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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: Wednesday, 9.15am
Italian

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesday, 9.15am English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Weekdays: Thursday, 9.15am Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Friday, 9.15am English

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

27Feb: St. Gregory of Narek

Recently Deceased

Jim Brophy; Rachelina Ramunno
Gerd Kierdorf

Anniversaries

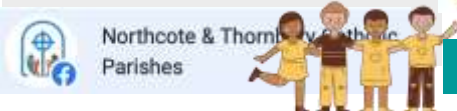
Anna Antonicelli; Helena Hanna Fakhry;
Jean Bradley; Henry Lahoud Raffoul
Rahme; Evelyn Lorraine Davies;
Therese Antoine Taouk; Honey Boutros
Amad; Gottfried Miesen; Renata
Miesen; Michael Hanna Fakhry;
Mary Kanaan; Grazia Pezzimenti.



**Refreshments will be
served after all
Masses next weekend.**

**Please stay and meet new
parishioners.**

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ST. JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE

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PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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Supporting Priest: Monsignor Tom Doyle
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52 Austin Street, Alphington | Ph: 94897936

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2 Sunday of Lent (Year B)

24/25 February 2024

Attention Readers and Special Ministers

You are invited to attend a special evening of input into your ministries led by Fr. Elio Capra.

Title: "How to live as Christ within our communities"

Date: 7 March **Time:** 7pm

Place: Mary MacKillop Room St. Anthony's Parish 45 Railway Place Alphington
This invitation is also extended to any new volunteers that would like to be a Reader or Special Minister in our Partnership Parishes.

Rev. Dr Elio Capra is a lecturer at Catholic Theological College and is a member of the Department of Systematic Theology and Department of Pastoral and General Studies. He lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology.

He is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco (sdb).

***Please call Parish Office for further details
9484 2907. We look forward to seeing you there!***
parishes.



Fr. Dixon, Thank you and farewell

After two years of dedicated service as the assistant priest in our Partnership parishes on Sunday at 5.30pm Mass at St. Mary's we farewell Fr. Dixon George.

Thank you Fr. Dixon on being a pastoral leader as you embark on a new chapter of your journey at St. Therese's Albion, we

want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering dedication, inspiring sermons, and compassionate leadership.

**May God bless you abundantly in all your future endeavours.
Farewell!**



We welcome the Staff, parents and students from St. Anthony's school as they celebrate the Opening of the school year Mass on Sunday. May the Lord's blessings be upon them as they commence academic year.

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.' The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 115:

**Resp: I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**Resp: I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:31.34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us-he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard

'This is my beloved Son, hear him.'

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Next week's readings: 3 March 2024

3 Sunday of Lent Year B

Ex 20:1-17 Psalm: 18:8-11 1 Cor 1: 22-25

John 2 13-25

PRIMA LETTURA Gen 22,1-2.9.10-13.15-18

Dal libro della Genesi

In quei giorni, Dio mise alla prova Abramo e gli disse: «Abramo!». Rispose: «Eccomi!». Riprese: «Prendi tuo figlio, il tuo unigenito che ami, Isacco, va' nel territorio di Mòria e offrilo in olocausto su di un monte che io ti indicherò».

Così arrivarono al luogo che Dio gli aveva indicato; qui Abramo costruì l'altare, collocò la legna. Poi Abramo stese la mano e prese il coltello per immolare suo figlio. Ma l'angelo del Signore lo chiamò dal cielo e gli disse: «Abramo, Abramo!». Rispose: «Eccomi!». L'angelo disse: «Non stendere la mano contro il ragazzo e non fargli niente! Ora so che tu temi Dio e non mi hai rifiutato tuo figlio, il tuo unigenito».

Allora Abramo alzò gli occhi e vide un ariete, impigliato con le corna in un cespuglio. Abramo andò a prendere l'ariete e lo offrì in olocausto invece del figlio.

L'angelo del Signore chiamò dal cielo Abramo per la seconda volta e disse: «Giuro per me stesso, oracolo del Signore: perché tu hai fatto questo e non hai risparmiato tuo figlio, il tuo unigenito, io ti colmerò di benedizioni e renderò molto numerosa la tua discendenza, come le stelle del cielo e come la sabbia che è sul lido del mare; la tua discendenza si impadronirà delle città dei nemici. Si diranno benedette nella tua discendenza tutte le nazioni della terra, perché tu hai obbedito alla mia voce». Parola di Dio

Tutti: *Rendiamo grazie a Dio.*

SALMO RESPONSORIALE Sal 115

Rit: *Camminerò alla presenza del Signore nella terra dei viventi.*

1. Ho creduto anche quando dicevo:
«Sono troppo infelice».
Agli occhi del Signore è preziosa
la morte dei suoi fedeli.

2. Ti prego, Signore, perché sono tuo servo;
io sono tuo servo, figlio della tua schiava:
tu hai spezzato le mie catene.
A te offrirò un sacrificio di ringraziamento
e invocherò il nome del Signore.

3. Adempirò i miei voti al Signore
davanti a tutto il suo popolo,
negli atri della casa del Signore,
in mezzo a te, Gerusalemme.

Rit: *Camminerò alla presenza del Signore nella terra dei viventi.*

SECONDA LETTURA Rm 8,31-34

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, se Dio è per noi, chi sarà contro di noi? Egli, che non ha risparmiato il proprio Figlio, ma lo ha consegnato per tutti noi, non ci donerà forse ogni cosa insieme a lui? Chi muoverà accuse contro coloro che Dio ha scelto? Dio è colui che giustifica! Chi condannerà? Cristo Gesù è morto, anzi è risorto, sta alla destra di Dio e intercede per noi! Parola di Dio

Tutti: *Rendiamo grazie a Dio.*

CANTO AL VANGELO Mc 9,7

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!
Dalla nube luminosa, si udì la voce del Padre:
«Questi è il mio Figlio, l'amato: ascoltatelo!».
Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

VANGELO Mc 9,2-10

Dal Vangelo secondo Marco

In quel tempo, Gesù prese con sé Pietro, Giacomo e Giovanni e li condusse su un alto monte, in disparte, loro soli.

Fu trasfigurato davanti a loro e le sue vesti divennero splendenti, bianchissime: nessun lavandaio sulla terra potrebbe renderle così bianche. E apparve loro Elia con Mosè e conversavano con Gesù. Prendendo la parola, Pietro disse a Gesù: «Rabbì, è bello per noi essere qui; facciamo tre capanne, una per te, una per Mosè e una per Elia». Non sapeva infatti che cosa dire, perché erano spaventati. Venne una nube che li coprì con la sua ombra e dalla nube uscì una voce: «Questi è il Figlio mio, l'amato: ascoltatelo!». E improvvisamente, guardandosi attorno, non videro più nessuno, se non Gesù solo, con loro. Mentre scendevano dal monte, ordinò loro di non raccontare ad alcuno ciò che avevano visto, se non dopo che il Figlio dell'uomo fosse risorto dai morti. Ed essi tennero fra loro la cosa, chiedendosi che cosa volesse dire risorgere dai morti.

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.

Anita Zacchingia

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**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation has commenced for 2024. Thursdays at 10.30am at Holy Spirit Parish. ALL WELCOME

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: Baptism Preparation 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

After the Thursday Italian Mass 9.15am 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.**

Masses of Anointing of the Sick

9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place in the first week of the month at all Parishes at respective weekday Mass time.

"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-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

Well, here we are, school has started and everybody is busy with this and that. The group has been busy too, discussing with the administration at the BASP in Albert Park about how we collaborate for this year. While we do that, please know that we are very happy to receive the following items and deliver them safely.

Cooking oil, 1 litre bottles; Basmati rice; Sweet biscuits; Washing powder small packets.



Sacrament of Baptism.

We welcome into the Christian Community:

Matthew and Zoe Zammit as they present **Mariella Stephanie** and Caleb & Shanra Cairns as they present **Zealand Jason Andrew** who will be baptised on Sunday at St Josphe's Parish.

We congratulate the family & pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

We welcome to the community of Holy Spirit the Malankara Catholic Community from India here in Melbourne. They will be using Holy Spirit church for Liturgy and celebrations from 3 March - 4-7pm on Sundays.

We welcome Fr. Phillip Matthew and the families.



World day of Prayer Service

Friday March 1, 2024. St. Mary's Church Thornbury at

11am followed by morning tea. We encourage all who are able to attend to be present as we respond to Jesus prayer to the Father "That they may be one as you and I are one".



2 Sunday of Lent

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Auguri di Buon 90mo compleanno

Biagio Italiano

Tutte le benedizioni di Dio scenda su di te per il tuo compleanno e ti arrechi solo giorni sereni pieni di pace e tranquillità. Auguri infiniti da Fr. Shabin e tutta la comunità di Santa Maria.

Charity Account: BSN 083 347 Account Number: 140666074



How can you contribute to our parishes

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 our CDF pay QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.

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. **Church Account: Holy Spirit and St Anthony's Account:** BSB 083 347 Account 573502200

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