



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
11am Sundays—St. Anthony's

MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 10.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English

Weekdays: Wednesdays 9.15am
Italian.

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

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

24 July: St Sharbel Makhluf

25 July: St. James

26 July: St. Joachim & St. Anne

29 July Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Recently Deceased

Nerina Smarrelli (1mth)

Anniversaries

George Van Haltren; Carmine
Buonopane;

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16 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

22/23 July 2023



Pope Francis establishes World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Following the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis announced the institution of World Day for

Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Recalling the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – when the elderly Simeon and Anna encountered the child Jesus and recognized Him as the Messiah – Pope Francis said, “the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly.” The voice of the elderly “is precious,” he said, “because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.”

The elderly, he continued, “remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life.”

The elderly must not be forgotten. The Holy Father said he instituted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because “grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on” what the elderly have received. Continued on back page..... *Vatican News*

Sacrament of Confirmation



Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates from St. Mary's who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 22 July.

We thank their teachers, catechists, parents and sponsors who have prepared them for this special milestone. Please keep them in your prayers.

A Special welcome to Bishop Terry Curtin who will confer the sacrament on them. **WELCOME BISHOP TERRY!**

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 85

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING Romans 8: 26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" "

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prima lettura Sap 12,13.16-19

Dal libro della Sapienza

Non c'è Dio fuori di te, che abbia cura di tutte le cose, perché tu debba difenderti dall'accusa di giudice ingiusto.

La tua forza infatti è il principio della giustizia, e il fatto che sei padrone di tutti, ti rende indulgente con tutti.

Mostri la tua forza quando non si crede nella pienezza del tuo potere, e rigetti l'insolenza di coloro che pur la conoscono. Padrone della forza, tu giudichi con mitezza e ci governi con molta indulgenza, perché, quando vuoi, tu eserciti il potere. Con tale modo di agire hai insegnato al tuo popolo che il giusto deve amare gli uomini, e hai dato ai tuoi figli la buona speranza che, dopo i peccati, tu concedi il pentimento.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo responsoriale** Sal 85**R: Tu sei buono, Signore, e perdoni.**

1. Tu sei buono, Signore, e perdoni, sei pieno di misericordia con chi t'invoca. Porgi l'orecchio, Signore, alla mia preghiera e sii attento alla voce delle mie suppliche.

2. Tutte le genti che hai creato verranno e si prosterneranno davanti a te, Signore, per dare gloria al tuo nome.

Grande tu sei e compi meraviglie: tu solo sei Dio.

3. Ma tu, Signore, Dio misericordioso e pietoso, lento all'ira e ricco di amore e di fedeltà, volgiti a me e abbi pietà.

R: Tu sei buono, Signore, e perdoni.**Seconda lettura** Rm 8,26-27

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, lo Spirito viene in aiuto alla nostra debolezza; non sappiamo infatti come pregare in modo conveniente, ma lo Spirito stesso intercede con gemiti inesprimibili; e colui che scruta i cuori sa che cosa desidera lo Spirito, perché egli intercede per i santi secondo i disegni di Dio.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo.** (Mt 13,19.23)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Ti rendo lode, Padre, Signore del cielo e della terra, perché ai piccoli hai rivelato i misteri del Regno.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 13,24-30

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Gesù espose alla folla un'altra parabola, dicendo: «Il regno dei cieli è simile a un uomo che ha seminato del buon seme nel suo campo. Ma, mentre tutti dormivano, venne il suo nemico, seminò della zizzania in mezzo al grano e se ne andò. Quando poi lo stelo crebbe e fece frutto, spuntò anche la zizzania. Allora i servi andarono dal padrone di casa e gli dissero: "Signore, non hai seminato del buon seme nel tuo campo? Da dove viene la zizzania?". Ed egli rispose loro: "Un nemico ha fatto questo!". E i servi gli dissero: "Vuoi che andiamo a raccogliarla?".

"No, rispose, perché non succeda che, raccogliendo la zizzania, con essa sradichiate anche il grano. Lasciate che l'una e l'altro crescano insieme fino alla mietitura e al momento della mietitura dirò ai mietitori: Raccogliete prima la zizzania e legatela in fasci per bruciarla; il grano invece riponètelo nel mio granaio"».

Parola del Signore

Rit: Lode a te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

*Lewis Zahra; Jerome Gorgees; Gorgees Yousif
Luay Gribbeh; Suhaila Yousif; Laura Xuereb*

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

Meditation commences back this Thursday, 27 April at 10am.

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

- 1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's at **12.30pm**
- 2 Sunday of the month - Holy Spirit at **9.30am**
- 3 Sunday of the month - St. Anthony's at **11am**
- 4 Sunday of the month - St. Joseph's at **11am**

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.

Parrochiani 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

SAVE THE DATE - 2 SEPTEMBER 7 PM AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL. It is going to be a great night with wonderful entertainment, games, raffles and a lavish Indian meal.



Sacrament of Baptism

David and Lucy Boxshall present **Pearl Sunday Boxshall** for her baptism at St. Joseph's on Sunday. We welcome her into the Christian Community. We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



St. Joseph's Seniors Mass, Friday 28 July at 10.30am in the church followed by morning tea in the church foyer. Parrochiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla Santa Messa, Venerdì 28 Luglio alle 10.30am.

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He emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because "as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream," while "young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy."

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, the establishment of the Day of Grandparents and the Elderly "is the first fruits of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, a gift to the whole Church that is destined to continue into the future." He added, "The pastoral care of the elderly is a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community. In the encyclical Fratelli tutti, the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation."

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God, please bless my grandparents. Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life, they give to me. For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks. For the ways, they love me no matter what, I rejoice. For the ways, they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful. Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life. Let them find peace and rest from their work. Let them be healed of every sickness and pain. And let them see with their own eyes your glory and the love of their children and grandchildren. Bless them always until they come to rest in you.



Next week's readings: 17 Sunday in Ordinary Time

1Kings 3:5,7-12 Ps: 118 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-52



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

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