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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
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: 9:00am Italian:
11:00am: English
Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

3 Dec: St Francis Xavier
4 Dec: St John Damascene
6 Dec: St Nicholas
7 Dec: St Andrew

Recently Deceased

Clare Karem; Hind Habib Succar;
Maria Mercurie and Iolanda Comodo

Anniversaries

Mario Nerbone; Silvano Gerale;
Mary Soi; Mary Ngoan; Anna Ball;
Livia Attard; John Sanning(1yr.Anni);
Pauka Kairouz; Sarda & Khalil, Khahid, Loius
Khalil; Louis Flaffel; Moussa Hanna Fakhry;
Liberto Falvo; George Karim Kairouz;
Youssef Mansour Taouk, Giovanni &
Sebastiana Cuce

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details, please visit
our official parish
website:



ST JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE

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PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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1st Sunday of Advent Year C

30 Nov-1 Dec

NEW OFFERTORY PROGRAM 2024

Thank you to all our parishioners for their support of our recent New Offertory Program. The results have been encouraging with an increase of 73% St Joseph's, 42% St Mary's, 52% Parish of St Anthony's and Holy Spirit. We ask now that you update your giving as pledged and if you wish the Parish Office to do your DD and CC increases please call and arrange with Margaret Harrington. New envelopes have been sent out (if you requested them). Parishioners pledging electronically have been notified by email (with details about how to pay their pledge.) We were very happy with the new program as most felt it was a gentle reminder of the support needed by our parishioners as we plan for the years ahead.

Fr

*The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C invites us to trust in God's promises. In the first reading, Jeremiah speaks about God's promise to bring forth a righteous branch from David's line. This branch represents Jesus, who brings justice and righteousness. This promise shows us that God is faithful and keeps His word. **Jeremiah's message is a source of hope.** Even in difficult times, we can trust that God is working for our good. His promises give us strength and courage. When we feel uncertain or afraid, we can remember that God has a plan for us, just as He did for the people in Jeremiah's time. The theme of trusting in God's promises is also found in the Gospel reading for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year C. Jesus tells us to stand up and lift our heads because our redemption is near. This means we should not be afraid but trust that God will fulfill His promises. Jesus will return, and we need to be ready.*



Advent Evening with Fr. Brendan Hayes 5 December at 7.30pm at St Anthony's church

Amidst the hustle and bustle of our world, come and spend some time in prayer making room in our hearts to receive Jesus at Christmas. Fr. Brendan will lead us into the Advent season in a gentle and meaningful way.



ADVENT Sacrament of Reconciliation (2 Rite)

Prepare for Christmas in this coming of the Jubilee year 2025 by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. An opportunity has been provided for you on **Wednesday, 11 December at Holy Spirit Parish at 7.30pm**

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is
for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R**

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

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

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Next week's readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm: 125

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Prima Lettura

Ger 33,14-16

Dal libro del profeta Geremia

Ecco, verranno giorni - oràcolo del Signore - nei quali io realizzerò le promesse di bene che ho fatto alla casa d'Israele e alla casa di Giuda. In quei giorni e in quel tempo farò germogliare per Davide un germoglio giusto, che eserciterà il giudizio e la giustizia sulla terra. In quei giorni Giuda sarà salvato e Gerusalemme vivrà tranquilla, e sarà chiamata: Signore-nostra-justitia.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo Responsoriale**

Sal 24

Rit: A te, Signore, innalzo l'anima mia, in te confido.

1. Fammi conoscere, Signore, le tue vie, insegnami i tuoi sentieri.
Guidami nella tua fedeltà e istruiscimi, perché sei tu il Dio della mia salvezza.
2. Buono e retto è il Signore, indica ai peccatori la via giusta; guida i poveri secondo giustizia, insegna ai poveri la sua via.
3. Tutti i sentieri del Signore sono amore e fedeltà per chi custodisce la sua alleanza e i suoi precetti.
Il Signore si confida con chi lo teme: gli fa conoscere la sua alleanza.

Rit: A te, Signore, innalzo l'anima mia, in te confido.**Seconda Lettura**

1 Ts 3,12-4,2

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Tessalonicési

Fratelli, il Signore vi faccia crescere e sovrabbondare nell'amore fra voi e verso tutti, come sovrabbonda il nostro per voi, per

rendere saldi i vostri cuori e irreprensibili nella santità, davanti a Dio e Padre nostro, alla venuta del Signore nostro Gesù con tutti i suoi santi. Per il resto, fratelli, vi preghiamo e supplichiamo nel Signore Gesù affinché, come avete imparato da noi il modo di comportarvi e di piacere a Dio – e così già vi comportate –, possiate progredire ancora di più. Voi conoscete quali regole di vita vi abbiamo dato da parte del Signore Gesù.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo**

Sal 84,4

Alleluia, alleluia.

Mostraci, Signore, la tua misericordia e donaci la tua salvezza. Alleluia.

Vangelo

Lc 21,25-28.34-36

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Vi saranno segni nel sole, nella luna e nelle stelle, e sulla terra angoscia di popoli in ansia per il fragore del mare e dei flutti, mentre gli uomini moriranno per la paura e per l'attesa di ciò che dovrà accadere sulla terra. Le potenze dei cieli infatti saranno sconvolte. Allora vedranno il Figlio dell'uomo venire su una nube con grande potenza e gloria. Quando cominceranno ad accadere queste cose, risollevatevi e alzate il capo, perché la vostra liberazione è vicina. State attenti a voi stessi, che i vostri cuori non si appesantiscano in dissipazioni, ubriachezze e affanni della vita e che quel giorno non vi piombi addosso all'improvviso; come un laccio infatti esso si abatterà sopra tutti coloro che abitano sulla faccia di tutta la terra. Vegliate in ogni momento pregando, perché abbiate la forza di sfuggire a tutto ciò che sta per accadere, e di comparire davanti al Figlio dell'uomo».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Edmond; Helene Green (Ahern).

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 Peter.

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

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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-Fakhri

Parish Notices

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: St Anthony's ONLY

It's that time of the year. As we plan our own festive activities and gift-giving, let's plan for those who look to us for support. Working with the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project team, we will be making up some Christmas Gift Bags. It has all been done for you. On sale in the foyer for \$30, our Gift Bag has shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, shaving foam, socks and deodorant.

Pay for a bag: Sign a card, if you like. The cards have been made by St. Anthony's students and are on the table.

Write out a Christmas "bauble". Place the bag under the Christmas tree and put the "bauble" on the tree.

Thank you for your generosity. This bag may be the only gift someone receives this Christmas. God bless you.



Refreshments will be served after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Please stay back and get to know one another and especially welcome any new parishioners

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community **Robert and Emily Polimeni** as they present **Lucas Michael** and **Samuel and Sarah Iglewski** as they present **Lucius Konrad** for baptism at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



St Anthony's Parish is selling raffle tickets for **Christmas Hampers** starting from this weekend, **the cost of a book of 10 will be \$5.00 each and will be drawn Sunday before Christmas day.** Thank you for your support.

Lina Rubino



ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) - ST MARYS & HOLY SPIRIT

GIVING TREE – PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

For over 25 years the members of the joint St Marys/Holy Spirit St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) conference have made up food hampers for those in need in the Thornbury community, allowing them to enjoy a Christmas meal in the manner that most of us are used to.

To assist us source required food items we have again put up the Giving Tree in the Church. The Giving Tree has symbols attached, detailing what we require to make up the hampers. Feel free to take any number of these symbols.

Items listed can then be purchased and left under the tree no later than the last week of Advent (21st / 22nd of December). Note: There is no need to gift wrap the items.

If you would prefer to make a cash donation to assist us purchase additional items and gift vouchers there are also envelopes on the tree. Donations can be left on the collection plates. 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 further details about the hampers (or Vinnies in general) please contact [the parish office and a Vinnies member will be in contact with you.](#)

There will be a Youth Mass on Sunday 1 December at 5:30pm at St. Mary's. All Welcomed.