarà più la morte

né lutto né lamento né affanno,

perché le cose di prima sono passate».

E Colui che sedeva sul trono disse: «Ecco, io faccio nuove tutte le cose». Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo****Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Vi do un comandamento nuovo, dice il Signore:
come io ho amato voi, così amatevi anche voi gli uni gli altri. Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 13, 31-33. 34-35

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

Quando Giuda fu uscito [dal cenacolo], Gesù disse: «Ora il Figlio dell'uomo è stato glorificato, e Dio è stato glorificato in lui. Se Dio è stato glorificato in lui, anche Dio lo glorificherà da parte sua e lo glorificherà subito.

Figlioli, ancora per poco sono con voi. Vi do un comandamento nuovo: che vi amiate gli uni gli altri. Come io ho amato voi, così amatevi anche voi gli uni gli altri.

Da questo tutti sapranno che siete miei discepoli: se avete amore gli uni per gli altri».

C: Parola del Signore.

A: Lode a Te o Cristo.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

St. Joseph & St. Mary's House account: \$

St. Joseph's

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$

St. Mary's

2nd Collection: Thanksgivings: \$

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

Outer Taouk; Larry O'Toole; Stefan Mason.

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 Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATE O CONFINATE 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 contact Parish Offices **9484 2907** or **9489 8008**

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms.

This is a way for school

aged children to gather and understand the

Gospel at their age level. **Cancelled until further notice**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at 2pm

Via Zoom.

ALL WELCOME!

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's

2 Sunday of the month - Holy Spirit

3 Sunday of the month - St. Anthony's

4 Sunday of the month - St. Joseph's

SENIORS

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's: 2.00pm: Seniors Mass at the parish Centre will commence 27 May.

First Friday of the month

St. Mary's: 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick, will commence 6 May.

Catholic Religious Education

St. Joseph's: Weds: 4-5pm R.E. classes for Children for State & Secondary Students in the Parish House.

St. Mary's: Thurs: 4-5pm R.E. Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

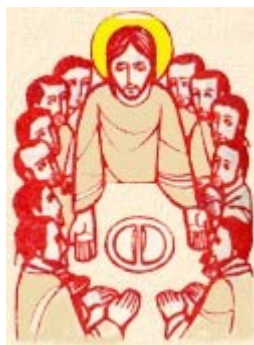
Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

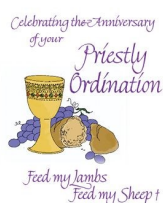
Contact Person: **Moses El-Fakhri**

St. Vincent de Paul's poor box is situated in the High St. entrance to St. Mary's church. Donations welcomed.

Parish Notices



Il Vangelo di oggi ci trasmette il testamento di Gesù. È diretto ai suoi discepoli, turbati dalla partenza di Giuda. Ma è anche diretto ai numerosi discepoli che succedono a loro e vivono il periodo di Pasqua alla ricerca di un orientamento. Sono soprattutto essi che trovano qui una risposta alle loro domande: Che cosa è successo di Gesù? Ritournerà? Come incontrarlo? Che cosa fare adesso? Sono alcune delle domande che capita anche a noi di fare. In fondo, il Vangelo ci dà una risposta molto semplice: è un nuovo comandamento: "Amatevi gli uni gli altri come io vi ho amati". Ma se ci si dedica a seguire questo comandamento, ci si accorge molto presto che l'amore non si comanda. Eppure, se si è capaci di impegnarsi ad amare il proprio prossimo per amore di Gesù - come egli stesso ha fatto - si trova ben presto la risposta a parecchie altre domande. Ci si rende conto che il cammino di Gesù è un cammino di vita, per lui ma anche per molte altre persone intorno a lui.



Congratulations to Fr. Dixon
as he celebrates 8 years of Ordination to the Priesthood on 13 May.

May the Light of God shine on you this Special day and be with you always guiding and protect you always. Happy Anniversary of Ordination!



We congratulate **Rosabella and Patrick Robertson** on their 13 Wedding Anniversary. May the Lord bless them on this day and in the years ahead.

NEW PARISH OFFICES

For St Joseph's Northcote, St Mary's Thornbury, Holy Spirit Thornbury East, St Anthony's Alphington They will be situated at 45 Railway Place Alphington (it is the building to the left of St Anthony's Church)

We are looking forward to working together and welcoming all our parishioners.

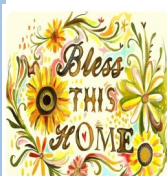
We invite you to come and have a look and a cuppa at our "Open Parish Office" week Tuesday 21st June – Friday 24th June 2022.

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE NEW PARISH OFFICES

Archbishop Peter will bless and open the offices at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 19 June 2022, at St Anthony's Church 45 Railway Place, Alphington.

Please save the date and join us at this wonderful occasion for our faith communities.

ANNUAL PARISH VISIT



If you would like Fr. Shabin or Fr. Dixon to visit your home for a home blessing, a family visit, or to anoint a sick family member. Please contact the parish Office Tuesdays to Fridays on 9484 2907 to make an appointment.