



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

26/27 March

St. Mary's Thornbury

Altar Society Team TBA

Sunday 9.00am Mass 27 March

Lector: M. Dytor

POF: F. Mascia

Sp. Min: K. Marisal

Sunday 5.30pm Mass: 27 March

Lector: D. Ryan

POF: R. Starvaggi

Sp.Min: J. Grierson

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 26 March

Readers: Sr. Rita Hayes

Joan Reid

Sp.Min: Moses El- Fahkri

Musician in charge: Teddy

Sunday 10.30am: 27 March

Readers: Margaret Dimech

Joan Reid

Sp.Min: Paula Lanti

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon

Feast Days this Week

23 March: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

24 March : St. Oscar Romeo

25 March: The Annunciation of the Lord

Recently Deceased

Jamilla Fakhry; Antonietta Zaccardi

Anniversaries

Raphael Kaniampuram (1 Yr. Anniversary)

Bertilla Cesaro; Dulooona Fakhry, Angelina

De Fazio; Mtonios Saada Taouk;

William K Rushton; Immacolata Natoli;

Giuseppe Frauze; Giuseppa Curfi

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HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY



Powerful St. Joseph

If you're anything like most people, St Joseph probably doesn't feature prominently in your prayer life. This is understandable, since the Gospels tell us next to nothing about him, nor do they recount a single word he said. He might seem as distant to us as he seems in the Bible.

One of the great benefits of Fr Donald Calloway's book, *Consecration to St Joseph* (Marian Press, 2020), which came out at the height of the pandemic, is that it widens our understanding of St Joseph's place in the Catholic tradition, what has been said about

him, and what has been attributed to him.

In fact, just in case you think St Joseph has been idle throughout the years, here are just a story of what the "Terror of Demons" has been up to throughout the world.

The Healing St Teresa of Avila

St Teresa is one of the most famous mystics in the tradition. In her autobiography, she recounts a time when she fell seriously ill and took St Joseph as her patron. Recovering from this sickness, she attributed her healing to St Joseph and began promoting devotion to him.

Here is what she wrote: 'I am astonished at the great favours which God has bestowed on me through the blessed saint, and at the perils from which he has delivered me, both in body and in soul. To other saints, the Lord seems to have given grace to help us in some of our necessities. But my experience is that St Joseph helps us in them all . . .'

In other words, whilst other saints are patrons of specific things, and we tend to invoke them for particular tasks, St Joseph is a catch-all saint. St Teresa believed that he should be invoked for anything and everything.

Melbourne Catholic

Happy Feast day Everyone!

Congratulations to the children from St. Joseph's school who will be receiving Sacraments this year. They will be presented to the parish at 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Rest assured of our prayers and support during this important time of preparation. May St. Joseph bless, guide and strengthen you in your journey of Faith.



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

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-18. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush.

Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said.

'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. After you have led the people out of Egypt, you are to offer worship to God on this mountain.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. 'This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you." And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: " the Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 102

R: The Lord is kind and merciful

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful

SECOND READING 1Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ
Repent, says the Lord,

for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'" The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus

Prima Lettura Es 3,1-8.13-15

Dal libro dell'Esodo

In quei giorni, mentre Mosè stava pascolando il gregge di Letro, suo suocero, sacerdote di Madian, condusse il bestiame oltre il deserto e arrivò al monte di Dio, l'Oreb. L'angelo del Signore gli apparve in una fiamma di fuoco dal mezzo di un roveto. Egli guardò ed ecco: il roveto ardeva per il fuoco, ma quel roveto non si consumava. Mosè pensò: «Voglio avvicinarmi a osservare questo grande spettacolo: perché il roveto non brucia?». Il Signore vide che si era avvicinato per guardare; Dio gridò a lui dal roveto: «Mosè, Mosè!». Rispose: «Eccomi!». Riprese: «Non avvicinarti oltre! Togliti i sandali dai piedi, perché il luogo sul quale tu stai è suolo santo!». E disse: «Io sono il Dio di tuo padre, il Dio di Abramo, il Dio di Isacco, il Dio di Giacobbe». Mosè allora si coprì il volto, perché aveva paura di guardare verso Dio. Il Signore disse: «Ho osservato la miseria del mio popolo in Egitto e ho udito il suo grido a causa dei suoi sovrintendenti: conosco le sue sofferenze. Sono sceso per liberarlo dal potere dell'Egitto e per farlo salire da questa terra verso una terra bella e spaziosa, verso una terra dove scorrono latte e miele». Mosè disse a Dio: «Ecco, io vado dagli Israeliti e dico loro: "Il Dio dei vostri padri mi ha mandato a voi". Mi diranno: "Qual è il suo nome?". E io che cosa risponderò loro?». Dio disse a Mosè: «Io sono colui che sono!». E aggiunse: «Così dirai agli Israeliti: "Io Sono mi ha mandato a voi"». Dio disse ancora a Mosè: «Dirai agli Israeliti: "Il Signore, Dio dei vostri padri, Dio di Abramo, Dio di Isacco, Dio di Giacobbe mi ha mandato a voi". Questo è il mio nome per sempre; questo è il titolo con cui sarò ricordato di generazione in generazione». Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo Responsoriale Sal 102

R: Il Signore ha pietà del suo popolo.

1. Benedici il Signore, anima mia,
quanto è in me benedica il suo santo nome.
Benedici il Signore, anima mia,
non dimenticare tutti i suoi benefici.

2. Egli perdona tutte le tue colpe,
guarisce tutte le tue infermità,
salva dalla fossa la tua vita,
ti circonda di bontà e misericordia.

3. Il Signore compie cose giuste,
difende i diritti di tutti gli oppressi.
Ha fatto conoscere a Mosè le sue vie,
le sue opere ai figli d'Israele.

4. Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore,
lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.
Perché quanto il cielo è alto sulla terra,
così la sua misericordia è potente su quelli che lo temono.

Rit: Il Signore ha pietà del suo popolo.

Seconda Lettura: 1Cor 10,1-6.10-12

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi
Non voglio che ignoriate, fratelli, che i nostri padri furono tutti sotto la nube, tutti attraversarono il mare, tutti furono battezzati in rapporto a Mosè nella nube e nel mare, tutti mangiarono lo stesso cibo spirituale, tutti bevvero la stessa bevanda spirituale: bevevano infatti da una roccia spirituale che li accompagnava, e quella roccia era il Cristo. Ma la maggior parte di loro non fu gradita a Dio e perciò furono sterminati nel deserto. Ciò avvenne come esempio per noi, perché non desiderassimo cose cattive, come essi le desiderarono. Non mormorate, come mormorarono alcuni di loro, e caddero vittime dello sterminatore. Tutte queste cose però accaddero a loro come esempio, e sono state scritte per nostro ammonimento, di noi per i quali è arrivata la fine dei tempi. Quindi, chi crede di stare in piedi, guardi di non cadere. Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Mc 4,17)

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Convertitevi, dice il Signore,

il regno dei cieli è vicino.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Vangelo Lc 13:1-9

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo si presentarono alcuni a riferire a Gesù il fatto di quei Galilei, il cui sangue Pilato aveva fatto scorrere insieme a quello dei loro sacrifici. Prendendo la parola, Gesù disse loro: «Credete che quei Galilei fossero più peccatori di tutti i Galilei, per aver subito tale sorte? No, io vi dico, ma se non vi convertite, perirete tutti allo stesso modo. O quelle diciotto persone, sulle quali crollò la torre di Siloe e le uccise, credete che fossero più colpevoli di tutti gli abitanti di Gerusalemme? No, io vi dico, ma se non vi convertite, perirete tutti allo stesso modo».

Diceva anche questa parabola: «Un tale aveva piantato un albero di fichi nella sua vigna e venne a cercarvi frutti, ma non ne trovò. Allora disse al vignaiolo: "Ecco, sono tre anni che vengo a cercare frutti su quest'albero, ma non ne trovo. Taglialo dunque! Perché deve sfruttare il terreno?". Ma quello gli rispose: "Padrone, lascialo ancora quest'anno, finché gli avrò zappato attorno e avrò messo il concime. Vedremo se porterà frutti per l'avvenire; se no, lo taglierai"».

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a te o Cristo.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

St. Joseph & St. Mary's House account: \$1153

St. Joseph's

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$1137

St. Mary's

2nd Collection: Thanksgivings: \$682

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

**Doris Zacchinga; Mary Cassar; Porsia Sidoti
Raid Elasmari; Hilda Kourkoulakas**

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. Cancelled until further notice (due to COVID)

First Friday of the month

St. Mary's: 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick.

Cancelled until further notice (due to COVID)

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-Fahkri**

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

Parish Notices

The Vicar General has asked us to bring to your attention two appeals which you may wish to support over the next few weeks.

FLOOD APPEAL - SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through:

www.vinnies.org.au - [Flood appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society-Good Works](#)

or by calling - Queensland - (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales - (02) 9568 0262

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>
or contact 1800 024 413

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter of Claver will hold a Book and plant Sale, Saturday 26 March 9am-2pm at 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the sale will go to assist the many needs of missions. Enquiries: Phone 9817 3715

VOCATIONS: On Saturday, 2 April, at 10.00am at the University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, there will be an information session on the Permanent Diaconate. Your help is needed to promote this vocation within your parish. Perhaps there are some male parishioners, married or single, between the age of 30 to 60 years, whom you could speak with concerning this call to ministry.

FIRST SCRUTINY Please pray for Jake Fish who will celebrate his First Scrutiny today at Holy Spirit Church. We pray for Andrew and Lynsey as they continue their preparation towards Easter.



3 Sunday of Lent

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping **culture alive**.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive by making a donation through Project

Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting lent.caritas.org.au or phoning 1800 024 413



Being Covid Safe in the Church: It is now optional to wear masks inside the church but for your own safety we highly recommend you continue to wear them. Please use the sanitisers when entering the church and before Holy Communion