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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.

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST ANTHONY'S

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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: 10:30am, English/Italian

Weekday: Friday, 9:15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

10 Feb: St Scholastica, virgin
11 Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes
14 Feb: Sts Cyril, monk, & , Methodius, Bp

Recently Deceased

Filomena Ferreti, Elie Kayrouz,
Brian Barclay, Mary E Wilson,
Souraya Bacash.

Anniversaries

Bruno Bruni 1 mth, Iolanda Fiscarelli 1 Yr,
Angela Pugliese 1 Yr,
Youssef Jabour, Maria Bousien, Charlie
Chehine, Saba Bousien,
Eileen Moroney, Davide Spada, Concetto
Giacotto, Rosa Cannata, Vincenza
Minnala, Gaetano Vinci, Sofia Vinci,
Sebastiano Blancato, Pippo Spada e
Gianbattista,
Gregory B Hardiman,
Beshara N Fakhry, Phyllis McRoberts,
Salvatore DeFazio, Lichaa B Kayrouz,
Samia Younan, Rmehyi Taouk, and Istefo
& Joseph Boulous.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

7—8 Feb 2026



St Mary's Feast Day

&

Opening of the School Year Mass

with the commissioning of school staff
and the installation of the School Captain & Leaders

10:00 am on Sunday 15th February 2026

Followed by a short procession with the statue of

Our Lady of Lourdes

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the school hall.

Please bring a plate of food to share. All are welcome.

ACYF—Youth Thank you:

We are so thankful to our generous sponsors whose support made it possible for our young people to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in late 2025. As expressed by our youth at the ACYF gratitude mass at St Mary's on Sunday 1 February (10am), it was a joy-filled experience where they were able to connect with other young Catholics, feel seen and valued by the leaders of our church, and have their voices heard in meaningful conversations. Thank you for supporting their faith journey.

- **Wednesday 11 February 2026—Feast of Our Lady Of Lourdes Anointing Mass—at St Mary's Thornbury—9:15 am (Italian)**
- **Saturday 14th February 2026—Lourdes Day Mass—10:30am St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne**

Our Partnership Parishes have a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

First Reading *Isaiah 58:7-10***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *111:4-9*

R *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

L He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour **R.**

L The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

L With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 2:1-5***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; of God.

only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel of Matthew *5:13-16***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Readings *Next Week—6th Sunday in OT Year A—15 Feb 2026*

1st Rdg: Sirach 15:15-20

2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Prima lettura Is 58,7-10
Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Così dice il Signore:

«Non consiste forse [il digiuno che voglio]
 nel dividere il pane con l'affamato,
 nell'introdurre in casa i miseri, senza tetto,
 nel vestire uno che vedi nudo,
 senza trascurare i tuoi parenti?
 Allora la tua luce sorgerà come l'aurora,
 la tua ferita si rimarginerà presto.
 Davanti a te camminerà la tua giustizia,
 la gloria del Signore ti seguirà.
 Allora invocherai e il Signore ti risponderà,
 implorerai aiuto ed egli dirà: "Eccomi!".
 Se toglierai di mezzo a te l'oppressione,
 il puntare il dito e il parlare empio,
 se aprirai il tuo cuore all'affamato,
 se sazierai l'afflitto di cuore,
 allora brillerà fra le tenebre la tua luce,
 la tua tenebra sarà come il meriggio».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 111

Rit. Il giusto risplende come luce.

L. Spunta nelle tenebre, luce per gli uomini retti:
 misericordioso, pietoso e giusto.
 Felice l'uomo pietoso che dà in prestito,
 amministra i suoi beni con giustizia. **Rit.**

L. Egli non vacillerà in eterno:
 eterno sarà il ricordo del giusto.
 Cattive notizie non avrà da temere,
 saldo è il suo cuore, confida nel Signore. **Rit.**

L. Sicuro è il suo cuore, non teme,
 egli dona largamente ai poveri,
 la sua giustizia rimane per sempre,
 la sua fronte s'innalza nella gloria. **Rit.**



Seconda lettura 1Cor 2,1-5
Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Io, fratelli, quando venni tra voi, non mi presentai ad annunciarvi il mistero di Dio con l'eccellenza della parola o della sapienza. Io ritenni infatti di non sapere altro in mezzo a voi se non Gesù Cristo, e Cristo crocifisso.

Mi presentai a voi nella debolezza e con molto timore e trepidazione. La mia parola e la mia predicazione non si basarono su discorsi persuasivi di sapienza, ma sulla manifestazione dello Spirito e della sua potenza, perché la vostra fede non fosse fondata sulla sapienza umana, ma sulla potenza di Dio.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Gv 8,12

Alleluia, alleluia.

Io sono la luce del mondo, dice il Signore;
 chi segue me, avrà la luce della vita.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 5,13-16

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«Voi siete il sale della terra; ma se il sale perde il sapore, con che cosa lo si renderà salato? A null'altro serve che ad essere gettato via e calpestato dalla gente.

Voi siete la luce del mondo; non può restare nascosta una città che sta sopra un monte, né si accende una lampada per metterla sotto il moggio, ma sul candelabro, e così fa luce a tutti quelli che sono nella casa. Così risplenda la vostra luce davanti agli uomini, perché vedano le vostre opere buone e rendano gloria al Padre vostro che è nei cieli».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo.



Stained glass in St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, Great Britainca. 1900

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for **2 weeks**, then a new request is required.

Tony Ghribeh, Wafa Ibrahim, Tina Marangoni

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 Tuong.

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 Alphington.

"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

Congratulations to our St Anthony's organist, Dr Daryl Barclay, who was recently appointed by Archbishop O'Regan of Adelaide as the new Chair of the Australian Catholic Bishops' National Liturgy Council. A former director of St Patrick's Cathedral Choir and highly experienced Church music professional, Daryl will be taking up a three-year appointment and will be able to remain as our organist during this time.

Friday 13 February, 9:15am – The **Opening of the School Year Mass** for **Holy Spirit and St Anthony's** Primary Schools, including the Commissioning of School Staff and the Installation of School Captains and Leaders, will be celebrated. All welcome!



YOU ARE WELCOME AT THE CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD DISCUSSION SERIES

Even if you didn't attend the first two sessions, please join us this week. The topic is an exploration of the great adventure of God and the universe, which we call Salvation History.

The Zoom meeting is on Tuesday, February **10**, at **7:00 PM**.

Meeting ID: 848 1143 9966. You can also get a link to the Zoom meeting from our parish [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) pages or by [emailing](#) the Parish Office.

The **Face-to-Face** Discussion of the same topic will be held at **St Anthony's** Alphington Parish **Meeting Room** on Sunday, **15** February, at **12:00 PM**.



Caring for our Earth: The parish Earth Care group would like to invite parishioners to attend Clean Up Australia Day at **Darebin Parklands** on Sunday **1st March** from **9 – 11 am**.

If you would like to walk, a group will be leaving from Holy Spirit Church at 8.20 am. Alternatively meet us at the Separation Street entrance of Darebin Parklands at 9 am. Gloves and bags are provided. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Asylum Seeker Support Group Alphington, Fairfield, Northcote & Thornbury Presents ...

A Taste of India—Fundraising Dinner for Asylum Seekers

21 March 2026, 7-11PM	Holy Spirit Parish Hall 197 Clarendon St. Thornbury East
TICKETS ON SALE NOW! LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE	
TRAY FEE \$75 PER PERSON	 Scan for tickets
	
• Indian Buffet by Silver Platter • Glass of bubbly upon arrival • BYO Drinks • Please bring cash for fundraising games	

Entertainment
Jhoom Bollywood Dance Company

Introducing
Eve Watt Comedian

Tickets available via Humanitix: <https://events.humanitix.com/indiandinner>

Enquiries: 9484 2907

How can you contribute and support our Parishes

Thank you sincerely for your generous offering.

For those not participating in the Parish Thanksgiving program, please know that your support is still warmly appreciated and may be given via **Tap and Go** before or after Mass.

With gratitude and blessing.

