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Mission Prayer: Loving God, guide us as we build a joyful and inclusive community. May your Holy Spirit lead and inspire us to be the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving others and caring for all. Amen.

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & 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

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: 10:30am, English/Italian

Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Dec 3: St Francis Xavier, priest

Recently Deceased

Elaine Ledda

Anniversaries

Giuseppina Romanello (1 mth),
Alan John Frazer (1 Yr),
Franca Scaturchio (2 Yrs),
Mansour and Shums Taouk,
Nassib Harb, Raymond Harb,
Jamal Youssef Elorsy Taouk,
Silvio Ongarato, Liberto Falvo,
Chloe Gomez, Lester Gomez,
Fred Schroder, and Clare Karem.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
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First Sunday of Advent—Year A

29-30 Nov 2025

Advent

2025

Waiting in Hope, Peace, Joy & Love

★ Week 2-Carol Service Now @ **St Mary's**
& Farewell Mass Honouring Fr Peter
with Combined Parish Choirs
Sunday 7 December
★ Carols 4:30pm ★ Mass 5:30pm
St Mary's Church - Thornbury
Parking available at St Mary's School grounds
(enter via Mansfield St)
Bring a plate to share

★ Week 3-Reconciliation - 2nd Rite
Thursday 18 December - 7:30pm
St Joseph's Church - Northcote

★ Weekly Advent Reflection Groups
Reflecting on "In Holy Stillness"
Wednesday Group: 7:30 pm @ John & Anne's Home
Thursday Group: 10:30 am @ Holy Spirit Church
Led by John Samana

"In Holy Stillness" daily reflections for Advent Year A 2025
Purchase booklet to reflect at home (\$5)
Copies at the back of the churches.

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

First Reading *Isaiah 2:1-5***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord

shall tower above the mountains

and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,

peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion,

and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations

and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,

there will be no more training for war

O House of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9*

R *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

L I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

L It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David. **R.**

L For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

L For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **R.**

Second Reading *Romans 13:11-14***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 of *Matthew 24:37-44***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings *Next Week—2nd Sunday of Advent*
7 Dec 2025

1st Rdg: Isaiah 11:1-10

2nd Rdg: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Prima lettura Is 2,1-5
Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Messaggio che Isaia, figlio di Amoz, ricevette in visione su Giuda e su Gerusalemme.

Alla fine dei giorni,
 il monte del tempio del Signore
 sarà saldo sulla cima dei monti
 e s'innalzerà sopra i colli,
 e ad esso affluiranno tutte le genti.
 Verranno molti popoli e diranno:
 «Venite, saliamo sul monte del Signore,
 al tempio del Dio di Giacobbe,
 perché ci insegni le sue vie
 e possiamo camminare per i suoi sentieri».
 Poiché da Sion uscirà la legge
 e da Gerusalemme la parola del Signore.
 Egli sarà giudice fra le genti
 e arbitro fra molti popoli.
 Spezzeranno le loro spade e ne faranno aratri,
 delle loro lance faranno falci;
 una nazione non alzerà più la spada
 contro un'altra nazione,
 non impareranno più l'arte della guerra.
 Casa di Giacobbe, venite,
 camminiamo nella luce del Signore.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 121

Rit. _ Andiamo con gioia incontro al Signore.

L. Quale gioia, quando mi dissero:
 «Andremo alla casa del Signore!».
 Già sono fermi i nostri piedi
 alle tue porte, Gerusalemme! **Rit.**

L. È là che salgono le tribù,
 le tribù del Signore,
 secondo la legge d'Israele,
 per lodare il nome del Signore.
 Là sono posti i troni del giudizio,
 i troni della casa di Davide. **Rit.**

L. Chiedete pace per Gerusalemme:
 vivano sicuri quelli che ti amano;
 sia pace nelle tue mura,
 sicurezza nei tuoi palazzi. **Rit.**

L. Per i miei fratelli e i miei amici
 io dirò: «Su di te sia pace!».
 Per la casa del Signore nostro Dio,
 chiederò per te il bene. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Rm 13,11-14

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, questo voi farete, consapevoli del momento: è ormai tempo di svegliarvi dal sonno, perché adesso la nostra salvezza è più vicina di quando diventammo credenti.

La notte è avanzata, il giorno è vicino. Perciò gettiamo via le opere delle tenebre e indossiamo le armi della luce.

Comportiamoci onestamente, come in pieno giorno: non in mezzo a orge e ubriachezze, non fra lussurie e impurità, non in litigi e gelosie. Rivestitevi invece del Signore Gesù Cristo.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Sal 84,8

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 24,37-44

Dal Vangelo Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:
 «Come furono i giorni di Noè, così sarà la venuta del Figlio dell'uomo. Infatti, come nei giorni che precedettero il diluvio mangiavano e bevevano, prendevano moglie e prendevano marito, fino al giorno in cui Noè entrò nell'arca, e non si accorsero di nulla finché venne il diluvio e travolse tutti: così sarà anche la venuta del Figlio dell'uomo. Allora due uomini saranno nel campo: uno verrà portato via e l'altro lasciato. Due donne macineranno alla mola: una verrà portata via e l'altra lasciata.

Vegliate dunque, perché non sapete in quale giorno il Signore vostro verrà. Cercate di capire questo: se il padrone di casa sapesse a quale ora della notte viene il ladro, veglierebbe e non si lascerebbe scassinare la casa. Perciò anche voi tenetevi pronti perché, nell'ora che non immaginate, viene il Figlio dell'uomo».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for **2 weeks**, then a new request is required.

Caroline Fakhry, Christian Fakhri, Michael Rudov, Rony & family.

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 <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>

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

2026 Columban Calendars available for Purchase at the back of the church—\$10.

This Advent, join us in moments of quiet reflection during our liturgies:

After the Readings: Sit in silence and let a word or phrase from the reading rest in your heart. If your mind wanders, gently return to that word and ask, "What is God saying to me?"

After the Homily: In the stillness, notice what touched you in the Homily. Reflect on how you are being called to respond.

After Communion: Use this peaceful time to thank Jesus, ask for transformation of heart and mind, or revisit insights from the readings or Homily. Be actively present in the silence where God dwells.

Friday **5 December** Anointing Mass—at **St Anthony's** Alphington—9:15 am

Next Weekend—**6/7 December** Join us for a **cuppa** after Mass

Farewell Gift for Fr Peter: The parish will be giving Fr Peter a gift. If you would like to contribute, please put money in an envelope, and drop into the collection basket. A card will be at St Mary's foyer on the day before the Farewell Mass for you to sign.

Rob Costin, Principal of Holy Spirit School, and **Anne Vernal**, Deputy Principal are retiring. A Farewell Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, **9 December at 5pm** at Holy Spirit Church. Light refreshments will follow in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall.



St Joseph's Christmas Mass and Lunch—Friday 12th December 2025 11.00am In the Parish Centre
\$25.00 Signup sheets at the back door of St Joseph's



Pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Cathedral and MacKillop Heritage Centre Tour

Mass—**Saturday 13 December, 9.30 am**
St Patrick's Cathedral,

After Mass, join us for a private tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre—\$10
Arrange your own transport and **RSVP** on the sheets at the church entrance.
Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, —see <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/jubilee>



ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) - ST MARYS & HOLY SPIRIT GIVING TREE – PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

For over 25 years, the joint St Mary's/Holy Spirit Vinnies conference has prepared Christmas hampers for those in need in Thornbury.

To support this, the Giving Tree is again in the Church with symbols showing required items. Please take any number, purchase the items, and place them under the tree by 20–21 December. (No gift wrapping needed.)

If you prefer to donate cash for extra items or gift vouchers, envelopes are also on the tree. Donations may be placed in 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). Thank you for helping us continue our work in the community. For details about the hampers or Vinnies, please contact the parish office.

**** Note: This applies to St Marys & Holy Spirit churches only ****

Instrumental Musicians needed for Christmas Eve 5pm Mass. 🎸 🎹 🎺

If you can play an instrument we invite you to join the orchestra for the Holy Spirit Christmas Eve 5pm Mass. Please contact John via Parish Office .