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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.

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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

Recently Deceased

John Olsen, Tina Carone

Anniversaries

Chrissie Murphy, Pearl Davies,
Armando Antonicelli (3 Yrs),
Frank Franklin, Chafic Moussa Fakhry,
Brian Caesar Bacash,
Nabih Toufic Fakhry, Kamleh Amad,
Kozhaya Toufic Atrash and
Youssef Geryes Nassima Fakhry.

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Resurrection Sunday —Year A

5 April 2026



2026 EASTER MESSAGE

Easter offers a way forward

Friends,

Easter invites us to stand at the threshold from night into dawn. In the Gospel, we meet Mary Magdalen arriving at the tomb while it was still dark (Jn 20:1). She carries grief and confusion, yet a fragile hope. What she finds is not an ending but a beginning: the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty. And before her stands the One who knows her name: Mary.

As dawn breaks, a quiet truth emerges: death has not had the final word; life has arisen.

The resurrection unfolds like morning light. It does not blind, but illumines. It does not erase wounds, but transfigures them. Christ, the Light of the World, comes to meet us as the light we need. Christ is present; Christ is life.

Yet many today experience absence. For the young especially, the world can feel stripped of mystery—flattened, reduced. Meaning feels distant; hope can seem lost. Our lives can appear dark and empty. Conflict and war confront us.

And yet, it is precisely there that Easter speaks our name. The empty tomb is the sign which awakens us to the truth that God is still with us; Jesus is still for us. This Easter, we are called not only to receive Christ's light, but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.

Here in Melbourne, we see both vitality and vulnerability: generosity among neighbours, yet distance towards others. Into this world comes the risen Christ, shining light into every darkness and upon every life. To be a light is to reflect the One who brings hope, and to keep it alive in a world that can forget to hold in safety those in need.

In our divided and conflicted world, Easter offers not escape but a way forward: to live with compassion, seek truth, build peace, and stand for hope.

To the steadfast in faith: may this Easter renew your joy and courage.

To those who feel distant: the light of Christ is already seeking you.

To people of goodwill: Easter proclaims that life is stronger than death, love stronger than fear, and hope stronger than despair.

May the risen Christ bless Melbourne and all its people this Easter.

And may we rediscover his company as we walk from darkness into his marvelous light.

Christ is risen. Alleluia

On behalf of Fr Shabin, Fr Tuong and
Fr Brendan, We wish all our
parishioners and their families
A happy and Blessed Easter!

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Archbishop of Melbourne

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R *This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

L Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

L The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

L The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 5:6-8**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8**Sequence**

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel of Matthew MT 28:1-10**A Reading A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Readings Next Week—Divine Mercy Sunday Year A—
12 April 2026**

1st Rdg: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Rdg: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Prima lettura At 10,34a.37-43**Dagli Atti degli Apostoli**

In quei giorni, Pietro prese la parola e disse: «Voi sapete ciò che è accaduto in tutta la Giudea, cominciando dalla Galilea, dopo il battesimo predicato da Giovanni; cioè come Dio consacrò in Spirito Santo e potenza Gesù di Nàzaret, il quale passò beneficiando e risanando tutti coloro che stavano sotto il potere del diavolo, perché Dio era con lui.

E noi siamo testimoni di tutte le cose da lui compiute nella regione dei Giudei e in Gerusalemme. Essi lo uccisero appendendolo a una croce, ma Dio lo ha risuscitato al terzo giorno e volle che si manifestasse, non a tutto il popolo, ma a testimoni prescelti da Dio, a noi che abbiamo mangiato e bevuto con lui dopo la sua risurrezione dai morti.

E ci ha ordinato di annunciare al popolo e di testimoniare che egli è il giudice dei vivi e dei morti, costituito da Dio. A lui tutti i profeti danno questa testimonianza: chiunque crede in lui riceve il perdono dei peccati per mezzo del suo nome».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 117

Rit. _ Questo è il giorno che ha fatto il Signore: rallegriamoci ed esultiamo.

L. Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono, perché il suo amore è per sempre.

Dica Israele:

«Il suo amore è per sempre». **Rit.**

L. La destra del Signore si è innalzata, la destra del Signore ha fatto prodezze. Non morirò, ma resterò in vita e annuncerò le opere del Signore. **Rit.**

L. La pietra scartata dai costruttori è divenuta la pietra d'angolo. Questo è stato fatto dal Signore: una meraviglia ai nostri occhi. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Col 3,1-4**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Colossési**

Fratelli, se siete risorti con Cristo, cercate le cose di lassù, dove è Cristo, seduto alla destra di Dio; rivolgete il pensiero alle cose di lassù, non a quelle della terra. Voi infatti siete morti e la vostra vita è nascosta con Cristo in Dio! Quando Cristo, vostra vita, sarà manifestato, allora anche voi apparirete con lui nella gloria.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Sequenza

Alla vittima pasquale,
s'innalzi oggi il sacrificio di lode.
L'Agnello ha redento il suo gregge,
l'Innocente ha riconciato
noi peccatori col Padre.

Morte e Vita si sono affrontate
in un prodigioso duello.
Il Signore della vita era morto;
ma ora, vivo, trionfa.

«Raccontaci, Maria:
che hai visto sulla via?».
«La tomba del Cristo vivente,
la gloria del Cristo risorto,
e gli angeli suoi testimoni,
il sudario e le sue vesti.
Cristo, mia speranza, è risorto:
precede i suoi in Galilea».

Sì, ne siamo certi:
Cristo è davvero risorto.
Tu, Re vittorioso,
abbi pietà di noi.

Canto al Vangelo 1Cor 5,7-8

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Cristo, nostra Pasqua, è stato immolato:
facciamo festa nel Signore.*

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 28,1-10

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

1 Dopo il sabato, all'alba del primo giorno della settimana, Maria di Màgdala e l'altra Maria andarono a visitare la tomba. 2 Ed ecco, vi fu un gran terremoto. Un angelo del Signore, infatti, sceso dal cielo, si avvicinò, rotolò la pietra e si pose a sedere su di essa. 3 Il suo aspetto era come folgore e il suo vestito bianco come neve. 4 Per lo spavento che ebbero di lui, le guardie furono scosse e rimasero come morte. 5 L'angelo disse alle donne: «Voi non abbiate paura! So che cercate Gesù, il crocifisso. 6 Non è qui. È risorto, infatti, come aveva detto; venite, guardate il luogo dove era stato deposto. 7 Presto, andate a dire ai suoi discepoli: «È risorto dai morti, ed ecco, vi precede in Galilea; là lo vedrete». Ecco, io ve l'ho detto». .

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo

**Auguri di una Pasqua
piena di pace e gioia.**



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Tina Marangoni, Iklas Mansoor

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 Tuong.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Harlow** and **Helena** who are presented for their baptism by their parents **Warnakulasuriya and Shehani, and Harris and Semhar** at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate the children and their family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

RCIA: We thank Jim Coffey and Cheryl Sullivan for preparing our Catechumens: Jake, Kyle, Caitlin, Max and our Candidate Lucy. We congratulate them as they become full members of our community of faith this Easter.

• On Holy Thursday and Good Friday, **St Anthony's** school grounds will be open for **car parking**. • Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil, **St Mary's** school grounds will also be open for **parking** — enter via Mansfield St.



We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Belinda Cheong** as Principal of Holy Spirit Primary School, Thornbury East, commencing **11 May 2026**.

Belinda is a highly experienced educator who has served in a range of leadership roles, most recently as Deputy Principal/HR and Maths Leader at St Mary's Primary School, Greensborough. During her time at St Mary's, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, a deep commitment to Catholic education, and a strong dedication to the wellbeing and growth of the school community. Belinda is looking forward to joining the Holy Spirit Primary School community, and we are confident she will lead with vision, faith, and compassion. We warmly congratulate Belinda on her appointment and wish her every success as she begins her leadership journey as Principal of Holy Spirit Primary School.

Fr Shabin and Fr Tuong sincerely thank everyone who contributed to our Holy Week and Easter liturgies—sacristans, liturgy team, choir, floral decorators, volunteers, readers, special ministers, cleaners, TV operators and all who assisted. Your support is deeply appreciated. Happy Easter! With every blessing, Fr Shabin & Fr Tuong

We congratulate Fr Tuong on his appointment as Chaplain to the John Pierce Centre for the Deaf Community, one day per week.



Building the Synodal Way Together: As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns and walks together. **Reflection:** How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The Diocesan Synod Commission will hold its first meeting on Thursday 9 April. Please keep the Commission in your prayers as members gather to discern and plan for the work ahead. please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au Bp Rene Ramirez RCJ

Community Faith Walk – Saturday 2 May 2026

Join us for our Community Faith Walk as we strengthen our sense of unity, build friendships across our parishes, and get to know each of our churches.

At each stop, there will be a **2-minute reflection on a chosen Scripture passage**, followed by a **short hymn** to help us pray together.

We will meet at **St Joseph's**, then walk to **St Anthony's**, **Holy Spirit**, and finish at **St Mary's**, where refreshments will be served. The walk begins at **9.30am** and will take around two hours. All are welcome to come, walk, talk and share in fellowship.

Project Compassion 2026: Please return your project compassion box back to the church this weekend. The funds raised will help provide women like **Manaini**, a grandmother from rural Fiji, with the skills to turn leftover crops into flour, creating a sustainable income for her family. **Donate** via website: caritas.org.au/project-compassion/sisilia-story/ | or call: 1800 024 413