



## PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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(Italian)

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

Weekday Masses:  
Wednesday 9.15am  
Friday 9.15am

### 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: Jer 17:5-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

2nd Reading: I Cor 15: 1-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia

Gospel: Lk 6: 17, 20-26

#### Next Week: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

2nd Reading: I Cor 15:45-49

Gospel: Lk 6:27-38

#### Anniversaries and Deaths

We pray for those who have died including Marie Zaltron, Sr Joan Cartlidge FCJ and Giuseppina Tornese and those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Eileen Moroney may they all be at peace with their God.

#### Diary Dates

Please mark your diaries

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

**COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND  
AT ALL MASSES  
FOR CHAPLIANCY SUNDAY**

**Welcome Fr. Stephen Francis IV Dei to our Mission parishes. We wish you all the best during your stay with us. May God bless, guide and strengthen you always.**

### Reflection Tony Doran Pastoral Review

For the four phrases which begin 'How happy are you...' there are four phrases which begin 'Alas for you...' or 'Woe to you...' The word 'Happy' in this Reading needs a bit of explaining. 'Happy' is used here not in the sense of moral happiness. In other words, the person who is meant to be happy because they are hungry is not happy in the ordinary sense of the word. After all, who could be happy when they are hungry? Or poor? Or weeping? Rather, they are happy or blessed because of the coming action of God. And the coming action of God is to bring life from death in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. And so, the one who is poor, or hungry, or who weeps, or who is hated is happy or blessed because of what God is about to show in their life. In this sense, these Beatitudes are highly provocative. For, holding together two contrasting ideas, they proclaim that true happiness or blessedness in the Kingdom of God lies in God turning the world upside down. For those who are rich now, those who are satisfied now, those who are laughing now, those who are liked by the world now will not be the winners in the Kingdom. In the coming Kingdom of God, the wisdom of the world is turned upside down. In the coming Kingdom of God, the vision of Jesus Christ is different to the vision of this world. And this is one of the constant themes of Luke's Gospel which we will read in the course of this liturgical year. We see it in the Magnificat of Mary where the mighty are cast from their thrones and the hungry are fed with good things. We see this in the synagogue of Nazareth when Jesus proclaims good news for the poor, and liberty for captives, and new sight for the blind. What these Beatitudes depict is a situation of extreme vulnerability. According to what the world values – those situations which the Woes address – it makes little sense to be this vulnerable. Yet, in light of what God is about to do, it makes very good sense indeed. Because to be vulnerable gives scope and space to God's power. To be full of what the world values is to leave little space for God to fill. To be small in this world gives space for the power and glory of God to shine out. To hang on the Cross, dying the death of a criminal, is for us, life and indeed, the ultimate glory of God. A vulnerable community becomes the place where God is made welcome, and where others see that God is present. And so, blessed are we when we put our trust in the Lord, and send our roots not into the parched earth of this world, but rather into the stream of God's power and grace and glory.

**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**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is international, and we have been twinned with conferences in developing countries Pakistan, Malaysia and for many years India. Each year we send a donation to assist these struggling conferences, in one instance the money bought sewing machines given to women so they could have a small income to support themselves. This year with the severe toll on India due to Covid our donation will be most welcome.

The original members were a group of hard-working Catholics and the majority were of Irish descent, we are still hard working volunteers but represent the multiculturalism that is Australia. Careers included cigar maker, Public Servant, Wharf labourer, cartage contractor and plasterer. Today we have nurses, accountants, lawyers, managers, engineers, and retirees. Present members are: President Tony Bolzan, Secretary Lisa Crikis, Treasurer Fran Morison, Members: Tiziano Cislighi, Belinda Gomez, Gary Malone, Kevin Laws, Eileen Montfort, Shane Sexton, Danae Gerolymou- Papadopoulos... Associate Rosemary Bolzan.

### **CHAPLIANCY APPEAL THIS WEEKEND**

The Chaplains of the Archdiocese of Melbourne support thousands of Victorians every year. They faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support.

Each year we highlight one of the four service areas of chaplaincy - health care, youth justice, prison ministry, and HIV/AIDS care. This year, we focus on health care chaplaincy. Our hospital chaplains are there for the spiritual and emotional health and support of the patients and their families at difficult times; times of pain, uncertainty, stress and fear.

In FY 2021 our hospital chaplains provided 4,682 episodes of care to patients and loved ones in Melbourne hospitals. Chaplains give HOPE to people during some of their darkest days. Let's support them together.

### **MISSION PARISHES NEWS.....ST JOSEPH'S, ST MARY'S**

**The Feast day for St Mary's Parish is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and on Sunday they will be celebrating with \*10am Rosary; \*10:30am Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes, with Benediction to follow Mass and \* Light Refreshments in the Parish gardens! All Welcome**

### **Prayer of Healing of Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Lord, you invite all who are burdened to come to you.**

**Allow Your healing Hand to heal me.**

**Touch my soul with Your compassion for others;**

**Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all;**

**Touch my mind with Your Wisdom, and may my mouth always proclaim your praise.**

**Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs,**

**and help me to lead others to you by my example.**

**Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit**

**that I may serve You with all my strength.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes, help of the suffering pray for 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](http://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.**

### **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.

### **Deacon Poukesi Vakauta, Chaplain to the Tongan Catholic Community**

Deacon Poukesi grew up in the old Tongan capital of Mu'a, where Christianity was first introduced to the country. 'I have many good memories of my local parish, St Michael's, where I spent most of my youth.' He moved to Australia in the 1990s to study Business at Deakin University and in the 2000s joined the Permanent Diaconate program of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. In 2013 he was ordained a Permanent Deacon and has since been based at Good Shepherd Catholic Parish in Gladstone Park. As Chaplain to the Tongan Catholic Community, Deacon Poukesi assists with baptisms, funerals and marriage preparation programs for those who wish to celebrate in their Tongan language. Before the COVID pandemic hit, Deacon Poukesi said the 2,000-strong Tongan community would come together at the start of each year for a special Mass and to bless the children. 'And six or seven times a year, we had two Tongan priests who would come down to Melbourne from Sydney for when the whole Tongan community gathers. 'Before the lockdown, I used to do a Tongan Mass once a month with Fr Peter-Damien [McKinley] at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Sunshine. I would do the homily in Tongan and other parts of the liturgy. But COVID stopped this.' Tongans are well known for their musical talents and have established choirs in several parishes across the Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Diocese of Sale. (In fact, the Tongan choir from Sunshine featured in the 2020 Archdiocesan carols special, Jesus is Christmas.) 'Music is a huge part of the Tongan culture,' said Deacon Poukesi. 'It runs in our bloodstream as Polynesians! Whether accompanied by instruments or not, we love to sing, especially in the Mass. It's our gift, I would say.' Community gathers following tsunami After spending most of last year apart due to COVID, members of the local Tongan community were finally able to gather on Sunday 16 January at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Sunshine, just a day after Tonga's natural disaster. Deacon Poukesi said he was grateful for the opportunity to come together at such a poignant moment. It was amazing to be with the Tongan community after a year; we have not had a chance to come together to celebrate in our own language. And we could feel the tension among the Tongan community. It was very emotional for the people, especially because they didn't know what was going on.' Deacon Poukesi has two sisters and one brother back home, and it was only in recent days that he finally received word from one of his sisters confirming their safety. 'I had not heard from them or their families... or my aunties and uncles and cousins. Thank God they are OK.

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

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

### First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:

if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the  
Lord,

with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the  
counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of  
sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but  
whose delight is the law of the Lord and who  
ponders his law day and night. R.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing  
waters, that yields its fruit in due season and  
whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does  
shall prosper. R.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like  
winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way  
of the wicked leads to doom. R.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in  
vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been  
preached, how can some of you be saying that  
there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the  
dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and

if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your  
sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in  
Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been  
for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all  
people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead,  
the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward  
is great in heaven. Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a  
piece of level ground where there was a large  
gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of  
people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem  
and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who  
had come to hear him and to be cured of their  
diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the  
kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be  
satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you  
out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal,  
on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that  
day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward  
will be great in heaven. This was the way their  
ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your  
consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go  
hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and  
weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you!

This was the way their ancestors treated the false  
prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.