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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

28 Jan: St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor
31 Jan: St John Bosco

Recently Deceased

Mary Marcon, Helen Walsh,
Bruno Bruni, Maria Longo

Anniversaries

Giuseppe Italiano, Paul Gori 9 Yrs,
Carl Damigella 1 mth, Fabio Cirrito 1 Yr,
Martin Troy, Adeline Martinelli,
Maroun Mtonios Taouk, Sonia Bacash,
Barbara Sukkar Hayek, Wilfred L Davies,
Pietro Chiodo, Maurice Touma,
Farid Zarif Succar, Violet Aquilina 1 Yr,
Jack, Robert 2 Yrs and John Aquilina.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

24-25 Jan 2026



Australia Day A Prayer for Our Nation

As we celebrate Australia Day this weekend, we pause to give thanks for the land we call home. We acknowledge the First Peoples of this country, custodians of the world's oldest living culture and we ask Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, to Guard this Land with the words from the hymn: Help of Christians, Guard This Land by the Sydney-born poet James McAuley published in the Living Parish hymn book (1961).

Help of Christians Guard this Land

*Help of Christians guard this land,
From assault or inward stain;
Let it be what Christ has planned,
His new Eden where you reign.*

*Teach us that in Christ your son
Lies the wisdom to be free
For the Cross which we would shun
Is man's Tree of Liberty*

*Should the powers of hell arise
And our peace be trampled down,
In that night of blood and lies
Show us still your twelve starred crown.*

*Take from us the coward heart,
Fleeting will, divided mind,
Give us sight to play our part,
Though the world around is blind.*

*Image of the risen life
Shining in eternity,
Glimmer throughout earthly strife,
Draw us to your victory.*

*Loving God, bless Australia and guide us in the ways of
compassion, justice, reconciliation, and hope.
Through Mary, help us grow in Faith. Amen.*



**Renewed in Grace: We Embrace 2026 as The Year of Faith
Community**

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

First Reading *Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14*

R *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

L The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

L There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R.**

L I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.*

Alleluia!

Gospel of *Matthew 4:12-17***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

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

Readings *Next Week—4th Sunday in OT Year A—1 Feb 2026*

1st Rdg: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Prima lettura Is 8,23-9,3
Dal libro del profeta Isaia

In passato il Signore umiliò la terra di Zàbulon e la terra di Nèftali, ma in futuro renderà gloriosa la via del mare, oltre il Giordano, Galilea delle genti.

Il popolo che camminava nelle tenebre ha visto una grande luce; su coloro che abitavano in terra tenebrosa una luce rifulse.

Hai moltiplicato la gioia, hai aumentato la letizia. Gioiscono davanti a te come si gioisce quando si miete e come si esulta quando si divide la preda. Perché tu hai spezzato il giogo che l'opprimeva, la sbarra sulle sue spalle, e il bastone del suo aguzzino, come nel giorno di Mádian.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 26

Rit. _ Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza.

L._ Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza: di chi avrò timore?

Il Signore è difesa della mia vita: di chi avrò paura? **Rit.**

L._ Una cosa ho chiesto al Signore, questa sola io cerco: abitare nella casa del Signore tutti i giorni della mia vita, per contemplare la bellezza del Signore e ammirare il suo santuario. **Rit.**

L._ Sono certo di contemplare la bontà del Signore nella terra dei viventi.

Spera nel Signore, sii forte, si rinsaldi il tuo cuore e spera nel Signore. **Rit.**



[Jesus is the Light](#)



Seconda lettura 1Cor 1,10-13.17
Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Vi esorto, fratelli, per il nome del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, a essere tutti unanimi nel parlare, perché non vi siano divisioni tra voi, ma siate in perfetta unione di pensiero e di sentire. Infatti a vostro riguardo, fratelli, mi è stato segnalato dai familiari di Cloe che tra voi vi sono discordie. Mi riferisco al fatto che ciascuno di voi dice: «Io sono di Paolo», «Io invece sono di Apollo», «Io invece di Cefa», «E io di Cristo».

È forse diviso il Cristo? Paolo è stato forse crocifisso per voi? O siete stati battezzati nel nome di Paolo?

Cristo infatti non mi ha mandato a battezzare, ma ad annunciare il Vangelo, non con sapienza di parola, perché non venga resa vana la croce di Cristo.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Mt 4,23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gesù predicava il vangelo del Regno e guariva ogni sorta di infermità nel popolo.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 4,12-23

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

Quando Gesù seppe che Giovanni era stato arrestato, si ritirò nella Galilea, lasciò Nàzaret e andò ad abitare a Cafàrno, sulla riva del mare, nel territorio di Zàbulon e di Nèftali, perché si compisse ciò che era stato detto per mezzo del profeta Isaia:

«Terra di Zàbulon e terra di Nèftali, sulla via del mare, oltre il Giordano, Galilea delle genti!

Il popolo che abitava nelle tenebre vide una grande luce, per quelli che abitavano in regione e ombra di morte una luce è sorta».

Da allora Gesù cominciò a predicare e a dire:

«Convertitevi, perché il regno dei cieli è vicino». Mentre camminava lungo il mare di Galilea, vide due fratelli, Simone, chiamato Pietro, e Andrea suo fratello, che gettavano le reti in mare; erano infatti pescatori. E disse loro:

«Venite dietro a me, vi farò pescatori di uomini».

Ed essi subito lasciarono le reti e lo seguirono. Andando oltre, vide altri due fratelli, Giacomo, figlio di Zebedèo, e Giovanni suo fratello, che nella barca, insieme a Zebedeo loro padre, riparavano le loro reti, e li chiamò. Ed essi subito lasciarono la barca e il loro padre e lo seguirono.

Gesù percorreva tutta la Galilea, insegnando nelle loro sinagoghe, annunciando il vangelo del Regno e guarendo ogni sorta di malattie e di infermità nel popolo.

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.

Tony Gribbeh, Wafa Ibrahim, Suhaila Yousif, Thuir Armenak, Mona Armenak, Charles, Giuseppe Callago, Arfix Callago, 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Sophia Runciman** who is presented for her baptism by her parents **Joseph** and **Zara** at **St Joseph's** on Sunday. We congratulate Sophia and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



Monday 26 January Australia Day Mass
At St Joseph's Northcote—10 am



Climbing the Mountain Of God Discussion Series Starts This Week



The new 7-part series, based on Jim Brown's book *Climbing the Mountain of God*, begins on Zoom on Tuesday, January **27**, at **7:00 PM**—the **Zoom** Meeting ID: 848 1143 9966. The Zoom link will be emailed with the Bulletin mailout. You can also get a link to the Zoom meeting from our parish [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#)

pages or by emailing the Parish Office.

The first **Face-to-Face** Discussion Group covering the same 7 topics as the Zoom sessions will meet at **St. Anthony's** Church Alphington Meeting Room on Sunday, **1 February**, at **12:00 PM**. The sessions will last for approximately 1 hour. Everyone is invited. No registration.

Next Weekend—31 Jan/1 Feb Join us for a cuppa after Mass
Youth Gratitude Mass on Sunday 1 February at 5:30pm at St. Mary's—

Friday 27 February —Seniors Mass 10:30 am
at St Joseph's Northcote, Anointing Mass followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.

How can you contribute and support our Parishes



Thank you sincerely for your generous offering.

For those not participating in the Parish Thanksgiving program, please know that your support is still warmly appreciated and may be given via **Tap and Go** before or after Mass.

With gratitude and blessing.

Pastoral Leadership Team Report

Our first Pastoral Leadership Team meeting for **2026** will be held on Wednesday **11 February**. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout 2025. We wish you a safe, and happy new year.

Naomi Brammer—*Combined Leadership Team*



Earthcare group launched - now planning events for 2026 We will begin the new year with a display in each church highlighting the group's aims and plans. Still keen to join? please contact John via the parish office.

We look forward to your interest, participation and prayers.

WWCC: Call the parish office (9484 2907) Wednesdays or Thursdays, **1–2pm** for help