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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.

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

Sayed Salim Boulous Taouk.

Anniversaries

Frank Franklin, Elena Mandaliti (1 mth),
Youssef Geryes Nassima Fakhry, Kamle
Amad, Michel Raffoul Rahme, Hani
Moussa Hajj, Antonio Ghistine Fakhry,
Francesco & Rosina Iannella, Aldo
Melone, Doris & Raymond Zacchingia
and Lorenzo De Marco.

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our official parish website:

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5th Sunday of Lent Year C

5—6 April 2025



Among the 200 catechumens, and 150 candidates who attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral in March were Aaron Fletcher, our RCIA candidate and his godparent Jim Coffey. This event marked the start of the final preparations for the catechumens and candidates towards receiving the Sacrament of initiation. We pray for Aaron & all candidates who soon will joyfully be welcomed into our family of faith.



Next Sunday **13th April** is **Palm Sunday** marking the beginning of Holy Week. Please bring your own palm, or olive branch. Some will be available at the entrance of the church. *Domenica Prossima è la Domenica delle Palme e l'inizio della Settimana Santa. Portate le proprie palme o rami di oliva.*

Easter 2025 Timetable

Lenten Reconciliation, Wednesday 9 April 7.30pm St Mary's

Holy Week

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 43:16-21***A reading from the prophet Isaiah***

Thus says the Lord,
 who made a way through the sea,
 a path in the great waters;
 who put chariots and horse in the field
 and a powerful army,
 which lay there never to rise again,
 snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
 no need to think about what was done before.
 See, I am doing a new deed,
 even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
 Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
 paths in the wilds.
 The wild beasts will honour me,
 jackals and ostriches,
 because I am putting water in the wilderness
 (rivers in the wild)
 to give my chosen people drink.
 The people I have formed for myself
 will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
 we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
 it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
 the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
 as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
 will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
 carrying seed for the sowing;
 they come back, they come back, full of song,
 carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14***A reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to
 the Philippians***

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
 supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
 For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
 look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have

Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for
 perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes
 from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes
 through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith.
 All I want is to know Christ and the power of his
 resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the
 pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my
 place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become
 perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying
 to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I
 can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I
 have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I
 strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the
 finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive
 in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

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

With all your heart turn to me,
 for I am tender and compassionate.

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

Gospel John 8:1-11***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John***

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he
 appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people
 came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.
 The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who
 had been caught committing adultery; and making her
 stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,
 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of
 committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the
 Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.
 What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
 looking for something to use against him. But Jesus
 bent down and started writing on the ground with his
 finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked
 up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
 let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he
 bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they
 heard this they went away one by one, beginning with
 the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman,
 who remained standing there. He looked up and said,
 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?'
 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,'
 said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Readings Next Week: 13 April 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Prima lettura Is 43,16-21***Dal libro del profeta Isaia***

Così dice il Signore,
che aprì una strada nel mare
e un sentiero in mezzo ad acque possenti,
che fece uscire carri e cavalli,
esercito ed eroi a un tempo;
essi giacciono morti, mai più si rialzeranno,
si spensero come un lucignolo, sono estinti:
«Non ricordate più le cose passate,
non pensate più alle cose antiche!
Ecco, io faccio una cosa nuova:
proprio ora germoglia, non ve ne accorgete?
Aprirò anche nel deserto una strada,
immetterò fiumi nella steppa.
Mi glorificheranno le bestie selvatiche,
sciacalli e struzzi, perché avrò fornito acqua al
deserto, fiumi alla steppa, per dissetare il mio
popolo, il mio eletto.
Il popolo che io ho plasmato per me celebrerà le mie
lodi».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale Sal 125*****Rit. _ Grandi cose ha fatto il Signore per noi.***

L._ Quando il Signore ristabilì la sorte di Sion,
ci sembrava di sognare.
Allora la nostra bocca si riempì di sorriso,
la nostra lingua di gioia. **Rit.**

L._ Allora si diceva tra le genti:
«Il Signore ha fatto grandi cose per loro».
Grandi cose ha fatto il Signore per noi:
eravamo pieni di gioia. **Rit.**

L._ Ristabilisci, Signore, la nostra sorte,
come i torrenti del Negheb.
Chi semina nelle lacrime
mieterà nella gioia. **Rit.**

L._ Nell'andare, se ne va piangendo,
portando la semente da gettare,
ma nel tornare, viene con gioia,
portando i suoi covoni. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Fil 3,8-14***Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippesi***

Fratelli, ritengo che tutto sia una perdita a motivo
della sublimità della conoscenza di Cristo Gesù, mio
Signore. Per lui ho lasciato perdere tutte queste cose
e le considero spazzatura, per guadagnare Cristo ed
essere trovato in lui, avendo come mia giustizia non
quella derivante dalla Legge, ma quella che viene
dalla fede in Cristo, la giustizia che viene da Dio,

basata sulla fede: perché io possa conoscere lui, la
potenza della sua risurrezione, la comunione alle sue
sofferenze, facendomi conforme alla sua morte, nella
speranza di giungere alla risurrezione dai morti.
Non ho certo raggiunto la mèta, non sono arrivato alla
perfezione; ma mi sforzo di correre per conquistarla,
perché anch'io sono stato conquistato da Cristo Gesù.
Fratelli, io non ritengo ancora di averla conquistata. So
soltanto questo: dimenticando ciò che mi sta alle spalle
e proteso verso ciò che mi sta di fronte, corro verso la
mèta, al premio che Dio ci chiama a ricevere lassù, in
Cristo Gesù.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Gl 2,12-13****Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!**

Ritornate a me con tutto il cuore, dice il Signore,
perché io sono misericordioso e pietoso.

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!**Vangelo Gv 8,1-11*****Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni***

In quel tempo, Gesù si avviò verso il monte degli Ulivi.
Ma al mattino si recò di nuovo nel tempio e tutto il
popolo andava da lui. Ed egli sedette e si mise a
insegnare loro.

Allora gli scribi e i farisei gli condussero una donna
sorpresa in adulterio, la posero in mezzo e gli dissero:

«Maestro, questa donna è stata sorpresa in flagrante
adulterio. Ora Mosè, nella Legge, ci ha comandato di
lapidare donne come questa. Tu che ne dici?».

Dicevano questo per metterlo alla prova e per avere
motivo di accusarlo.

Ma Gesù si chinò e si mise a scrivere col dito per terra.
Tuttavia, poiché insistevano nell'interrogarlo, si alzò e
disse loro:

«Chi di voi è senza peccato, getti per primo la pietra
contro di lei».

E, chinatosi di nuovo, scriveva per terra. Quelli, udito
ciò, se ne andarono uno per uno, cominciando dai più
anziani.

Lo lasciarono solo, e la donna era là in mezzo. Allora
Gesù si alzò e le disse:

«Donna, dove sono? Nessuno ti ha condannata?».

Ed ella rispose: «Nessuno, Signore». E Gesù disse:

«Neanch'io ti condanno; va' e d'ora in poi non peccare
più».

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, Ibtsam Gorgees, Wafa Ibrahim, Chrissie, Rita Ljubetic, Mary & Charlie Borg, Mary English, and Kelly Jennings.

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

- 1st Sunday of the month—St Mary's
- 2nd Sunday of the month—Holy Spirit
- 3rd Sunday of the month—St Anthony's
- 4th 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 Alphonson.

"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

Why can't we have all the liturgies at all of the churches?

Due to the difficulty in finding additional priests, and with only two regular priests serving our parishes, it is not feasible to hold all liturgies at each of our four churches. Reducing the number of liturgies helps lessen the burden on our clergy, sacristans, and volunteers, ensuring their well-being throughout the Easter season.

What will happen next year?

Next year's Holy Week timetable will be similar, with liturgies rotating among the four churches. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil will alternate between St Mary's and St Joseph's, and Holy Spirit, and St Anthony's.

What can people do if they need help with transport?

If you need help with transport to the liturgies, we encourage you to reach out to fellow parishioners or contact the Parish Office. If you can offer a lift to others, you can arrange this privately or register with the Parish Office to be connected with someone who needs assistance.

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community:

- ♦ Peter & Julie as they present Peter James Juka
- ♦ Jay & Lizle as they present Emilia Tartaglia

for their baptisms at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Riconciliazione: Mercoledì 9 Aprile 9.15 am—St Mary's

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**, where the oils used for the coming year's Sacraments will be blessed. Hoping many of you can attend this mass! To learn more please see: [Melbourne Catholic, what-is-the-chrism-mass](#)

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 only): Please register your name and contact number on the respective sign-up sheet at the back of the church. 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 collect your project compassion box from the back of the church. The funds raised will help provide clean and safe drinking water in Samoan schools where students face severe challenges to their learning due to water scarcity. [learn more.](#)

