



Northcote & Thornbury
Catholic Parishes



**PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT
AND ST ANTHONY'S**

Parish Priest: Fr Shabin Kaniampuram IVDei
Pastoral Associate: Mirella Pace (Wed/Thur 9-2pm)
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ST MARY'S THORNBURY

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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

**NO WEEKEDAY
MASSES FROM
26 DECEMBER UNTIL
29 DECEMBER.**

**Parish Office will be
closed 23 December
until 10 January 2024.
In an emergency
please call 9484 2907,
leave a message and
your call will be
responded to asap.**

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

26 Dec: St. Stephen
27 Dec: St. John Apostle
28 Dec: Holy Innocents, Martyrs
29 Dec: St. Thomas Becket

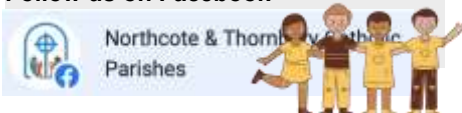
Recently Deceased

Elisabetta Sabatino; Giuseppina
Bianchi; Franca Scaturchio

Anniversaries

Dante D'Andrea; Enza Panozzo;
Youssef Azrak Fakhry; Dale Smedley;
Layla Moussa Fakhry; Pedro Hanna
Peters; Maria Palmieri; Lucia & Pietro
Piri; Nerina Smarrelli; Giovanni Grassi;
Jospeh Fernandes

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ST. JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE

140 Westbourne Grove, Northcote 3070
Principal: Mary Kearney | Ph: 9481 7166

Partnership Parish Office Address

45 Railway place Alphington
P.O.Box 85 Fairfield 3078
Office Number 9484 2907
Office Hours Mon-Frid 9am-2pm

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

45 Railway Pl, Alphington VIC 3078
Supporting Priest: Monsignor Tom Doyle
Pastoral Worker: Pauline Egan
Principals: Rob Costin, Holy Spirit Primary School,
197 Clarendon Street, Thornbury East | Ph: 9480 0391
James Casey, Anthony's Primary School,
52 Austin Street, Alphington | Ph: 94897936

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The Nativity of the Lord (Day Mass)

25 December 2023



**The Partnership Parishes of
St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, Holy Spirit
and St. Anthony's acknowledge with
deepest gratitude and thank all our
volunteers for their commitment to
serving in so many varied ways so all
our**

**Christmas Masses are celebrated with
love, peace and joy.**

**On behalf of Fr. Shabin, Fr. Dixon and
Mons. Tom we wish a blessed and Holy
Christmas and a joyfilled New Year to you
and your loved ones.**



Christmas begins with **Christ**

ALPHA is a series of fun dinner
and group conversations centered
around exploring the big
questions of life, spirituality and
faith in a laid back & non-
judgmental environment

A new ALPHA experience for St
Anthony's Alphington; Holy Spirit
Thornbury East; St Mary's Thornbury
and St Joseph's Northcote begins in
February 2024 Mary Mackillop Room at
St Anthony's, Alphington. Scan the QR
code to register. For Enquiries contact
Mirella on 9484 2907

Have you
ever
wondered
what's your
purpose in
life?



SCAN ME

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52: 7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of
one who brings good news, who heralds peace,
brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion,
"Your God is King!"
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the
nations; all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 97: 1-6, R v.3

**Resp: All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord.
for he has worked wonders;
his right hand and his holy arm
Has brought salvation
2. The Lord has made his salvation known:
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth;
ring out your joy.
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

**Resp: All the ends of the earth have
seen the saving power of God.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-6

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul the Hebrews.
In various times God spoke in the past and in different
various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has
spoken to us through the Son, the Son that he has
appointed to inherit everything and through whom he
made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's
glory and the perfect copy of his nature sustaining the
universe by his powerful command; and now that he
has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take
his place in heaven at the right hand of Divine Majesty.
So he is now as far above the angels as the title which
he has inherited is higher than his own name.
God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I
have become your father, or: I will be a Father to him
and he a son to me. Again, he brings the First-born into
the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship
him. The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:1-5; 9-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
In the beginning was the Word,
the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its
being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him, and that life was the
light of men; a light shines in the dark, a light that
darkness could not overpower.
The Word was the true light, that enlightens all men,
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world that had its being through him.
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain, and his own people did not
accept him.
But to all who did accept him, he gave power to become
children of God, to all who believe in the name of him,
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh, he lived among us.
And we saw his glory, the glory that is his,
as the only Son, of the Father, full of grace and truth.
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Prima lettura Is 52,7-10

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Come sono belli sui monti
i piedi del messaggero che annuncia la pace,
del messaggero di buone notizie che annuncia la
salvezza, che dice a Sion: «Regna il tuo Dio».
Una voce! Le tue sentinelle alzano la voce,
insieme esultano, poiché vedono con gli occhi
il ritorno del Signore a Sion.
Prorompete insieme in canti di gioia, rovine di
Gerusalemme, perché il Signore ha consolato il suo
popolo, ha riscattato Gerusalemme.
Il Signore ha snudato il suo santo braccio davanti a
tutte le nazioni; tutti i confini della terra vedranno
la salvezza del nostro Dio. Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

Salmo Responsoriale

Sal 97

Rit: Tutta la terra ha veduto la salvezza del nostro Dio.

1. Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo,
perché ha compiuto meraviglie.
Gli ha dato vittoria la sua destra
e il suo braccio santo.

2. Il Signore ha fatto conoscere la sua salvezza,
agli occhi delle genti ha rivelato la sua giustizia.
Egli si è ricordato del suo amore,
della sua fedeltà alla casa d'Israele.

3. Tutti i confini della terra hanno veduto
la vittoria del nostro Dio.
Acclami il Signore tutta la terra,
gridate, esultate, cantate inni!

4. Cantate inni al Signore con la cetra,
con la cetra e al suono di strumenti a corde;
con le trombe e al suono del corno
acclamate davanti al re, il Signore.

Rit: Tutta la terra ha veduto la salvezza del nostro Dio.

Seconda lettura Eb 1,1-6

Dalla lettera agli Ebrei

Dio, che molte volte e in diversi modi nei tempi antichi
aveva parlato ai padri per mezzo dei profeti, ultimamente,
in questi giorni, ha parlato a noi per mezzo del Figlio, che
ha stabilito erede di tutte le cose e mediante il quale ha
fatto anche il mondo.

Egli è irradiazione della sua gloria e impronta della sua
sostanza, e tutto sostiene con la sua parola potente. Dopo
aver compiuto la purificazione dei peccati, sedette alla
destra della maestà nell'alto dei cieli, divenuto tanto
superiore agli angeli quanto più eccellente del loro è il
nome che ha ereditato.

Infatti, a quale degli angeli Dio ha mai detto: «Tu sei mio
figlio, oggi ti ho generato»? e ancora: «Io sarò per lui
padre ed egli sarà per me figlio»? Quando invece
introduce il primogenito nel mondo, dice: «Lo adorino
tutti gli angeli di Dio». Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo Grazie a Dio

Canto al Vangelo

Alleluia, alleluia.

Un giorno santo è spuntato per noi:
venite tutti ad adorare il Signore;
oggi una splendida luce è discesa sulla terra.
Alleluia.

VANGELO

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

In principio era il Verbo, e il Verbo era presso Dio
e il Verbo era Dio.

Egli era, in principio, presso Dio: tutto è stato fatto per
mezzo di lui e senza di lui nulla è stato fatto di ciò che
esiste.

In lui era la vita e la vita era la luce degli uomini; la luce
splende nelle tenebre e le tenebre non l'hanno vinta.
Veniva nel mondo la luce vera, quella che illumina ogni
uomo.

Era nel mondo e il mondo è stato fatto per mezzo di lui;
eppure il mondo non lo ha riconosciuto.

Venne fra i suoi, e i suoi non lo hanno accolto.

A quanti però lo hanno accolto ha dato potere di
diventare figli di Dio:

a quelli che credono nel suo nome, i quali, non da sangue
né da volere di carne né da volere di uomo,
ma da Dio sono stati generati.

E il Verbo si fece carne e venne ad abitare in mezzo a noi;
e noi abbiamo contemplato la sua gloria,
gloria come del Figlio unigenito che viene dal Padre,
pieno di grazia e di verità. 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

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

Will re commence 1 February 2024

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

NO MASSES ON 26, 27, 28, 29 DECEMBER 2023

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, 30 December

5pm Holy Spirit, 5.30pm St. Joseph's

Sunday, 31 December

9am St. Anthony's Alphington

9.30am Holy Spirit Thornbury East

10am St. Mary's Thornbury

11am St. Joseph's Northcote

11am St. Anthony's Alphington

5.30pm St. Mary's Thornbury

The Tamil community will celebrate a Mass at St Anthony's on New Years Eve at 10.30pm and will conclude at 12 midnight. **All welcome**



MONDAY, 1 JANUARY—NEW YEAR'S DAY 2023

Feast of Mary Mother of God -

10am St. Anthony's Alphington

10am St. Mary's Thornbury - Bilingual



Congratulations to Fr. Dixon on his appointment as Administrator of St. Therese's Albion. Our best wishes go with him and may the Holy Spirit fill him with rich blessings as he lives out his priestly ministry among the people in Albion. Our prayers go with him. Fr. Dixon's appointment will take effect from 1 March 2024.

Holy Spirit and St Anthony's: New envelopes and statements in the narthex, please take yours to assist with postage costs.

Next week's readings: 31 Dec: The Holy Family, Jesus Mary and Joseph.

Gen:15:1-6,21:1-3 Psalm: 104: 1-6,8-9 Heb: 11:8, 11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40

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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

account. **Church Account: Holy Spirit and St Anthony's Account: BSB 083 347 Account 573502200**

Presbytery Accounts: St Mary's & St Joseph's BSB 083 347 Account 857260792 Church account St. Mary's:

BSB: 083 347 Account: 557931064 Church account: St. Joseph's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 663182650