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### ST MARY'S THORNBURY

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Principal: Mary Kearney | Ph: 9481 7166

**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

45 Railway Pl, Alphington VIC 3078

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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:** 9:00am Italian:  
11:00am: English  
**Weekday:** Friday, 9:15am

## FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

### Recently Deceased

Reginald James Fallon

### Anniversaries

Sandy Delle-Vergini (1yr Anni.), Bechara Sukkar, Lahoud Raffoul Rahme, Peter Lemalu, Faraj Boulos Taouk, Pauline Hanna Fakhry, Mary Pesavento, Vincent Sookramanien, and Jeremiah Troy.

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## Palm Sunday Year C

12—13 April 2025



*Today marks the start of Holy Week, where we journey with Jesus to the cross and await His Resurrection on Easter. The liturgy begins with a palm procession, recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. What starts with joyful shouts of victory will soon turn to cries of "Crucify him, crucify him." Jesus' grand entrance into the city marks the beginning of his betrayal, denial, suffering, death, and Resurrection.*

*The Passion of Jesus is fully proclaimed today and will be revisited during the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Our community will also be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation with our catechumen Aaron Fletcher and godparent Jim Coffey—these liturgies are specially important because they invite the catechumen and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. As we witness his suffering, we also share in his Resurrection. We pray that this sacred week draws us closer to Jesus and to one another.*



## Holy Week Timetable

### Palm Sunday 13th April

Regular weekend mass times at all churches

### Holy Thursday 17th April

7.30pm—Holy Spirit Church & St Mary's Church

### Good Friday 18th April

10.30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross —All Nations Park  
3.00pm—St Anthony's Church & St Mary's Church

### Easter Vigil — 19th April

7.00pm—St Anthony's Church & St Joseph's Church

## Easter Sunday

20th April

9.00am St Anthony's Church *Italian*

9.30am Holy Spirit Church

10.00am St Mary's church

11.00am St Joseph's church

11.00am St Anthony's Church

**No Sunday evening Mass at St Mary's Church**

Find more information from the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team on the back page

**First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7****A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.  
 So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
 he provides me with speech.  
 Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.  
 The Lord has opened my ear.  
 For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.  
 I offered my back to those who struck me,  
 my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
 I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.  
 The Lord comes to my help,  
 so that I am untouched by the insults.  
 So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23**

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**Gospel Luke 23:1-49****The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate.

And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

**All kneel and pause a moment.**

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prima lettura Is 50,4-7

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Il Signore Dio mi ha dato una lingua da discepolo, perché io sappia indirizzare una parola allo sfiduciato. Ogni mattina fa attento il mio orecchio perché io ascolti come i discepoli. Il Signore Dio mi ha aperto l'orecchio e io non ho opposto resistenza, non mi sono tirato indietro. Ho presentato il mio dorso ai flagellatori, le mie guance a coloro che mi strappavano la barba; non ho sottratto la faccia agli insulti e agli sputi. Il Signore Dio mi assiste, per questo non resto svergognato, per questo rendo la mia faccia dura come pietra, sapendo di non restare confuso.

Parola di Dio  
Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 21

Rit. Dio mio, Dio mio, perché mi hai abbandonato?

Seconda lettura Fil 2,6-11

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippesi

Cristo Gesù, pur essendo nella condizione di Dio, non ritenne un privilegio l'essere come Dio, ma svuotò se stesso assumendo una condizione di servo, diventando simile agli uomini. Dall'aspetto riconosciuto come uomo, umiliò se stesso facendosi obbediente fino alla morte e a una morte di croce. Per questo Dio lo esaltò e gli donò il nome che è al di sopra di ogni nome, perché nel nome di Gesù ogni ginocchio si pieghi nei cieli, sulla terra e sotto terra, e ogni lingua proclami: «Gesù Cristo è Signore!», a gloria di Dio Padre.

Parola di Dio  
Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Fil 2,8-9

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!  
Per noi Cristo si è fatto obbediente fino alla morte e a una morte di croce.  
Per questo Dio lo esaltò e gli donò il nome che è al di sopra di ogni nome.  
Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

Vangelo Lc 22,14-23,56

Passione di nostro Signore Gesù Cristo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, tutta l'assemblea si alzò; condussero Gesù da Pilato e cominciarono ad accusarlo: «Abbiamo trovato costui che metteva in agitazione il nostro popolo, impediva di pagare tributi a Cesare e affermava di essere Cristo re». Pilato allora lo interrogò: «Sei tu il re dei Giudei?». Ed egli rispose: «Tu lo dici». Pilato disse ai capi dei sacerdoti e alla folla: «Non trovo in quest'uomo alcun motivo di condanna». Ma essi insistevano dicendo: «Costui solleva il popolo, insegnando per tutta la Giudea, dopo aver cominciato dalla Galilea, fino a qui». Udito ciò, Pilato domandò se quell'uomo era Galileo e, saputo che stava sotto l'autorità di Erode, lo rinviò a Erode, che in quei giorni si trovava anch'egli a Gerusalemme. Vedendo Gesù, Erode si rallegrò molto. Da molto tempo infatti desiderava vederlo, per averne sentito parlare, e sperava di vedere qualche miracolo fatto da lui. Lo interrogò, facendogli molte domande, ma egli non gli rispose nulla. Erano presenti anche i capi dei sacerdoti e gli scribi, e insistevano nell'accusarlo. Allora anche Erode, con i suoi soldati, lo insultò, si fece beffe di lui, gli mise addosso una splendida veste e lo rimandò a Pilato. In quel giorno Erode e Pilato diventarono

amici tra loro; prima infatti tra loro vi era stata inimicizia. Pilato, riuniti i capi dei sacerdoti, le autorità e il popolo, disse loro: «Mi avete portato quest'uomo come agitatore del popolo. Ecco, io l'ho esaminato davanti a voi, ma non ho trovato in quest'uomo nessuna delle colpe di cui lo accusate; e neanche Erode: infatti ce l'ha rimandato. Ecco, egli non ha fatto nulla che meriti la morte. Perciò, dopo averlo punito, lo rimetterò in libertà». Ma essi si misero a gridare tutti insieme: «Togli di mezzo costui! Rimettici in libertà Barabba!». Questi era stato messo in prigione per una rivolta, scoppiata in città, e per omicidio. Pilato parlò loro di nuovo, perché voleva rimettere in libertà Gesù. Ma essi urlavano: «Crocifiggilo! Crocifiggilo!». Ed egli, per la terza volta, disse loro: «Ma che male ha fatto costui? Non ho trovato in lui nulla che meriti la morte. Dunque, lo punirò e lo rimetterò in libertà». Essi però insistevano a gran voce, chiedendo che venisse crocifisso, e le loro grida crescevano. Pilato allora decise che la loro richiesta venisse eseguita. Rimise in libertà colui che era stato messo in prigione per rivolta e omicidio, e che essi richiedevano, e consegnò Gesù al loro volere.

Mentre lo conducevano via, fermarono un certo Simone di Cirene, che tornava dai campi, e gli misero addosso la croce, da portare dietro a Gesù. Lo seguiva una grande moltitudine di popolo e di donne, che si battevano il petto e facevano lamenti su di lui. Ma Gesù, voltandosi verso di loro, disse: «Figlie di Gerusalemme, non piangete su di me, ma piangete su voi stesse e sui vostri figli. Ecco, verranno giorni nei quali si dirà: "Beate le sterili, i grembi che non hanno generato e i seni che non hanno allattato". Allora cominceranno a dire ai monti: "Cadete su di noi!", e alle colline: "Copriteci!". Perché, se si tratta così il legno verde, che avverrà del legno secco?». Insieme con lui venivano condotti a morte anche altri due, che erano malfattori.

Quando giunsero sul luogo chiamato Cranio, vi crocifissero lui e i malfattori, uno a destra e l'altro a sinistra. Gesù diceva: «Padre, perdona loro perché non sanno quello che fanno». Poi dividendo le sue vesti, le tirarono a sorte.

Il popolo stava a vedere; i capi invece lo deridevano dicendo: «Ha salvato altri! Salvi se stesso, se è lui il Cristo di Dio, l'eletto». Anche i soldati lo deridevano, gli si accostavano per porgergli dell'aceto e dicevano: «Se tu sei il re dei Giudei, salva te stesso». Sopra di lui c'era anche una scritta: «Costui è il re dei Giudei».

Oggi con me sarai nel paradiso— Uno dei malfattori appesi alla croce lo insultava: «Non sei tu il Cristo? Salva te stesso e noi!». L'altro invece lo rimproverava dicendo: «Non hai alcun timore di Dio, tu che sei condannato alla stessa pena? Noi, giustamente, perché riceviamo quello che abbiamo meritato per le nostre azioni; egli invece non ha fatto nulla di male». E disse: «Gesù, ricordati di me quando entrerai nel tuo regno». Gli rispose: «In verità io ti dico: oggi con me sarai nel paradiso».

Padre, nelle tue mani consegno il mio spirito  
Era già verso mezzogiorno e si fece buio su tutta la terra fino alle tre del pomeriggio, perché il sole si era eclissato. Il velo del tempio si squarciò a metà. Gesù, gridando a gran voce, disse: «Padre, nelle tue mani consegno il mio spirito». Detto questo, spirò.

(Qui si genuflette e si fa una breve pausa)

Visto ciò che era accaduto, il centurione dava gloria a Dio dicendo: «Veramente quest'uomo era giusto». Così pure tutta la folla che era venuta a vedere questo spettacolo, ripensando a quanto era accaduto, se ne tornava battendosi il petto. Tutti i suoi conoscenti, e le donne che lo avevano seguito fin dalla Galilea, stavano da lontano a guardare tutto questo.

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.

Ross Pace, Ibtisam Gorgees, Wafa Ibrahim, Chrissie, Rita Ljubetic, Mary & Charlie Borg, Mary English, Kelly Jennings and 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month—St Mary's

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month—St Anthony's

4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Bringing our communities together for Holy Week:** • With only two priests, fewer liturgies will be held across our churches to ease the burden on our clergy and volunteers. Next year's Holy Week liturgies will rotate among the four churches.

- **For transport help**, contact fellow parishioners or the Parish Office. If you can offer a lift, arrange privately or register with the Parish Office.

*Parish Pastoral Leadership Team*



DEAR PARTNERED PARISH FAMILY,

I am writing to inform you that I will be stepping down from my position as Parish Secretary, effective 17 April, as I embark on a new chapter in my life to further my studies. It has been an honour to serve alongside all of you and with an amazing team in the office, and I am deeply grateful for the love and support I've received during my time here. Though I will miss working with such a wonderful community, I am excited for this opportunity to grow in knowledge and faith. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new journey. I will always carry the memories of our time together in my heart. ♡  
With gratitude, Liza Powell

**When attending masses**, off-street parking is only available at St Anthony's (STA primary school), Holy Spirit, & St Joseph's (Tennis courts opposite church).

Collections during the Easter Triduum: • **Holy Thursday**—collection for ST VINCENT DE PAUL; • **Good Friday** collection for HOLY PLACES; • **Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday** 2 collections as usual.

## Chrism Mass - at St Patrick's Cathedral - 15th April at 10:00 am

Parishioners are invited to attend the Chrism mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday 15th April**, Hoping many of you can attend! [Learn more.](#)

- **Readers and Special Ministers** for all masses during the Easter Triduum and • volunteers for the **Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday (at Holy Spirit & St Mary's)**: Please register your name and contact number on the respective sign-up sheet at the back of the church or contact parish office. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## Ecumenical Way of the Cross-Good Friday 18th April All Nations Park—10:30 am

All Christians from the City of Darebin gather on Good Friday to unite in prayer at All Nations Park for the Ecumenical Way of the Cross. Singing will be led by Dr. Daryl Barclay. Choir members and musicians are welcome to join.

**Music Rehearsal on: Saturday 12th April—10:30am—St Mary's Presbytery.**



**Soup Kitchen:** Vegetables needed to make soup for Good Friday's Ecumenical way of the Cross. Please bring to the church by **Tuesday 15 April** not before or after that date. Your help is very much appreciated.

**Project Compassion 2025: Uniting against poverty this Lent—Please return your project compassion boxes.** As Project Compassion 2025 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. The funds raised will help individuals from vulnerable communities from around the world like Toefuata'iga from Samoa, Lam from Vietnam and Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) to overcome challenges to access safe water, complete their education, and find secure employment to support their families and their communities. Please **donate** to Project Compassion by scanning the QR code (Right) Or **online** at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by **calling**: 1800 024 413 Click [here](#) to learn more.

