



CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST. ANTHONY'S

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We are faith filled people, striving to live out the message of Jesus; sharing our talents,
nurturing our community, reaching out to all; celebrating God through prayer and liturgy.

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COVID PROTOCOLS GIVEN TO US BY THE DEPT OF HEALTH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE STIPULATE THAT THERE WILL BE TWO TYPES OF GATHERINGS IN PARISHES
1.MASSES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DOUBLE VACCINATED
2. MASS FOR 50 PEOPLE WHO CANNOT SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATED
A COVID MARSHALL MUST BE AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH TO CHECK 1.QR ENTRY OR SIGN in 2. VACCINATED CERTIFICATES

CALENDAR

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December

11.30am Mass—St Anthony's—Non vaccination

5 pm Mass—Holy Spirit Double Vac

6pm Mass—St Anthony's-Sacrament of First Eucharist

9am Mass—St Anthony's (Italian)

10am Mass—Holy Spirit— Double Vac

11am Mass—St Anthony's-Sacrament of First Eucharist

Tuesday 7 December

9.15am Anointing Mass Holy Spirit DV

7pm Adoration and Mass—Holy Spirit DV CANCELLED

Wednesday 8 December

9.15am Anointing Mass St Anthony's DV

Thursday 9 December

9.15am Communion Service (Italian) - Holy Spirit DV

Friday 10 December

9.15am Mass—St Anthony's DV

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December

11.30am Mass—St Anthony's—Non vaccination

5 pm Mass—Holy Spirit Double Vac

6pm Mass—St Anthony's-Sacrament of First Eucharist

9am Mass—St Anthony's (Italian)

10am Mass—Holy Spirit— Double Vac

11am Mass—St Anthony's-Sacrament of First Eucharist

Tuesday 14 December

9.15am Communion Service - Holy Spirit DV

7pm Adoration and Mass—Holy Spirit DV

Wednesday 15 December

9.15am Anointing Mass St Anthony's DV

Thursday 16 December

9.15am (Italian) - Holy Spirit DV

Friday 10 December

9.15am Mass—St Anthony's DV

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December

5 pm Mass—Holy Spirit Double Vac

6pm Mass—St Anthony's-Undeclared Vac Status

9am Mass—St Anthony's (Italian)

10am Mass—Holy Spirit— Double Vac

11am Mass—St Anthony's

Tuesday 21 December

9.15am Communion Service - Holy Spirit DV

7pm Parish Reconciliation, Adoration and Mass—
Holy Spirit DV

Wednesday 22 December

9.15am Mass St Anthony's DV

Thursday 23 December

9.15am Mass (Italian) - Holy Spirit DV

Laudato Si...Care of our home

It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation.

The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation comes to us in a fragment of matter.

He comes not from above, but from within He comes that we might find him in this world of ours.P 236

Liturgy of the Word

This Weekend:

1st Reading: Baruch 5: 109

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

Next Weekend 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C and Cycle 2)

1st Reading: Zeph 3: 14-18

2nd Reading: Is 12:2-6

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

Deaths and Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently including Elizabetha Deodato and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Margaret Machado, Samir Kairouz and Maria Reginato (1mth) that they all be at peace with their God.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are the first faith teachers for their children as a parish we support them with our prayers. Today we pray for Julien and Ema as they present Eve Dos Santos for her Baptism at St Anthony's.

Saints this week

7 Dec- St Ambrose—Born about 340, while still a catechumen, was elected Bishop of Milan.

8 Dec—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary –

The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception she is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the church is called to be.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE FOR JAKE FISH OUR RCIA CANDIDATE

Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults

Jake Fish earlier this year asked what he needed to do to become a member of the Roman Catholic church. In August a RCIA team was formed between the parishes of Holy Spirit/ St Anthony and St Mary's/ St Joseph's which Jake began attending with two other enquirers: Andrew and Lynsey, who belong to St Mary's & St Joseph's churches. At these meetings the inquirers have had an opportunity to deepen their faith, experience prayer and receive instruction on what it means to be a member of the Roman Catholic Church, on Scripture and on the liturgical year. After this period of inquiry all three have decided to enter the period of Catechumenate which is initiated when they declare their intention to the Church through the Rite of Acceptance into the order of Catechumens. At the same time the gathered community accepts them as persons to become members of the community and commit to supporting them to find and follow Christ. At the 10am Mass this weekend Jake will make his declaration. We welcome Jake's family and friends as he makes an initial public step towards receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

Calls to the Parish office, please call 94128439 first and leave a message and then in an emergency also call 0432576500 or email hosan@cam.org.au

The Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention OR contact the child safety representatives of our Parish—Margaret Harrington, Pauline Egan, Fran Adamopoulos and Max Gomez.

2022 Columban Calendars and MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS on sale NOW

The calendars cost \$10 and Christmas cards are \$7 per pack and can be purchased at piety stall or using the envelopes attached to items.

ADVENT

Readings will come from Year C and generally the writer will be Luke. Weekday readings Cycle 2. We will be holding Advent Reflections if you would like to join a group please call the Parish Office to book in, they will be using BLESSED from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. 'As we countdown the days to Christmas, we pray that by mediating on Gods Word in these daily Advent and Christmas reflections, you may be graced with moments of silence to ponder in your heart the many 'blessings' in your life—inspiring you in your call to 'blessedness' where true happiness is gained (cf Pope Frances, Gaudete et exsultate, 64)

ANOINTING MASSES AND A CUPPA AFTERWARDS will be held at Holy Spirit after 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 7 December and at St Anthony's after 9.15am on Wednesday 8 December. Please mark your diaries.

Annual Nativity Play at Holy Spirit's 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve will go ahead. If you would like to take part please call the parish office on 94128439 or hosan@cam.org.au and your details will be passed on to a member of the organising committee. FLYER ATTACHED

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

Thank you to all those that have already taken a token from the Giving Tree. We encourage those that have not been involved to support our works. Hopefully by the end of this weekend's Masses all tokens will have been taken. The generosity of the parish has enabled wonderful hampers to be made in past years and we hope that things to be no different this year.

For those interested in helping on the morning of Christmas Eve or for further details about the hampers (or Vinnies in general) please contact Brendon on 9484 6932.

Donations can be left on the collection plate. Should you prefer a bank transfer to support our works please direct to: Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria BSB: 063000 Account Number: 10317778 Agent Number: 946 (if not prompted for an Agent number please include '946 Thornbury' in the transaction description). We thank you in advance for enabling us to continue our works in the community. For those interested in helping on the morning of Christmas Eve or for further details about the hampers (or Vinnies in general) please contact Brendon on 9484 6932. 9484 6932.

Vinnies – Change of president.

This notice is to inform all parishioners that the Holy Spirit/St Marys St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) conference has recently elected a new president - Ellie Coffey. We congratulate and welcome Ellie to this role and look forward to her leading us in the coming years. It is wonderful to have a new leader and it is worth noting that Ellie is one of our younger members which is important to the ongoing success of our group. As a conference we will continue to do what we have been doing for many years – supporting those in need in the Thornbury area.

Parish Telephone Prayer Group:

Call in: Tuesday at 11.30am. Cost of a local call.

Call-in number: a) 07-5660 6012 b) access code : 722762 # . Cost of a local call.

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ST ANTHONY'S AND HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
ALPHINGTON/EAST THORNBURY



Nativity Play

TIME TO FOLLOW THE CHRISTMAS STAR



We're pleased to confirm that the **Children's Nativity Play** will be going ahead, at the 5pm Family Mass on December 24th at Holy Spirit Church.

There's many roles available and we'd welcome past and new performers to play a part in telling the Christmas story and have a hands-on role in the celebration.

All props and costumes will be provided, but there's opportunity for creative parents to add their touches if they'd like.

To be part of the play, we ask that children attend *two Saturday afternoon* rehearsals (of approx. 30 mins, after 5:00pm Mass):
Saturday, December 11th at 6:00pm (roles/costumes allocated)
Saturday, December 18th at 6:00pm (full dress rehearsal)
and then arrive 30 minutes before the Mass on Friday 24th – ie at 4:30pm.

If your child would like to participate or you have any questions, please pass your details on to the parish office - (03) 9412 8439 / hosan@cam.org.au - and someone from the Nativity Play team will be in touch.