



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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Reconciliation Times

10.30am Saturdays— St. Mary's
4.30pm Saturdays — Holy Spirit
5.00pm Saturdays - St. Joseph's
11am Sundays—St. Anthony'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

11 Dec: St. Damasus

12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe

13 Dec: St. Lucy

Recently Deceased

Lewis Zahra; Salvatore Scavero;

Jure Moravec

Anniversaries

Rosario Azzaro; John Walter Scott;

Vito Maida; Terri West;

Kata Mihovilovic; Charbel Badr Habchi;

Jalil Wakim; Daniel Hanna Fakhry; Sam

Maatouk; Youssef Anoor Taouk;

Rosina Casamento

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2 Sunday of Advent year B

9/10 December 2023

*'Glory to
God in
the
highest
heaven,
and
peace to all
who enjoy
his favour'*



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

4 Sunday of Advent - Saturday 23 December

Saturday 5pm Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday 5.30pm St. Joseph's Northcote

4 Sunday of Advent - 24 December AM

Sunday 10am St. Mary's Church Thornbury (Bilingual)

Sunday 10.30m St. Anthony's (Bilingual)

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

5.00pm Holy Spirit Family Mass

5.00pm St. Joseph's Family Mass

6.30pm St. Anthony's Family Mass

6.30pm St. Mary's Family Mass

9.00pm Carols St. Mary's. 9.30pm Mass St. Mary's

9.30pm Carols St. Joseph's 10.00pm Mass St. Joseph's

Midnight Mass St. Anthony's

CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

9.00am St. Anthony's (Italian)

9.30am Holy Spirit

10am St Mary's

11 am St Anthony's

11am St. Joseph's

NO EVENING MASS AT ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS DAY

NO MASS BOXING DAY 26 DECEMBER



Advent Reflection Evenings

Week 3: Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm at

St. Mary's church with Adoration and Benediction

Week 4: Thursday 21 December at 7.30pm at

St. Anthony's church including Reconciliation.

This Advent prepare your heart for Jesus like never before by taking on the Advent #Pray25 Challenge with

C.S. Lewis! "Hallow", a Catholic prayer and meditation app, will be journeying through the powerful writings of C.S. Lewis, author of the Chronicles of Narnia and one of the greatest Christian apologists of all time, with daily readings, reflections and meditations leading up to Christmas. With excerpts from Mere Christianity, The Four Loves, and more, be guided through prayer and reflection to rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming into this world and our hearts. The Hallow app is the #1 Catholic pray and meditation app in the world. There are over 10,000 unique sessions available on the app, and a version that is always free which has over 1,000 sessions. For full access to Hallow, including the Advent #Pray25 Challenge, scan the QR code then follow the signup instructions. Enjoy the free trial of the full unlocked version this Advent and cancel anytime.



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

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries,

‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God’.

Here is the Lord the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewe.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. R.

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. R.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4.6

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

THE GOSPEL Mk 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptized by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Prima lettura Is 40,1-5.9-11

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

«Consolate, consolate il mio popolo
– dice il vostro Dio –.

Parlate al cuore di Gerusalemme
e gridatele che la sua tribolazione è compiuta,
la sua colpa è scontata, perché ha ricevuto dalla
mano del Signore il doppio per tutti i suoi peccati».
Una voce grida: «Nel deserto preparate la via al
Signore, spianate nella steppa la strada per il nostro
Dio.

Ogni valle sia innalzata, ogni monte e ogni colle
siano abbassati; il terreno accidentato si trasformi in
piano e quello scosceso in vallata.

Allora si rivelerà la gloria del Signore e tutti gli
uomini insieme la vedranno, perché la bocca del
Signore ha parlato».

Sali su un alto monte, tu che annunci liete notizie a
Sion! Alza la tua voce con forza, tu che annunci liete
notizie a Gerusalemme.

Alza la voce, non temere; annuncia alle città di
Giuda: «Ecco il vostro Dio!

Ecco, il Signore Dio viene con potenza, il suo braccio
esercita il dominio.

Ecco, egli ha con sé il premio e la sua ricompensa lo
precede.

Come un pastore egli fa pascolare il gregge e con il
suo braccio lo raduna; porta gli agnellini sul petto
e conduce dolcemente le pecore madri».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo responsoriale** Sal 84

**R: *Mostraci, Signore, la tua misericordia e
donaci la tua salvezza.***

1. Ascolterò che cosa dice Dio, il Signore:
egli annuncia la pace
per il suo popolo, per i suoi fedeli.
Sì, la sua salvezza è vicina a chi lo teme,
perché la sua gloria abita la nostra terra.

2. Amore e verità s'incontreranno,
giustizia e pace si baceranno.
Verità germoglierà dalla terra
e giustizia si affaccerà dal cielo.

3. Certo, il Signore donerà il suo bene
e la nostra terra darà il suo frutto;
giustizia camminerà davanti a lui:
i suoi passi tratteranno il cammino.

**R: *Mostraci, Signore, la tua misericordia e
donaci la tua salvezza.***

Seconda Lettura 2Pt 3,8-14

Dalla seconda lettera di san Pietro apostolo

Una cosa non dovete perdere di vista, carissimi: davanti al
Signore un solo giorno è come mille anni e mille anni
come un solo giorno. Il Signore non ritarda nel compiere la
sua promessa, anche se alcuni parlano di lentezza. Egli
invece è magnanimo con voi, perché non vuole che alcuno
si perda, ma che tutti abbiano modo di pentirsi.

Il giorno del Signore verrà come un ladro; allora i cieli
spariranno in un grande boato, gli elementi, consumati dal
calore, si dissolveranno e la terra, con tutte le sue opere,
sarà distrutta.

Dato che tutte queste cose dovranno finire in questo
modo, quale deve essere la vostra vita nella santità della
condotta e nelle preghiere, mentre aspettate e affrettate
la venuta del giorno di Dio, nel quale i cieli in fiamme si
dissolveranno e gli elementi incendiati fonderanno! Noi
infatti, secondo la sua promessa, aspettiamo nuovi cieli e
una terra nuova, nei quali abita la giustizia.

Perciò, carissimi, nell'attesa di questi eventi, fate di tutto
perché Dio vi trovi in pace, senza colpa e senza macchia.
Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo** (Lc 3,4.6)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri!

Ogni uomo vedrà la salvezza di Dio!

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mc 1:1-8

Dal Vangelo secondo Marco

Inizio del vangelo di Gesù, Cristo, Figlio di Dio.

Come sta scritto nel profeta Isaia:

«Ecco, dinanzi a te io mando il mio messaggero:
egli preparerà la tua via.

Voce di uno che grida nel deserto:

Preparate la via del Signore,
raddrizzate i suoi sentieri»,

vi fu Giovanni, che battezzava nel deserto e proclamava un
battesimo di conversione per il perdono dei peccati.

Accorrevano a lui tutta la regione della Giudea e tutti gli
abitanti di Gerusalemme. E si facevano battezzare da lui
nel fiume Giordano, confessando i loro peccati.

Giovanni era vestito di peli di cammello, con una cintura di
pelle attorno ai fianchi, e mangiava cavallette e miele
selvatico. E proclamava: «Viene dopo di me colui che è più
forte di me: io non sono degno di chinarmi per slegare i
lacci dei suoi sandali. Io vi ho battezzato con acqua, ma
egli vi battezzerà in Spirito Santo». 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.

Julie Mamo; Lewis Zara; Rose Walker

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

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am **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
- 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-Fakhri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

St. Anthony's and St. Joseph'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. 1. Pay for a bag

2. Sign a card, if you like. The cards have been made by

St. Anthony's classes and are on the table.

3. 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. **The bags be available to purchase from 19 November.**



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome **Antonio and Liliana Cimino** who present **Dario Michele** for baptism at Holy Spirit on Sunday. We welcome them into the Christian Community. We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Little Sisters of the Poor "Raise the Roof Appeal"

There will be a special Collection at all Masses TODAY to help fund the repairs to their Roof. Please give generously.



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

Just a reminder that next weekend is the last weekend for you to return the items purchased for the St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree. This deadline is to ensure we have time to stocktake what we have received and to purchase additional items as needed.

For those interested in helping on the morning of Christmas Eve or 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.

**** Note: This applies to St Mary's & Holy Spirit churches only ****

Can you help? We need donations for flowers for the churches for Christmas. Please place in envelop marked 'flowers' and put in collection plate.

Next week's readings: 3 Sunday of Advent Year B

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11 Psalm: Lk 1 1Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-20

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

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