



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: Wednesday, 9.15am
Italian

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian

Weekdays: Tuesday, 9.15am English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Weekdays: Thursday, 9.15am Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian

11.00am English

Weekdays: Friday, 9.15am English

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

21 Dec: St. Peter Canisius

23 Dec: St. John of Kanty

Recently Deceased

Robert Saltalamacchia;
Margaret McLean; Giuseppina Bianchi
John Fanning; Giuseppa Barca.

Anniversaries

Giuseppe Barca; Henry Restall; Clare Santinon; Rosina Poci; Giuseppe Di Stefano; Joe & Melita Bugeja; Pat Foster; Tessie Craig; Most Rev Joseph Angelo Grech; Maria Consiglio; Charlie Restall White; Emidia Micallef; Julie Zahra; Nick Ciapparra; Clayton David; Noel Spry; Anna Sparano -Molinaro; Brian Lennox; Malek Younis; Roger Naddaf; Maroun Hanna Maroun Taouk; Ray Farr; Salim Youssef Taouk; Joe Profilio; John Barbuto; Immacolata Natoli; Chiara Buso.

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3 Sunday of Advent year B

16/17 December 2023

*'Glory to
God in
the
highest
heaven,
and
peace to all
who enjoy
his favour'*



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

4 Sunday of Advent - Saturday 23 December

Saturday 5pm Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday 5.30pm St. Joseph's Northcote

4 Sunday of Advent - 24 December AM

Sunday 10am St. Mary's Church Thornbury (Bilingual)

Sunday 10.30m St. Anthony's (Bilingual)

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December

5.00pm Holy Spirit Family Mass

5.00pm St. Joseph's Family Mass

6.30pm St. Anthony's Family Mass

6.30pm St. Mary's Family Mass

9.00pm Carols St. Mary's. 9.30pm Mass St. Mary's

9.30pm Carols St. Joseph's 10.00pm Mass St. Joseph's

Midnight Mass St. Anthony's

CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

9.00am St. Anthony's (Italian)

9.30am Holy Spirit

10am St Mary's

11 am St Anthony's

11am St. Joseph's

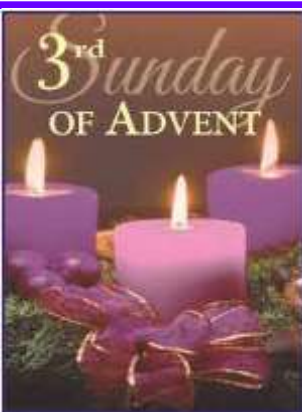
NO EVENING MASS AT ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS DAY

NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM BOXING DAY 26 DECEMBER UNTIL 29 DECEMBER

Advent Reflection Evenings

Week 4: Thursday 21 December at 7.30pm at St. Anthony's church including Reconciliation.

This Advent prepare your heart for Jesus like never before by taking on the Advent #Pray25 Challenge with C.S. Lewis! "Hallow", a Catholic prayer and meditation app, will be journeying through the powerful writings of C.S. Lewis, author of the Chronicles of Narnia and one of the greatest Christian apologists of all time, with daily readings, reflections and meditations leading up to Christmas. With excerpts from Mere Christianity, The Four Loves, and more, be guided through prayer and reflection to rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming into this world and our hearts. The Hallow app is the #1 Catholic pray and meditation app



in the world. There are over 10,000 unique sessions available on the app, and a version that is always free which has over 1,000 sessions. For full access to Hallow, including the Advent #Pray25 Challenge, scan the QR code then follow the signup instructions.



This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
 The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
 for the Lord has anointed me.
 He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
 to bind up hearts that are broken;
 to proclaim liberty to captives,
 freedom to those in prison;
 to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord,
 'I exult for joy in the Lord,
 my soul rejoices in my God,
 for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
 he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
 like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
 like a bride adorned in her jewels.
 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
 as a garden makes seeds spring up,
 so will the Lord the Lord make both integrity and
 praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'
 The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm **Luke 1:46-50, 53-54**

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
 He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
 henceforth all ages will call me blessed. R.
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
 Holy his name!
 His mercy is from age to age,
 on those who fear him. R.
3. He fills the starving with good things,
 sends the rich away empty.
 He protects Israel, his servant,
 remembering his mercy. R

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

SECOND READING Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
 the Thessalonians.
 Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things
 give thanks to God, because this is what God expects
 you to do in Christ Jesus.
 Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of
 prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything
 – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.
 May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and
 may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and
 body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has
 called you and he will not fail you.
 The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4.6

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
 He sent me to bring good news to the poor.
 Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL John 1:6-8. 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.
 He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light,
 so that everyone might believe through him.
 He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the
 light.
 This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews
 sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared
 quite openly, 'I am not the Christ'. 'Well then,' they
 asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the
 Prophet?' He answered, 'No'. So they said to him, 'Who
 are you? We must take back an answer to those who
 sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John
 said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:
 a voice that cries in the wilderness:
 Make a straight way for the Lord'.
 Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and
 they put this further question to him, 'Why are you
 baptizing if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and
 not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptize with water;
 but there stands among you – unknown to you – the
 one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his
 sandal-strap'. This happened at Bethany, on the far side
 of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.
 The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Prima lettura Is 61,1-2.10-11

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Lo spirito del Signore Dio è su di me,
 perché il Signore mi ha consacrato con l'unzione;
 mi ha mandato a portare il lieto annuncio ai miseri,
 a fasciare le piaghe dei cuori spezzati,
 a proclamare la libertà degli schiavi,
 la scarcerazione dei prigionieri,
 a promulgare l'anno di grazia del Signore.
 Io gioisco pienamente nel Signore,
 la mia anima esulta nel mio Dio,
 perché mi ha rivestito delle vesti della salvezza,
 mi ha avvolto con il mantello della giustizia,
 come uno sposo si mette il diadema
 e come una sposa si adorna di gioielli.
 Poiché, come la terra produce i suoi germogli
 e come un giardino fa germogliare i suoi semi,
 così il Signore Dio farà germogliare la giustizia
 e la lode davanti a tutte le genti.
 Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo responsoriale** Lc 1**R: La mia anima esulta nel mio Dio.**

1. L'anima mia magnifica il Signore
 e il mio spirito esulta in Dio, mio salvatore,
 perché ha guardato l'umiltà della sua serva.
 D'ora in poi tutte le generazioni mi chiameranno
 beata.
2. Grandi cose ha fatto per me l'Onnipotente
 e Santo è il suo nome;
 di generazione in generazione la sua misericordia
 per quelli che lo temono.
3. Ha ricolmato di beni gli affamati,
 ha rimandato i ricchi a mani vuote.
 Ha soccorso Israele, suo servo,
 ricordandosi della sua misericordia.

R: La mia anima esulta nel mio Dio.**Seconda Lettura** 1Ts 5,16-24

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Tessalonicési

Fratelli, siate sempre lieti, pregate ininterrottamente, in
 ogni cosa rendete grazie: questa infatti è volontà di Dio in
 Cristo Gesù verso di voi.
 Non spegnete lo Spirito, non disprezzate le profezie.
 Vagliate ogni cosa e tenete ciò che è buono. Astenetevi da
 ogni specie di male.
 Il Dio della pace vi santifichi interamente, e tutta la vostra
 persona, spirito, anima e corpo, si conservi irreprensibile
 per la venuta del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo. Degno di
 fede è colui che vi chiama: egli farà tutto questo!
 Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo** (Is 61,1)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lo Spirito del Signore è sopra di me,
 mi ha mandato a portare ai poveri il lieto annuncio.
 Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 1,6-8.19-28

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

Venne un uomo mandato da Dio:
 il suo nome era Giovanni.
 Egli venne come testimone
 per dare testimonianza alla luce,
 perché tutti credessero per mezzo di lui.
 Non era lui la luce,
 ma doveva dare testimonianza alla luce.
 Questa è la testimonianza di Giovanni, quando i Giudei gli
 inviarono da Gerusalemme sacerdoti e leviti a
 interrogarlo: «Tu, chi sei?». Egli confessò e non negò.
 Confessò: «Io non sono il Cristo». Allora gli chiesero: «Chi
 sei, dunque? Sei tu Elia?». «Non lo sono», disse. «Sei tu il
 profeta?». «No», rispose. Gli dissero allora: «Chi sei?
 Perché possiamo dare una risposta a coloro che ci hanno
 mandato. Che cosa dici di te stesso?». Rispose: «Io sono
 voce di uno che grida nel deserto: Rendete diritta la via del
 Signore, come disse il profeta Isaia».
 Quelli che erano stati inviati venivano dai farisei. Essi lo
 interrogarono e gli dissero: «Perché dunque tu battezzi, se
 non sei il Cristo, né Elia, né il profeta?». Giovanni rispose
 loro: «Io battezzo nell'acqua. In mezzo a voi sta uno che
 voi non conoscete, colui che viene dopo di me: a lui io non
 sono degno di slegare il laccio del sandalo».
 Questo avvenne in Betània, al di là del Giordano, dove
 Giovanni stava battezzando. Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Julie Mamo; Rose Walker; Jenny Cox

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

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

- 1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's
- 2 Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit
- 3 Sunday of the month - St. Anthony's
- 4 Sunday of the month— St. Joseph's

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.

Parrocchiani 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 CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

St. Anthony's and St. Joseph's only

It's that time of the year. As we plan our own festive activities and gift-giving, let's plan for those who look to us for support. Working with the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project team, we will be making up some Christmas Gift Bags. It has all been done for you. On sale in the foyer for \$30, our Gift Bag has shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, shaving foam, socks and deodorant. 1. Pay for a bag

2. Sign a card, if you like. The cards have been made by

St. Anthony's classes and are on the table.

3. Write out a Christmas "bauble". Place the bag under the

Christmas tree and put the "bauble" on the tree.

Thank you for your generosity. This bag may be the only gift someone receives this Christmas. God bless you. **The bags be available to purchase from 19 November.**



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome parents **David and Alana Bascombe** who present **Liliana Bascombe** for baptism at St. Anthony's on Sunday. We welcome them into the Christian Community. We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) - ST MARYS & HOLY SPIRIT GIVING TREE – PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

Just a reminder that this weekend is the last weekend for you to return the items purchased for the St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree. This deadline is to ensure we have time to stocktake what we have received and to purchase additional items as needed. If you have purchased items and not dropped them off at the church then we ask that you drop them to the St Anthony's parish office before this coming Wednesday.

So far the parish response has been great and we extend our thanks to those who have already returned their gift(s) or donation.

If anyone is interested in helping with the hampers on Christmas eve at 9am please call the parish office and a Vinnies member will be in contact with you.

**** Note: This applies to St Mary's & Holy Spirit churches only ****



SENIORS MASS AND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thank you to all who made

St. Joseph's Seniors Mass and Christmas lunch so special. A great time was had by All. See photo.



Archbishop's Christmas Blessings and Ukraine Appeal
Can you help? Envelops and cards are on the pews.

Next week's readings: 4 Sunday of Advent Year B

2 Sm7:1-5, 8-12,14,16 Psalm: 88 Rom 16: 25-27 Luke 1:56-38

Charity Account: BSN 083 347 Account Number: 140666074



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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