



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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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

MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 10.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English
Weekdays: Wednesday, 9.15am Italian

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesday, 9.15am English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Weekdays: Thursday, 9.15am Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Friday, 9.15am English

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

4 Dec: St. John Damascene
6 Dec: St. Nicholas
7 Dec: St. Ambrose
8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
9 Dec: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Recently Deceased

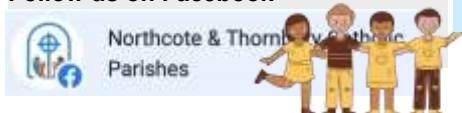
Franca Scartucchio; Romeo Brandon;
Robert Zampieri (1mth.anni.)
Robert Carey; Antonio Muratore.

Anniversaries

Giuseppe Pace; Maria Taglieri
(3yr.anni.)Yousif Mansoor;
Marita Miesen; Youssef Mansour
Taouk; Boutros Saleh Fakhry; Fayez
Toufic Taouk; Enzo Trevisan.

Can you help? We need donations for flowers for the churches for Christmas. Please place in envelop marked 'flowers' and put in collection plate.

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ST. JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE

140 Westbourne Grove, Northcote 3070
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Office Number 9484 2907
Office Hours Mon-Frid 9am-2pm

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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Supporting Priest: Monsignor Tom Doyle
Pastoral Worker: Pauline Egan
Principals: Rob Costin, Holy Spirit Primary School,
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1 Sunday of Advent year B

2/3 December 2023



Advent Reflection Evenings will be held over the four weeks of Advent. **Stop and prepare for Christmas!**

Week 2: *Wednesday 6 December at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's church including Reconciliation*
Week 3: *Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm at St. Mary's church with Adoration and Benediction*
Week 4: *Thursday 21 December at 7.30pm at St. Anthony's church including Reconciliation.*

This Advent prepare your heart for Jesus like never before by

taking on the Advent #Pray25 Challenge with C.S. Lewis! "Hallow", a Catholic prayer and meditation app, will be journeying through the powerful writings of C.S. Lewis, author of the Chronicles of Narnia and one of the greatest Christian apologists of all time, with daily readings, reflections and meditations leading up to Christmas. With excerpts from Mere Christianity, The Four Loves, and more, be guided through prayer and reflection to rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming into this world and our hearts. The Hallow app is the #1 Catholic pray and meditation app in the world. There are over 10,000 unique sessions available on the app, and a version that is always free which has over 1,000 sessions. For full access to Hallow, including the Advent #Pray25 Challenge, scan the QR code then follow the signup instructions. Enjoy the free trial of the full unlocked version this Advent and cancel anytime.



Pastoral Leadership Team report, November 2023

Over the past six months, the Pastoral Leadership Team has explored eight key ministry areas for our partnership parishes:

- Mission and Evangelisation; Liturgy and Worship; Ecumenism and Inter-faith; Social Justice; Youth Ministry; Hospitality and Welcome
Social Media and Communication Schools.

In our last meeting of 2023, on Wednesday 15 November, the Ecumenism and Inter-faith, Social Justice, Youth Ministry, and Hospitality and Welcome groups gathered to discuss their focus areas for 2024 and share these with the rest of the Leadership Team. The Mission and Evangelisation, Liturgy and Worship, and Schools groups are already meeting outside of the Leadership Team meetings, and the Social Media and Communication group will gather for the first time in the new year.

We'll be sharing more about the activities of these ministry groups and inviting you to participate in their initiatives over the coming months. In the meantime, we thank you for your support and prayers, and wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas.

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence, the mountains would melt. such as no one has ever heard of before.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any God but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1.O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. R.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Next week's readings: 2 Sunday of Advent Year B

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 Psalm:84 2Pet 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.

So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

RCIA Rite of Acceptance

We welcome to our parish communities

our catechumens: **Daniel Vuillermin (St. Joseph's);**

David John Nimmo; John-Henry Lamb (St. Anthony's)

Our Candidates: **Kystal Mazzocchi; Lucia Villemagne;**
James and Vanessa Tabakis (St. Mary's)

Please support them by your prayers as they continue their preparation for Full communion with the catholic Church at Easter.

Prima Lettura Is 63,16-17.19; 64,2-7

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Tu, Signore, sei nostro padre, da sempre ti chiami nostro redentore.

Perché, Signore, ci lasci vagare lontano dalle tue vie e lasci indurire il nostro cuore, così che non ti tema? Ritorna per amore dei tuoi servi, per amore delle tribù, tua eredità.

Se tu squarciassi i cieli e scendessi!

Davanti a te sussulterebbero i monti.

Quando tu compivi cose terribili che non attendevamo, tu scendesti e davanti a te sussultarono i monti.

Mai si udì parlare da tempi lontani, orecchio non ha sentito, occhio non ha visto che un Dio, fuori di te, abbia fatto tanto per chi confida in lui.

Tu vai incontro a quelli che praticano con gioia la giustizia e si ricordano delle tue vie.

Ecco, tu sei adirato perché abbiamo peccato contro di te da lungo tempo e siamo stati ribelli.

Siamo divenuti tutti come una cosa impura, e come panno immondo sono tutti i nostri atti di giustizia; tutti siamo avvizziti come foglie, le nostre iniquità ci hanno portato via come il vento.

Nessuno invocava il tuo nome, nessuno si risvegliava per stringersi a te; perché tu avevi nascosto da noi il tuo volto, ci avevi messo in balia della nostra iniquità.

Ma, Signore, tu sei nostro padre; noi siamo argilla e tu colui che ci plasma, tutti noi siamo opera delle tue mani. Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo responsoriale Sal 79**

R: Signore, fa' splendere il tuo volto e noi saremo salvi.

1. Tu, pastore d'Israele, ascolta, seduto sui cherubini, risplendi. Risveglia la tua potenza e vieni a salvarci.

2. Dio degli eserciti, ritorna! Guarda dal cielo e vedi e visita questa vigna, proteggi quello che la tua destra ha piantato, il figlio dell'uomo che per te hai reso forte.

3. Sia la tua mano sull'uomo della tua destra, sul figlio dell'uomo che per te hai reso forte. Da te mai più ci allontaneremo, facci rivivere e noi invocheremo il tuo nome.

R: Signore, fa' splendere il tuo volto e noi saremo salvi.

Seconda Lettura 1Cor 1,3-9

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, grazia a voi e pace da Dio Padre nostro e dal Signore Gesù Cristo!

Rendo grazie continuamente al mio Dio per voi, a motivo della grazia di Dio che vi è stata data in Cristo Gesù, perché in lui siete stati arricchiti di tutti i doni, quelli della parola e quelli della conoscenza.

La testimonianza di Cristo si è stabilita tra voi così saldamente che non manca più alcun carisma a voi, che aspettate la manifestazione del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo. Egli vi renderà saldi sino alla fine, irreprensibili nel giorno del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo. Degno di fede è Dio, dal quale siete stati chiamati alla comunione con il Figlio suo Gesù Cristo, Signore nostro!

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo**

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia.

Mostraci, Signore, la tua misericordia e donaci la tua salvezza.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mc 13,33-37

Dal Vangelo secondo Marco

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«Fate attenzione, vegliate, perché non sapete quando è il momento. È come un uomo, che è partito dopo aver lasciato la propria casa e dato il potere ai suoi servi, a ciascuno il suo compito, e ha ordinato al portiere di vegliare.

Vegliate dunque: voi non sapete quando il padrone di casa ritornerà, se alla sera o a mezzanotte o al canto del gallo o al mattino; fate in modo che, giungendo all'improvviso, non vi trovi addormentati.

Quello che dico a voi, lo dico a tutti: vegliate!».

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; Lewis Zara; 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

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am **ALL WELCOME!**

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

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.

Parrochiani 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

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

St. Anthony's and St. Joseph's only

It's that time of the year. As we plan our own festive activities and gift-giving, let's plan for those who look to us for support. Working with the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project team, we will be making up some Christmas Gift Bags. It has all been done for you. On sale in the foyer for \$30, our Gift Bag has shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, shaving foam, socks and deodorant. 1. Pay for a bag

2. Sign a card, if you like. The cards have been made by

St. Anthony's classes and are on the table.

3. Write out a Christmas "bauble". Place the bag under the

Christmas tree and put the "bauble" on the tree.

Thank you for your generosity. This bag may be the only gift someone receives this Christmas. God bless you. **The bags be available to purchase from 19 November.**



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome **Mateo Jaime and Inez Alma Errazuriz White** for baptism at St. Mary's on Sunday.

We welcome them into the Christian Community. We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



Refreshments will be served after all Masses this weekend. Please stay and meet new parishioners.

Little Sisters of the Poor "Raise the Roof Appeal"

There will be a special Collection at all Masses next weekend to help fund the repairs to their Roof. Please give generously.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) - ST MARYS & HOLY SPIRIT

GIVING TREE – PROVIDING CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE NEEDY OF THORNBURY

For over 25 years the members of the joint St Mary's/Holy Spirit St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) conference have made up food hampers for those in need in the Thornbury community, allowing them to enjoy a Christmas meal in the manner that most of us are used to.

To assist us source required food items we have again put up the Giving Tree in the Church. The Giving Tree has symbols attached, detailing what we require to make up the hampers. Feel free to take any number of these symbols.

Items listed can then be purchased and left under the tree no later than the 3rd week of Advent (16th / 17th of December). **Note: There is no need to gift wrap the items.**

If you would prefer to make a cash donation to assist us purchase additional items and gift vouchers there are also envelopes on the tree. Donations can be left on the collection plates. Should you prefer a bank transfer to support our works please direct to: Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria BSB: 063000 Account Number: 10317778 Agent Number: 946 (if not prompted for an Agent number please include '946 Thornbury' in the transaction description). We thank you in advance for enabling us to continue our works in the community. For those interested in helping on the morning of Christmas Eve or for further details about the hampers (or Vinnies in general) please contact the parish office and a Vinnies member will be in contact with you. **** Note: This applies to St Mary's & Holy Spirit churches only ***

Charity Account: BSN 083 347 Account Number: 140666074



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

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