



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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Weekend Masses:
5pm Sat, 10am Sun

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

Parish Priest: Rev Shabin Kaniampuram IVDei
Assistant Priest: Rev Dixon Kuriapilly IVDei
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St Anthony's Church
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Alphington
Weekend Masses:
6pm Sat,
9am Sun (Italian)
11am
Weekday Masses:
Wednesday 9.15am
Friday 9.15am

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

2nd Reading: I Cor 12:31, 13:13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia

Gospel: Lk 4: 21-30

Next Week: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 6: 1-8

2nd Reading: I Cor 15: 1-11

Gospel: Lk 5: 1-11

Anniversaries and Deaths

We pray for those who have died including Gerard Jones, Mytanos Lahoud and Rachel Byrnes and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Angelo Soligo, Saba & Georgette Kairouz, Sarfika & Peter Kairouz, Salam & Sarbick Gea Gea, Milly & George Kairouz, John, Habib, Elvera Katter, Maria & Youseff Kairouz may they all be at peace with their God.

Diary Dates

Please mark your diaries

Tuesday 1 Feb—7.30pm Vinnies Mtg St Anthony's

Friday 4 Feb—10.30am St Anthony's Parish and School Staffs 2022 Calendar

Sunday 13 Feb 11am Mass St Anthony's—Welcome back to school and a special welcome for Preps 2022.

Sunday 20 Feb 11am Mass St Anthony's 100 years of the Alphington/Northcote St Vincent de Paul Conference.

Reflection (PASTORAL Review—Fr Tony Doran)

If you have been to a wedding at all, chances are you have heard today's Second Reading as one of the readings during the liturgy. Certainly, this has been one of the readings at just on sixty per cent of the weddings I have celebrated over my nineteen years as a deacon and priest celebrating weddings. I counted them up on Friday! But I suspect one of the reasons that this reading is so popular is because of its mention of "love". Couples chose this reading because they think it is about the love which they think they share. Actually, it's not.

The love which St Paul is talking about in the Letter to the Corinthians is not the love of husband and wife. This love which St Paul is talking about – rendered by the word *agape* in Greek – is the love of God for us, his holy people. This love is the love in which Jesus died for us and was risen from the dead. Now, before you misunderstand me, let me make a few things clear. I do believe that all of the couples that I have married are very much in love with each other. But, in most cases, it is very young love. Those of you who are married and have been married for many years know that your relationship with your spouse has changed over the years. You know the hard work and dedication that has gone into making your relationship what it is. The first flushes of attraction and lust give way to the commitment to sharing life with children, and eventually comes to the contentment and intimacy of an old age shared together. Some years ago, I was privileged to be asked to bless a couple who were celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary. I think it is in older married couples that we come closer to seeing *agape* love. And the husband said to me that he thought one of the reasons they had lasted so long together was because they had had to face problems, and this had brought them closer together and strengthened their love. Young couples – very much in love – often have not had the grace of years together to know what love is really all about.

As Christians, we believe that all other expressions of love in the Christian life find their source in this love of God for us in Jesus Christ. As St Paul says about these other sorts of love: "Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror" (1 Cor 13:12). But the love of God is the love we will experience when we shall be seeing God face to face. When we do indeed see God face to face, we will understand what *agape* love is all about. Because when we see God face to face, we will be invited into the love which is the life of the Trinity. Father, Son and Spirit who dance together the eternal dance of God's love.

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.

"...in the midst of the World".

Fr. Dixon and I consider it a great privilege and honour to serve the communities of Alphington/ Thornbury East and Northcote/ Thornbury as we read in the sermon on the mount are like, *"cities built on the hill-top that cannot be hidden and lamps placed on a stand which shine for everyone"*.

We accept this appointment with lots of excitement and humility and we pray that it may bring rich blessings to the people we are called to serve and we find joy in living out our priestly ministry among you.

We thank you dear parishioners for accepting us as one of you and for your kind welcome, we already feel quite at home in the community. We, as missionaries always experience our community as "a home away from home" and that is what you are to us.

We both belong to a new secular order in the church called "Voluntas Dei" which was founded on 1958 in Trios-Rivieres, Canada by Fr. Louis- Marie Parent. Dixon and I belong to the Region of Kerala (India) of the Institute. As our institute is Secular, all the members are called to live a secular consecration in the midst of the world, the charism of our institute is *"to be like the virgin of the annunciation, the instrument of Christ, living the father's will within the reality of the present moment"*.



Dixon was ordained a priest in 2014, moved to Melbourne in 2018, he served in the parishes of Craigieburn and the Partnership Parishes of Greensborough/Diamond Creek, now he is privileged to be in this beautiful community of three parishes.

I was ordained a priest in 2007 moved to Melbourne in 2011, worked in different parishes and ministries of the Archdiocese: Werribee, Altona, Thornbury/Northcote, chaplain of Australian

Catholic University, Chaplain of Archbishop's office for the Youth and vocations promoter.



Dear friends, parish is the heartbeat of the Church, being with and serving the community brings lots of joy to us as we commence this new journey into the Mission model.

We emphasise to you all, that the identity, the history, the customs and sense of pride in what people and former priests have achieved in each parish will be respected in this journey. We look forward to working with you all and getting to know you.

Our founder always reminds us to live in the "present moment", this is an opportunity for us to witness and live the Gospel, and be the instruments of Christ, living the Father's will within the reality of this present moment.

We are grateful to the Archbishop and the Vicar General for entrusting us with this opportunity.

Let the Holy Spirit guide us all and Our Divine Mother, St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua be on the journey with us. Thank you. *Shabin Kaniampuram IV Dei* Parish Priest *Dixon Kuriapilly IV Dei* Assistant Priest

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Piety Stall Giveaways

The Holy Spirit Gift Shop now has some wonderful things for you to buy, but this weekend it is all about bargains and give aways. Columban calendars are now reduced to \$5.

On the counter of the gift shop this weekend is a vast range of medals and other religious materials and gifts. These are all for free so please stop at the shop on your way out of Church this weekend and take what you like from the baskets on top of the glass cabinet - except for the calendars which at \$5.

Congratulations Julia Cappozzo



Congratulations to Holy Spirit parishioner Julia Cappozzo who has been appointed one of the two School Captains at Santa Maria College for 2022.

Julia and her family are well known to many people in the Holy Spirit community. Julia attended Holy Spirit Primary School before starting at Santa Maria in Year 7.

Her family is familiar to many of us. Julia's mum Lorraine is a regular reader and her dad Marc was on the Finance Committee. Julia's aunt Lena, also a Holy Spirit Parishioner, has been a volunteer with the Holy Spirit/St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Conference for many years. We wish Julia a wonderful year as she helps lead her school community.

Enjoy reading the story about Julia that appeared in the Santa Maria newsletter.

Something important everyone should know about you?

I am terrified of all creepy crawlies and even the smallest spiders scare me! I really value my family and friends and the connection and joy they bring me.

You win \$10 million dollars. What would you do?

Definitely donate it to charities that stand up for girls' rights and access to education. The Good Samaritan Inn would also be on the list. And I might just keep some money aside to pay for my future HECS debt!

What legacy do you hope to leave at Santa?

I hope I will be remembered for being caring and compassionate, and for giving everything a go. I also hope to encourage others to step out of their comfort zone and be passionate about what the future holds for them.

Your advice to Year 7s beginning at Santa?

Never be afraid to ask questions or for support. Whilst it may seem intimidating, there is nothing worse than feeling lost or stuck on a topic. Your teachers are extremely willing to help and support you in any way they can. Try new things, get involved, make new friends, discover a talent or hobby you never knew you had!

Three words to describe you?

Organised, genuine and understanding.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM GARRATT PUBLISHING FOR LENTEN REFLECTIONS

RESTORING FRESHNESS IN THE TIME OF LENT Garratt Lenten Program Year C

MICHAEL ELLIGATE Restoring Freshness in the Time of Lent is a contemporary program that speaks to Catholics with an Australian-centric experience of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been written during a period of Plenary discussion and activity, and acknowledges the restlessness in the Church today. RRP \$8.95 Sophia \$7.61

THIS CUP WE BLESS A tea or coffee break for every day during Lent

MICHAEL MCGIRR The reflections in This Cup We Bless are an invitation to find God in the ordinary moments of every day during Lent. It is about the cup we share in the lunchroom, the cup someone gives you as you work late at night, or the cup a friend holds to your lips when you can't manage it for yourself. These are the cups which, in the words of scripture, are really brimming over. SPECIAL PRICE \$14.95 Sophia \$13.97

NOT BY BREAD ALONE 2022 Daily Reflections for Lent AMY EKEH AND THOMAS D STEGMAN SJ

Prayerfully journey through Lent with fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. Just a few minutes spent each day with the insightful meditations of Not by Bread Alone can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer and penance. RRP \$5.95 Sophia \$5.06

As noted in our Diary Dates the celebration of the St Vincent de Paul Alphington Conference will take place on 20 February 2022 at the 11am at St Anthony's . The excerpt below comes from a history put together by current members to reflect the work of the Conference and its history over the last 100 years. Each week we will print a further part of the story..... If you wish to attend the Mass and can add to the history please contact the Parish office.

A Journey of a Century . The Story of SVDP Conference Alphington

(PART 3) Donations have always been an important part to the continuation of the conference. To this we are indebted to the parish whose parishioners regularly and generously gave monetary and material support to the conference, personally and through the Poor Box. We received, with the discontinued Northcote Conference, a very large donation from Charles and William Banfield and we are still operating out of this gift. Past conferences had a silent collection among members at every meeting not only did they give their time but also of their meagre savings.

The society was founded as a brotherhood, and the members at meetings were called brother and it was not until about 1970 that women were admitted to the conferences. There were originally objections, but we are so much enriched by the presence of the nurturing experience of women members. All people are welcome to contact the society if in need, we are in no way judgmental of their situation and in the 50's our Hand Up not a Hand Out was extended to migrants arriving in the area and continues to today with refugees and new arrivals. We have regularly assisted First Nations people with fares to return home for funerals and in cases of illness and material assistance.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. 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. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

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

Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

The Church in Australia will celebrate Word of God Sunday on February 6 this year.

Pope Francis, in instituting this event, set it down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time which is close to the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in other parts of the world. In Australia, however, a date falling at the end of January risked being lost in the Summer holidays and preparations for the return to school.

Consequently, the Australian bishops have set down the first Sunday in February as Word of God Sunday.