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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 English
Weekdays: No weekday Mass this week only

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11.00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: No weekday Mass this week only

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9.30am
Weekdays: No weekday Mass this week only

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: No weekday Mass this week only

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

26 Dec: St. Stephen
27 December: St. John Apostle & Evangelist
28 Dec: Holy Innocents 7 Martyrs
29 Dec: St. Thomas Becket
30 Dec: The Holy Family Jesus, Mary, Joseph

Recently Deceased

Father Joseph Patrick Hynan PE
Clayton David; Mansour Habib
Habchi and Hani Elias Habchi and
Anna Sparano-Molino

Anniversaries

Dante D'Andrea;
Michele Delle Vergini; Enza Panozzo;
Charbel Badr Habchi; Toufic Boutros
Azrak.

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Northcote & Thornbury Catholic
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The Nativity of the Lord

24/25 December 2022

"HE CAME TO HIS OWN"



The True light that enlightens every human being has come into the world. *"The word became flesh and pitched His tent among us, and we saw his glory, the glory of the Father's only son, the fullness of God's Grace and Truth".*

Another Christmas has arrived with this message to follow His light which God offers us, the light which streams from the face of Christ, full of mercy and fidelity.

Jesus Christ born in the manger, brought the "Good News" that, our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful and rewarding God. God has been revealed - not for harm but for salvation - in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus demonstrated by living out and teaching the people how God, our Heavenly Father loves us. Everything that Jesus said and did were signs of God's divine love. As Christians we are called to demonstrate and share that love with all around us. Every Christmas the Christ child in the manger at Bethlehem invites us to stop - and to pay attention to the things that are specially important in our lives: our loved ones, our family and friends, our community members. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with each other is our Christian privilege and duty, and every time we do that, Jesus is born in our lives. In many cases our work for others or whatever we do in the community seems rather ordinary, but each little work we undertake fits into God's plan and that builds up the community. When Christmas is over, an excellent way to grow in faith and love and to develop our relationship with God and others, is to associate ourselves with the parish community life and to join in the faith celebrations of the parish, specially in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist which is the visible sign of Christ's body.

In our community we have already embarked on a journey of partnership since January this year. We have had a Grace filled and Blessed year in many ways. Let us continue this new journey towards next year with lots of enthusiasm and to make our community joyful and inclusive and to be the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving others and caring for all. May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting this journey, specially all our volunteers and parish staff.

There are exciting challenges ahead of us as we plan for the future. We stand on what the past generations have been inspired to do for the development of the community. It is now up to us, the young generation and the young families to build the future so that the next generation will have something to ground their life and faith and make Jesus Christ the centre of their lives. For Christians throughout the world the Holy Night resonates with wonder of what happened on that special night in Bethlehem so many years ago. It is a night of joyful thanksgiving. This can also be a moment of new discoveries and decisions, new opportunities and possibilities, as we prepare for the New Year. *To each and every member of our community and visitors to our parishes this Christmas, I wish the peace and joy of Christmas and a Blessed New Year.*

Shabin Kaniampuram IV Dei



This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him, the barb across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him:

Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion

in a peace that has no end,

for the throne of David

and for his royal power,

which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever,

the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

**Response: Today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.

4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth.

Resp: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

Next Week's Readings

Num: 6:22-27

Psalm:66

Gal: 4:7

Luke: 2:16-21

Prima Lettura Is 9,1-6

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Il popolo che camminava nelle tenebre ha visto una grande luce; su coloro che abitavano in terra tenebrosa una luce rifulse.

Hai moltiplicato la gioia, hai aumentato la letizia.

Gioiscono davanti a te come si gioisce quando si

miete e come si esulta quando si divide la preda.

Perché tu hai spezzato il giogo che l'opprimeva,

la sbarra sulle sue spalle, e il bastone del suo

aguzzino, come nel giorno di Madian.

Perché ogni calzatura di soldato che marciava rimbombando e ogni mantello intriso di sangue saranno bruciati, dati in pasto al fuoco.

Perché un bambino è nato per noi,

ci è stato dato un figlio.

Sulle sue spalle è il potere e il suo nome sarà:

Consigliere mirabile, Dio potente,

Padre per sempre, Principe della pace.

Grande sarà il suo potere e la pace non avrà fine sul

trono di Davide e sul suo regno,

che egli viene a consolidare e rafforzare

con il diritto e la giustizia, ora e per sempre.

Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo Responsoriale Sal 95

R: Oggi è nato per noi il Salvatore.

1. Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo,

cantate al Signore, uomini di tutta la terra.

Cantate al Signore, benedite il suo nome.

2. Annunciate di giorno in giorno la sua salvezza.

In mezzo alle genti narrate la sua gloria,

a tutti i popoli dite le sue meraviglie.

3. Gioiscano i cieli, esulti la terra,

risuoni il mare e quanto racchiude;

sia in festa la campagna e quanto contiene,

acclamino tutti gli alberi della foresta.

4. Davanti al Signore che viene:

sì, egli viene a giudicare la terra;

giudicherà il mondo con giustizia

e nella sua fedeltà i popoli.

R: Oggi è nato per noi il Salvatore.

Seconda Lettura Tt 2,11-14

Dalla lettera di san Paolo Apostolo a Tito

Figlio mio, è apparsa la grazia di Dio, che porta salvezza a tutti gli uomini e ci insegna a rinnegare l'empietà e i

desideri mondani e a vivere in questo mondo con

sobrietà, con giustizia e con pietà, nell'attesa della beata

speranza e della manifestazione della gloria del nostro

grande Dio e salvatore Gesù Cristo.

Egli ha dato se stesso per noi, per riscattarci da ogni

iniquità e formare per sé un popolo puro che gli

appartenga, pieno di zelo per le opere buone.

Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Luca: 1,38)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Vi annuncio una grande gioia:

oggi è nato per voi un Salvatore, Cristo Signore.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Luca 2,1-14

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quei giorni un decreto di Cesare Augusto ordinò che si

facesse il censimento di tutta la terra. Questo primo

censimento fu fatto quando Quirinio era governatore

della Siria. Tutti andavano a farsi censire, ciascuno nella

propria città.

Anche Giuseppe, dalla Galilea, dalla città di Nàzaret, salì

in Giudea alla città di Davide chiamata Betlemme: egli

apparteneva infatti alla casa e alla famiglia di Davide.

Doveva farsi censire insieme a Maria, sua sposa, che era

incinta.

Mentre si trovavano in quel luogo, si compirono per lei i

giorni del parto. Diede alla luce il suo figlio primogenito,

lo avvolse in fasce e lo pose in una mangiatoia, perché

per loro non c'era posto nell'alloggio.

C'erano in quella regione alcuni pastori che, pernottando

all'aperto, vegliavano tutta la notte facendo la guardia al

loro gregge. Un angelo del Signore si presentò a loro e la

gloria del Signore li avvolse di luce. Essi furono presi da

grande timore, ma l'angelo disse loro: «Non temete:

ecco, vi annuncio una grande gioia, che sarà di tutto il

popolo: oggi, nella città di Davide, è nato per voi un

Salvatore, che è Cristo Signore. Questo per voi il segno:

troverete un bambino avvolto in fasce, adagiato in una

mangiatoia».

E subito apparve con l'angelo una moltitudine

dell'esercito celeste, che lodava Dio e diceva:

«Gloria a Dio nel più alto dei cieli

e sulla terra pace agli uomini, che egli ama».

Parola del Signore.

A: Lode a te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Mary Sellars; Dion Cassar; Lorenzo De Marco; Andy Sinn; Vittoria Calidonna and Julie Mamo

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 or Fr. Dixon.

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

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 Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am -Will resume February 2023
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

First Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

By appointment only.

St. Mary's: By appointment only please call parish Office

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Baptism prep session 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Kevin and Katrina Jansz.

SENIORS

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Seniors Mass every last Friday of the Month at 10.30am in the church.

Parrochiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdì del mese alle 10.30am.**

Finshed for the year will recommence in February 2023.

First Wednesday of the month

St. Mary's 9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Wednesday of the month. Will recommence in February 2023

"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

St. Mary's: Sundays at 9.45 am. R.E Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Sacramental program 5pm to 6pm in meeting room St Anthony's, six weeks before the Sacrament is received.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: Moses El-Fakhri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

NO MASSES ON 26, 27, 28, 29. 30 DECEMBER 2022

Saturday, 31 December: 5pm Holy Spirit, 5.30pm St. Joseph's

Sunday, 1 JANUARY—NEW YEAR'S DAY 2023

Feast of Mary Mother of God -

9am St. Anthony's- Italian; 9.30am Holy Spirit - English

10am St. Mary's - Bilingual; 11am Mass St. Joseph's—English;

St. Anthony's—English 5.30pm St. Mary's — English



We acknowledge with sincere gratitude and thank all our volunteers for their commitment to serving in so many varied ways so all our Christmas Masses are celebrated with love, peace and joy for all.



Our thanks and Happy Christmas

wishes to Fr. Shabin, Fr. Dixon, Mons Tom, Fr. Michael Casey, Fr. Gerry Medici, Fr. Paul Connell, and Fr. Vito Pegolo

We thank them for celebrating Masses throughout 2022 but also during this Christmas Season in a our Partnership Parishes. We wish them happy and restful holidays.



The Parish Office will be closed from 23 December 2022 until 3rd January 2023.

Have Blessed Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid our brothers and sisters who are suffering so deeply in Syria and Lebanon through our Christmas appeal Sharing Hope with Christians in Syria and Lebanon this Christmas. The support we are pledging to them is very much emergency relief to sustain the Christian population in hope. The projects we are supporting are projects such as medical aid, community help and gifts for children in Lebanon, as well as support for lay faithful and accommodation for families in Syria.

It is only with your help that ACN can support Christians in Lebanon and Syria this Christmas!



How can you contribute to the parish

This QR code is unique to **St Anthony, Alphington and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East** and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan

If you would like to donate via Tap and Go please use the terminal located in the foyer. The limit is \$5. All you need to do to make a donation is tap the terminal with your credit card/ debit card/smart phone smart watch - donations will go straight in to our Church account.

Presbytery Accounts: St Mary's & St Joseph's BSB 083 347 Account 857260792

Church account St. Mary's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 557931064

Church account: St. Joseph's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 663182650