



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S



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5pm Sat, 10am Sun

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday 9.15am
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(Italian)

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

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

29 May 2022

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

Next Week: Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

2nd Reading: Rom 8: 8-17

Gospel: Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

Anniversaries and Deaths We pray for those who have died especially Ilona Zacharisdesz and Giuseppe Modica and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Antoun, Salam, Garzi Fahkry, Louis Falaffell,

Diary Dates

Please mark your diaries

Monday 30 May

6pm Confirmation Catechist Class

Tuesday 31 May

9.15am Class Senion E Holy Spirit

11.15am Funeral Mass Iona Zacharisdesz—St A.

Wednesday 1 June

9.15am Anointing Mass—St Anthony's

Thursday 2 June

7pm Musican/Choir practice St A for 19th June

Friday 3 June

9.15am Class 5/6PL Mass St Anthony's

9.15am Whole School Feast Day Mass at Holy Spirit

11.15am Funeral G Modica—Holy Spirit

SATURDAY 4th AND SUNDAY 5th JUNE

CUPPA AFTER ALL MASSES

Exploring the Word

The reaction of the disciples to the absence of Jesus after his ascension is in stark contrast to the reaction they had to him leaving at his death. After his death on the cross, they shut themselves into the upper room in fear. Now they worship him and go joyfully rejoicing to the temple. Clearly now they have not lost the sense of his presence with them. Something has changed. His return to God opens the way to glory for all who believe, and this is the source of their joy. He is beyond their sight but truly with them, and he has repeated again his promise to send the help they will need to undertake their mission into the world. These final verses of Luke's Gospel introduce what will become the story of his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles: 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.' Acts tells the story of the Gospel being taken out to all the nations, a story that continues to this day.

Sharing the tradition

A closer look at the Scripture of the day, to see how it makes more explicit God's word to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The celebration of the Ascension as a particular day developed in the vicinity of Antioch around ad 380. Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Apostles notes that Jesus appeared among his disciples for forty days after the resurrection (Acts 1:3). It then goes on to describe Jesus being taken up into heaven (Acts 1:9). The juxtaposition of these two verses probably gave rise to this feast being celebrated forty days after Easter.

Forty days after Easter falls on a Thursday, and in the past this feast was known as 'Ascension Thursday' and was a holy day of obligation. In more recent times, the celebration has been moved to the Sunday before Pentecost.

Symbols and images

Luke's Gospel is sometimes known as 'the gospel of joy'. Joyfulness and rejoicing are constant motifs and familiar reactions to the revelation of Jesus as the Christ. The extent to which we live in union with Christ allows us to participate already in the joy of heaven that is promised to us.

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.

Parish Telephone Prayer Group: Call in: Tuesday at 11.30am. Cost of a local call.

Call-in number: a) 07-5660 6012 b) access code : 722762 # .

DATES FOR THE DIARY

NEW PARISH OFFICES

for

**St Joseph's Northcote, St Mary's Thornbury,
Holy Spirit Thornbury East, St Anthony's Alphington
They will be situated at 45 Railway Place Alphington
(it is the building to the left of St Anthony's Church)
We are looking forward to working together and
welcoming all our parishioners.**

**We invite you to come and have a look and a cuppa at our
"Open Parish Office" week Tuesday 21st June – Friday 24th June 2022.**

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE NEW PARISH OFFICES AND THE NEW SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

**Archbishop Peter will bless and open the offices at
10.30am Mass on Sunday 19 June 2022,
at St Anthony's Church 45 Railway Place, Alphington.
Please save the date and join us at this wonderful occasion
for our faith communities.**

ANNUAL ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY LUNCHEON

Will be held on Sunday 19th June (after the blessing of the new parish offices and the school playground) in the Mackillop Room 12.30pm.

Lunch will include a 3 course meal, antipasto, pasta, sweet and coffee, 25.00 pp. BYO Drinks

Children under 12 years \$15.00. Plus we have some great prizes to raffle.

Booking and payment in advance is necessary by 10/6/22.

Please contact the Parish Office for more details and booking 94128439.

Domenica 19 Giugno 2022 Santa Messa ore 10.30 am dopo la messa pranzo nella sala MacKillop.

Prezzo per persona \$25.00, ragazzi sotto i 12 anni \$15.00 bevande da portarsi pagare alla prenotazione entro il 10/6/22

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE/ Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Tel: 9326 1895

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

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. Thank you for your continued support.



If you would like to make a donation 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 or smart watch — donations will go straight into our Church account.

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Parish of Holy Spirit and St Anthony's Account

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

How can our parish respond to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers ... and the challenge Jesus gave us?

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. I assure you, as often as you did it for the least among you, you did it for me." — Matthew 25:35-40

Parishioners from Holy Spirit, St Anthony's, St Mary's and St Joseph's have been supporting asylum seekers, through advocacy, prayer and donations, for almost 20 years.

For many asylum seekers life in Australia remains as harsh and difficult now as it ever was.

If you would like to join with other parishioners and look at possible responses to the refugee crisis in 2022 please come along to St Anthony's after the 11am Mass on Sunday June 5.

Join other interested people and hear what is needed and how you might feel called to respond to the words of Jesus ... "I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." **Laxmi Fonseca**

YOU ARE INVITED.....

Sunday 5 June is Pentecost Sunday and also Holy Spirit's Feast Day

You are invited to stay for a short time after either the 5pm Mass on Saturday night or the 10am Mass on Sunday morning to share a cuppa and a chat with fellow parishioners to celebrate our Feast Day. - Veni Sancte Spiritus.

5 June is also cuppa weekend at St Anthony's please join us after 6pm and 11am Masses. It was great last month to see so many of our parishioners stay back after all Masses.

Holy Spirit celebrates Baptism

Holy Spirit celebrated the baptism, communion and confirmation of community member Jake Fish at Mass on Saturday night.

It was a lovely celebration of the sacraments conferred by Monsignor Tom.

Jake was supported by his sponsor John Daniel, who is also a valued member of the choir.

Thanks to John Samanna who took Jake through the RCIA program with Mirella Pace from St Mary's.



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Sacraments:

**Baptism—2nd Sunday Holy Spirit 10am Mass
3rd Sunday St Anthony's 11am Mass
Preparation 1st Saturday at 10am Holy Spirit Church**

**Confirmation: Saturday 18 June 3pm
Holy Spirit and 6pm St Anthony's.**

**Catechical Classes begin Monday 2 May 2022
6pm-7pm Meeting Room at St Anthony's.
Contact Parish Office for further information.**

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'.

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
A blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

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SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my Gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.

They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.