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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

Oct 28: Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

Nov 1: All Saints Solemnity

Nov 2: The Commemoration of ALL the Faithful departed (All Soul's Day)

Recently Deceased

Brendan George Clark

Anniversaries

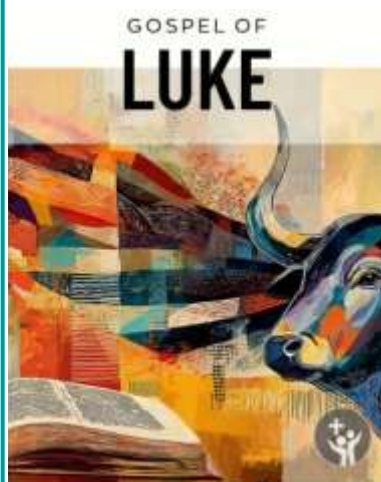
Marino Casamento, Marjorie Ang,
Leonardo De Lorenzo, George Ponton,
Shaker Yousif, Antoine Ghobril,
Haifa Moussa Fakhry, Angelita Obaldo,
Fahed Wakim Amad,
Salim Mansour Taouk and
Tannous Hanna Fakhry.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

25-26 Oct 2025



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Two Ways to Pray

Today's Gospel parable contrasts two very different approaches to prayer. The Pharisee focuses on himself—boasting of his virtue and highlighting the faults of others, like the tax collector. His prayer becomes a self-congratulatory report rather than a conversation with God.

The tax collector, by contrast, humbly asks for mercy. Whether his sin stems from personal failure or a difficult life situation, he comes before God with honesty and humility. Jesus tells us it is he—not the Pharisee—who goes home justified.

This parable offers hope to all who feel unworthy. God responds more readily to humble hearts than to self-righteousness, which can block the flow of divine mercy. (*Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, Brendan Byrne SJ*)

Protecting Life and Conscience: A Call to Prayer and Action

The Victorian Government is proposing changes to euthanasia and assisted suicide laws that would weaken safeguards for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object.

In response, the **Bishops of Victoria** have written to Catholics urging them to contact their local MPs and oppose the Bill. As MPs will have a conscience vote, their decision is not bound by party lines.

Instead of attempting to expand euthanasia and assisted suicide, the Bishops urge Members of Parliament to continue expanding access to good palliative care to all Victorians, particularly for those in the regions.

Take Action

 Read the Bishops' pastoral letter on euthanasia and assisted suicide [here](#).

 Pray for the common good to be served, for the dignity of all human life to be respected, for those who are near death, and for the loved ones and caregivers who accompany them.

 Contact your local Members of Parliament. You can find details of your local state parliamentarians [here](#). (<https://melbournecatholic.org/euthanasia-bill>)

First Reading *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19***A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

The Lord is a judge
 who is no respecter of personages.
 He shows no respect of personages to the
 detriment of a poor man,
 he listens to the plea of the injured party.
 He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
 nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
 The man who with his whole heart serves God will
 be accepted,
 his petitions will carry to the clouds.
 The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
 until it arrives he is inconsolable,
 nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
 him,
 acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
 And the Lord will not be slow,
 nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23*

R *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

L I will bless the Lord at all times,
 his praise always on my lips;
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
 The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

L The Lord turns his face against the wicked
 to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
 The just call and the Lord hears
 and rescues them in all their distress **R.**

L The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
 those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
 The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
 Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**Second Reading** *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.
 The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
 and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel of *Luke 18:9-14***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings **Next Week—31st Sunday in OT: 2 Nov 2025**

1st Rdg: 2 Maccabees 12:43-45

2nd Rdg: Romans 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 (Year C)

Prima lettura Sir 35,15-17.20-22**Dal libro del Siràcide**

Il Signore è giudice
e per lui non c'è preferenza di persone.
Non è parziale a danno del povero
e ascolta la preghiera dell'oppresso.
Non trascura la supplica dell'orfano,
né la vedova, quando si sfoga nel lamento.
Chi la soccorre è accolto con benevolenza,
la sua preghiera arriva fino alle nubi.
La preghiera del povero attraversa le nubi
né si quietava finché non sia arrivata;
non desiste finché l'Altissimo non sia intervenuto
e abbia reso soddisfazione ai giusti e ristabilito
l'equità.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 33****Rit. _ Il povero grida e il Signore lo ascolta.**

L._ Benedirò il Signore in ogni tempo,
sulla mia bocca sempre la sua lode.

Io mi glorio nel Signore:
i poveri ascoltino e si rallegriano. **Rit.**

L._ Il volto del Signore contro i malfattori,
per eliminarne dalla terra il ricordo.
Gridano e il Signore li ascolta,
li libera da tutte le loro angosce. **Rit.**

L._ Il Signore è vicino a chi ha il cuore spezzato,
egli salva gli spiriti affranti.
Il Signore riscatta la vita dei suoi servi;
non sarà condannato chi in lui si rifugia. **Rit.**


Seconda lettura 2Tm 4,6-8.16-18
Dalla seconda lettera di san Paolo apostolo a
Timòteo

Figlio mio, io sto già per essere versato in offerta ed è
giunto il momento che io lasci questa vita. Ho
combattuto la buona battaglia, ho terminato la corsa, ho
conservato la fede. Ora mi resta soltanto la corona di
giustizia che il Signore, il giudice giusto, mi consegnerà
in quel giorno; non solo a me, ma anche a tutti coloro
che hanno atteso con amore la sua manifestazione.
Nella mia prima difesa in tribunale nessuno mi ha
assistito; tutti mi hanno abbandonato. Nei loro
confronti, non se ne tenga conto. Il Signore però mi è
stato vicino e mi ha dato forza, perché io potessi
portare a compimento l'annuncio del Vangelo e tutte le
genti lo ascoltassero: e così fui liberato dalla bocca del
leone.

Il Signore mi libererà da ogni male e mi porterà in salvo
nei cieli, nel suo regno; a lui la gloria nei secoli dei
secoli. Amen.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo 2Cor 5,19****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Dio ha riconciliato a sé il mondo in Cristo,
affidando a noi la parola della riconciliazione.

Alleluia.**Vangelo Lc 18,9-14****Dal Vangelo secondo Luca**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ancora questa parabola per
alcuni che avevano l'intima presunzione di essere giusti
e disprezzavano gli altri:

«Due uomini salirono al tempio a pregare: uno era
fariseo e l'altro pubblicano.

Il fariseo, stando in piedi, pregava così tra sé: "O Dio, ti
ringrazio perché non sono come gli altri uomini, ladri,
ingiusti, adulteri, e neppure come questo pubblicano.
Digiuno due volte alla settimana e pago le decime di
tutto quello che possiedo".

Il pubblicano invece, fermatosi a distanza, non osava
nemmeno alzare gli occhi al cielo, ma si batteva il petto
dicendo: "O Dio, abbi pietà di me peccatore".

Io vi dico: questi, a differenza dell'altro, tornò a casa sua
giustificato, perché chiunque si esalta sarà umiliato, chi
invece si umilia sarà esaltato».

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.

Max Gomez, Tony Griebel, Phoenix Toma, Onyx Toma, Jamal Gorgees, Iklas Mansoor, Tina Marangoni.

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-Fahkri

Parish Notices

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

Friday 31 Oct —Seniors Mass 10:30 am at **St Joseph's Northcote**—Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.



November is the Month of the Holy Souls

"We pray for them out of love and hope," ...
"Their journey to God continues, and our prayers strengthen them—
and bring healing to us." (*Archbishop Peter Comensoli*)

Envelopes for November Mass offerings will be on the pews.



Memoriam Masses—Saturday 8 to Sunday 9 November

In November we remember all those who have died and especially those who have been buried from our Parish Churches.

Please Join us as we celebrate and remember our dearly departed.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets: \$5.00 per envelope (10 tickets). On sale now!
Draw: Sunday, **21st December** after the 10:30 am Mass at St Anthony's Church Alphington. St Anthony's Italian Committee.

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

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. Thank you for your generosity.



Your generous support today changes lives!

Through Catholic Mission, you help provide food, water, education, and emergency aid via Church-run programs. Tax-deductible gifts fund vital services; non-deductible gifts support faith formation, seminarian training, and building schools and churches.



Together, we bring hope where it's needed most.

In drought-stricken Mpika, Zambia, Sharon and Victor grow maize to feed their four children. But the harsh climate forces a painful choice: sell their crop to survive, or keep it and go without essentials. For women, the burden is even greater.

Your donation to Catholic Mission brings hope:

- Resilient farming: Seeds, tools, and training for tough conditions
- Food security: Crops that feed families first, with surplus for income
- Empowered women: Spaces to learn, grow, and lead in faith and action

Earthcare —Next meeting: Thursday, 20th Nov, 7:30pm @ Holy Spirit Church



Australian Catholic Youth Festival—YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025 UPDATE

Six young people from Alphington-Thornbury East, Northcote, and Thornbury parishes will attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival this year.

Youth (Year 9–25) can still register via the parish QR code or email the Parish office. Details: <https://acyf.org.au/>



Please keep our participants in your prayers. If you would like to help cover the registration cost (\$390) for our young people or leaders, please speak with our priests or make an online donation to the "Church" account, using the reference "ACYF25." Thank you for your ongoing prayers and generosity.