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Weekend Masses:
5pm Sat, 10am Sun

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
(Italian)

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Weekend Masses:
6pm Sat,
9am Sun (Italian)
11am

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 27 February

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

2nd Reading: I Cor 15: 54-58

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia

Gospel: Lk 6: 39-45

Next Week: First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Deut 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Rom 10: 8-13

Gospel: Lk 4:1-13

Anniversaries and Deaths

We pray for those who have died including Incoronata Vinciguerra and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Nicholas Buttifant and Domenico Pedulla may they all be at peace with their God.

Diary Dates Please mark your diaries

Monday 28 February

Memorial Mass Domenico Pedulla 7pm St A's

Tuesday 1 March

Funeral Mass I Vinciguerra at 11am ST A's

Ash Wednesday 2 March

9.15am St Anthony's

11.30am Holy Spirit

7.30pm Holy Spirit

Friday 4 March

10.30am Funeral Palmina Renzella St Anthony's

St Anthony's School Fair 3.30pm to 8pm

Saturday 5 March

10am Baptism Preparation session

Monday 7 March

7.30pm Lenten Reflection St A's Meeting Room

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome and pray for Doron and Claire as they present Alexander Hugo Agius for his Baptism this weekend at St Anthony's

Reflection Pastoral Review

In a way there may not be a lot of commentary to offer this week. That does not mean that the readings have little to say. Rather, the first and the Gospel are wisdom texts, collections of wise sayings that are short, to the point and meant to be pondered. They are also meant to match life experience and shape future behaviour.

The sage in our passage today offers a set of wise sayings that allow us to gain a sense of reliable and resilient behaviour. Do they work today? Well, pretty well. They make sense, invite us into experience and enable us to recognise that strength comes from trial.

Making connections—Summit

Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer

- Do you find it easier to judge the shortcomings of others than to face your own shortcomings?
- What fills your heart?
- Take a brief period of quiet time each day this week to undertake an 'examination of conscience' to discern what truly fills your heart and what fruit you can produce.
- Try not to judge others for what you may see as their shortcomings.

You could use today's communion antiphon as your prayer this week:

*I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful to me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.*

**LENT Lent begins this week with 3 Masses on Wednesday 2 March.
9.15am St Anthony's, 11.30am Holy Spirit, 7.30pm Holy Spirit
School children will be attending the 9.15am and the 11.30am Masses.**

- Reflection: St Anthony's Meeting Room at 7.30. Transport for two available from Holy Spirit... contact parish Office and Lynn Hale will contact you. Make Lent meaningful and walk with others towards Easter. They will be using "This Cup we Bless by Michael McGirr. "Lent is the period before Easter in which we ask ourselves what really sustains us in our lives. It is a time for more simple living, thoughtful self-denial, reconciliation with God and others, and a focus on the basics of our lives. It is a period of taking stock and, with that, an opportunity for a garage sale of the heart. Getting rid of clutter leaves a bit of room in the soul to celebrate once again the death and resurrection of Jesus".
- Prayer: Sheets will be available at the back of the Church with Forty Lenten ideas by Janet Schaeffler OP for you follow if you wish .
"As Lent approaches each year, our minds turn to 'what will we do; what will we give up?' instead of giving up, why not put something in...something that will take hold and stay with us for the rest of our lives. Since Lent is about change/conversion".
Summit home sheets will also be there.
- Alms Giving: Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for the 5 weeks will be available at the Church during Lent. The theme this year is;
"For all future generations"

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

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Call 1300 734 880 for more info

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT 2022

The Little Sisters of the Poor offer young women who desire to deepen their Spiritual Life and draw closer to God six online Lenten Conferences entitled: Merciful Father. To register or for more information please contact Sr Mary Lourdes on phone 94898444 or email voc.mel@lsp.org.au There are no costs involved.

The Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention OR contact the child safety representatives of our Parish—Margaret Harrington, Pauline Egan, Fran Adamopoulos and Max Gomez.

Sacraments 2022—If your child attends a school other than our Parish Primary school and would like to receive the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office for further details and an enrolment form.

CHURCH CLEANERS needed to go on a cleaning roster at Holy Spirit Church.

Do you have 1/2 hour (on a roster basis) to help with cleaning the Church?

We have got through the stricter cleaning protocols of Covid and are back to our regular weekly cleaning. What is required is tidying, dusting and cleaning the Church and all cleaning items will be supplied. Form a team with a friend and the job will be even quicker. Many hands make light work. A volunteer WWCC will be needed. If you need help to get one that can be arranged.

If you want to help contact the office on 94128439 or Pauline - 0431958083 and leave a message.

The St Anthonys School Twilight Fair is back!

Friday 4th March 2022, 3:30-8:30pm

at 52 Austin Street Alphington.

Please come along and enjoy the rides, entertainment, great food, bar, devonshire tea, cakes, second hand books and toys, plants, silent auction and more!

If you would like to donate pre-loved toys, books and DVDs to the Fair please leave them in the St Anthonys atrium (via reception) from Monday 21st Feb.

All toys & DVDs need to be clean and in good working order.

Please do not donate something you would not wish to bring home.

Books - children's and fiction only. Thanks!

St Anthonys School Parents & Friends.

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 27 Feb 2022

First Reading Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, and so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. R.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true: Death is
swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is
sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank
God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it
the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man
guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never
notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your
brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in
your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own?
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and
then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor
again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every
tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs
from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good
man draws what is good from the store of goodness in
his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store
of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his
heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.