



Northcote & Thornbury
Catholic Parishes



**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

MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 10.00am English/Italian

5.30pm English

Weekdays: Wednesdays 9.15am

Italian. **Ogni Mercoledì durante la
Quaresima ci saranno le Via Crucis
prima della messa**

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian

Weekdays: Tuesdays 9.15am
English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Weekdays: Thursdays 9.15am
Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian

11.00am English

Weekdays: Fridays 9.15am English

Italian Stations of the Cross

**St Anthony's Friday 9.45am during
Lent**

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

25 March: Feast of the Annunciation

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Maria Favaloro (30yrs. anni.);

Isabella Cardamone (1yr.anni.)

Frank Sagaria; Jamileh Fakhry;

George Baini; Duloona Fakhry;

Youssef Rahorl Antoun Taouk ;

Antonieta Zaccardi; Giorgio

Marangoni; Gesualdo, Giovanni &

Gregorio Ferraro.

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St. Joseph's Feast Day



Happy Feast Day St. Joseph's!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph: A man of Vision and dreams.

On Sunday at 11am Mass, the children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be presented to the Parish at St. Joseph's as well as the Blessing of the beautiful statue of St. Joseph in the parish garden.

Thank you to all who have made this possible.

Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

(Composed by Pope Francis in *Patris Corde*.)

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

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 22

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want
Fresh and green are the pastures
Where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
To revive my drooping spirit.
2. He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
No evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever.

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SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth.

Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL John 9: 1-41 (Shorter form)

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.
His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'
They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.
'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.
Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.
The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ **Next Week's**

Readings: 5 Sunday of Lent

Ez 37: 12-14

Ps 129

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Prima Lettura: 1Sam 16,1.4.6-7.10-13

Dal primo libro di Samuele

In quei giorni, il Signore disse a Samuele: «Riempi d'olio il tuo corno e parti. Ti mando da lesse il Betlemmita, perché mi sono scelto tra i suoi figli un re». Samuele fece quello che il Signore gli aveva comandato. Quando fu entrato, egli vide Eliab e disse: «Certo, davanti al Signore sta il suo consacrato!». Il Signore replicò a Samuele: «Non guardare al suo aspetto né alla sua alta statura. Io l'ho scartato, perché non conta quel che vede l'uomo: infatti l'uomo vede l'apparenza, ma il Signore vede il cuore». Lesse fece passare davanti a Samuele i suoi sette figli e Samuele ripeté a lesse: «Il Signore non ha scelto nessuno di questi». Samuele chiese a lesse: «Sono qui tutti i giovani?». Rispose lesse: «Rimane ancora il più piccolo, che ora sta a pascolare il gregge». Samuele disse a lesse: «Manda a prenderlo, perché non ci metteremo a tavola prima che egli sia venuto qui». Lo mandò a chiamare e lo fece venire. Era fulvo, con begli occhi e bello di aspetto. Disse il Signore: «Àlzati e ungilo: è lui!». Samuele prese il corno dell'olio e lo unse in mezzo ai suoi fratelli, e lo spirito del Signore irruppe su Davide da quel giorno in poi. Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo Responsoriale: Sal 22

Rit: Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.

1. Il Signore è il mio pastore:

non manco di nulla.

Su pascoli erbosi mi fa riposare,

ad acque tranquille mi conduce.

Rinfranca l'anima mia.

2. Mi guida per il giusto cammino

a motivo del suo nome.

Anche se vado per una valle oscura,

non temo alcun male, perché tu sei con me.

Il tuo bastone e il tuo vincastro

mi danno sicurezza.

3. Davanti a me tu prepari una mensa

sotto gli occhi dei miei nemici.

Ungi di olio il mio capo;

il mio calice trabocca.

4. Sì, bontà e fedeltà mi saranno compagne

tutti i giorni della mia vita,

abiterò ancora nella casa del Signore

per lunghi giorni.

Rit: Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.

Seconda Lettura: Ef 5,8-14

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo agli Efesini

Fratelli, un tempo eravate tenebra, ora siete luce nel Signore. Comportatevi perciò come figli della luce; ora il frutto della luce consiste in ogni bontà, giustizia e verità.

Cercate di capire ciò che è gradito al Signore. Non partecipate alle opere delle tenebre, che non danno frutto, ma piuttosto condannatele apertamente. Di quanto viene fatto in segreto da [coloro che disobbediscono a Dio] è vergognoso perfino parlare, mentre tutte le cose apertamente condannate sono rivelate dalla luce: tutto quello che si manifesta è luce. Per questo è detto: «Svegliati, tu che dormi, risorgi dai morti e Cristo ti illuminerà». Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Gv 4,42.15)

Gloria a te, o Cristo, Verbo di Dio!

Io sono la luce del mondo, dice il Signore;

chi segue me, avrà la luce della vita.

Gloria a te, o Cristo, Verbo di Dio!

Vangelo Forma breve: Gv 9, 1.6-9.13-17.34-38

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

In quel tempo, Gesù passando vide un uomo cieco dalla nascita; sputò per terra, fece del fango con la saliva, spalmò il fango sugli occhi del cieco e gli disse: «Va' a lavarti nella piscina di Siloe», che significa "Inviato".

Quegli andò, si lavò e tornò che ci vedeva. Allora i vicini e quelli che lo avevano visto prima, perché era un mendicante, dicevano: «Non è lui quello che stava seduto a chiedere l'elemosina?». Alcuni dicevano: «È lui»; altri dicevano: «No, ma è uno che gli assomiglia». Ed egli diceva: «Sono io!».

Condussero dai farisei quello che era stato cieco: era un sabato, il giorno in cui Gesù aveva fatto del fango e gli aveva aperto gli occhi. Anche i farisei dunque gli chiesero di nuovo come aveva acquistato la vista. Ed egli disse loro: «Mi ha messo del fango sugli occhi, mi sono lavato e ci vedo». Allora alcuni dei farisei dicevano: «Quest'uomo non viene da Dio, perché non osserva il sabato». Altri invece dicevano: «Come può un peccatore compiere segni di questo genere?». E c'era dissenso tra loro. Allora dissero di nuovo al cieco: «Tu, che cosa dici di lui, dal momento che ti ha aperto gli occhi?». Egli rispose: «È un profeta!». Gli replicarono: «Sei nato tutto nei peccati e insegni a noi?». E lo cacciarono fuori. Gesù seppe che l'avevano cacciato fuori; quando lo trovò, gli disse: «Tu, credi nel Figlio dell'uomo?». Egli rispose: «E chi è, Signore, perché io creda in lui?». Gli disse Gesù: «Lo hai visto: è colui che parla con te». Ed egli disse: «Credo, Signore!». E si prostrò dinanzi a lui. Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te O Cristo

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required. Mary Borg; Francesco & Paola Vavalà; Rose Walker; Paul Mercieca

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**

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 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: 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

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

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Seniors Mass every last Friday of the Month at 10.30am in the church.

Parrochiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdì del mese alle 10.30am.**

Finished for the year will recommence in February 2023.

First Wednesday of the month

St. Mary's 9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Wednesday of the month. Will recommence in February 2023

"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



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community

Bronik and Corrine as they present **Ashton Maurice Davies and Shano and Stephanie** as they present **Lenardo James Bira'm** at

St. Anthony's on Sunday and **Matthew James Britten** at St. Mary's

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

Refugee family settled with parish support

Thanks to so many of you who helped, with resources or support, to settle a refugee family of six into a house in a neighbouring suburb in February. The Afghani family came last week from a refugee camp in Turkey to Australia as part of the Community Refugee Integration Support Pilot.

Our Combined Parishes Asylum Seeker Support Group assisted the CRISP team to resettle this family.

At the same time our group continues with monthly collection of goods that go to Afghani families in Lalor and to the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.

At the moment we have a few other specific needs. Can you help with any of these: We are desperate for storage space to house things such as fridges, washing machines etc that get offered to us. An unused shed would be perfect.

The newly arrived family, from the Turkish camp, needs clean floor rugs.

New baby clothes. One of the Afghani families in Lalor is expecting a baby in April.

We are looking for size 00 or 000 onesies (just these sizes), baby blankets, booties and disposable nappies. Please consider donating something new.

Keep up the monthly oil and disposable nappy donations.

If you can help with any of these things please contact Rosie Hoban at

hobanrosie@gmail.com or Laxmi Fonseca osvaldo3644@gmail.com

We would love any support that you can give.

VILLA VERDE GARDEN GREENVALE

Friends of St Teresa's
fStN.org
Fundraising in aid of the Common Sisters - St Theresa's Hospice South Sudan
When: Sunday 26th March 2023
Time: 11am to 5pm
Finger food, tea & coffee provided
Music and Concert 2pm - 4pm
Raffle
Flower & Orchid Sale
\$30 Admission, Children Under 12 Free
Contact Details:
damerica@morelandgastro.com.au
Phone: 9388 4162
RSVP by 29th March 2023
Special thanks to: Adelaide & Ross Bena, Villa Verde Centre Trustees - Maria Rosalinda, Giuseppe Collet, Piedmont's Supermarket & Mandy Wright.
Villa Verde Gardens
855 Middlesex Road, Greenvale
Parking available only at Greenvale Shopping Centre (opposite gardens)
villaverdegardens.com.au



A Piano Accordion urgently needed for Good Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at All Nations Park.

Does anyone have a piano accordion we can borrow to play at All Nations park on Good Friday 7 April **Please contact the Parish Office 9484 2907**

Little Sisters of the Poor

RAISE THE ROOF

Fundraising Appeal



25th & 26th March (Sat-Sun)
11am-3pm
112b St Georges Road Northcote

WILL YOU HELP US TO REPLACE OUR LEAKING ROOF



How can you contribute to the parish

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

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.

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