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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.

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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

Recently Deceased

Carmela Di Sebastiano,
Giancarlo Ferronato

Anniversaries

Pope Francis 1, Luigi Fontinovo,
Francesco & Rosina Iannella,
Maria Azzaro, Doris Zaccinghina,
Peter Lemalu, Pauline Hanna Fakhry,
George Raffoul Rahme,
Henry Malcolm,
Hares Kodaih and
Howla Youssef Taouk.

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Third Sunday Of Easter — Year A

19 April 2026



Walking With Us in Hope

A feature of the resurrection stories in the Gospels is the way in which the risen Lord appears to people exactly where they are emotionally—to Mary Magdalene in her sorrow (John 20:15); to the disciples in their fear (20:19); to Thomas in his doubting (20:25,27). The encounter told in today's Gospel is no exception. Jesus appears to two disciples in their disillusionment and loss of hope (Luke 24:17,21,25). Jesus walks with the two disciples, listens to their story, and gently reframes their understanding of recent event through Scripture.

By not revealing himself to them immediately but simply accompanying them as a fellow traveller, the Lord respects their experience, letting them tell their story to the end. Only then does he pick it up and weave it into his own instruction.

He shows them how the recent events in Jerusalem had followed the path indicated for the Messiah in the Scriptures rather than that of Israel's political liberation central to their own messianic hope.

The narrative shows a movement from despair to recognition: the disciples, captivated by their companion, offer hospitality to Jesus, but find themselves guests at a table he provides. There his Eucharistic gestures at the breaking of the bread reveal him at last as the risen Lord.

Even though he instantly vanishes from their sight, the disciples feel no loss; instead, they are energised to return to Jerusalem and share their experience with the other disciples.

This wonderful story perfectly models the life of the Church. Fortified by the Spirit, the Church continues the mission of the risen Lord. Through ministry of Word (Scripture) and Sacrament (Eucharist), it walks alongside disillusioned, hurt humanity, rekindling hope and continuing Christ's presence in the world.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

Please return your project compassion box back to the church this weekend.
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First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad

and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'
'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps x

R. *Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

L. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

L. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

L. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21**A reading the first letter of St Peter**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ;

who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation xcf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!*

Gospel of Luke 24:13-35**A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Readings Next Week: 4th Sunday of Easter Year A 3 May 2026

1st Rdg: Acts 2:14, 36-41

2nd Rdg: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Prima lettura At 2,14.22-33

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

[Nel giorno di Pentecoste,] Pietro con gli Undici si alzò in piedi e a voce alta parlò così:

«Uomini d'Israele, ascoltate queste parole: Gesù di Nàzaret – uomo accreditato da Dio presso di voi per mezzo di miracoli, prodigi e segni, che Dio stesso fece tra voi per opera sua, come voi sapete bene –, consegnato a voi secondo il prestabilito disegno e la prescienza di Dio, voi, per mano di pagani, l'avete crocifisso e l'avete ucciso.

Ora Dio lo ha risuscitato, liberandolo dai dolori della morte, perché non era possibile che questa lo tenesse in suo potere. Dice infatti Davide a suo riguardo: "Contemplavo sempre il Signore innanzi a me; egli sta alla mia destra, perché io non vacilli. Per questo si rallegro il mio cuore ed esultò la mia lingua, e anche la mia carne riposerà nella speranza, perché tu non abbandonerai la mia vita negli inferi né permetterai che il tuo Santo subisca la corruzione. Mi hai fatto conoscere le vie della vita, mi colmerai di gioia con la tua presenza".

Fratelli, mi sia lecito dirvi francamente, riguardo al patriarca Davide, che egli morì e fu sepolto e il suo sepolcro è ancora oggi fra noi. Ma poiché era profeta e sapeva che Dio gli aveva giurato solennemente di far sedere sul suo trono un suo discendente, prevede la risurrezione di Cristo e ne parlò: "questi non fu abbandonato negli inferi, né la sua carne subì la corruzione".

Questo Gesù, Dio lo ha risuscitato e noi tutti ne siamo testimoni. Innalzato dunque alla destra di Dio e dopo aver ricevuto dal Padre lo Spirito Santo promesso, lo ha effuso, come voi stessi potete vedere e udire».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 15

Rit. _ Mostraci, Signore, il sentiero della vita.

L. Proteggimi, o Dio: in te mi rifugio.

Ho detto al Signore: «Il mio Signore sei tu».

Il Signore è mia parte di eredità e mio calice:

nelle tue mani è la mia vita. **Rit.**

L. Benedico il Signore che mi ha dato consiglio;

anche di notte il mio animo mi istruisce.

Io pongo sempre davanti a me il Signore,

sta alla mia destra, non potrò vacillare. **Rit.**

L. Per questo gioisce il mio cuore

ed esulta la mia anima;

anche il mio corpo riposa al sicuro,

perché non abbandonerai la mia vita negli inferi,

né lascerai che il tuo fedele veda la fossa. **Rit.**

L. Mi indicherai il sentiero della vita,

gioia piena alla tua presenza,

dolcezza senza fine alla tua destra. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura 1Pt 1,17-21

Dalla prima lettera di san Pietro apostolo

Carissimi, se chiamate Padre colui che, senza fare preferenze, giudica ciascuno secondo le proprie opere, comportatevi con timore di Dio nel tempo in cui vivete quaggiù come stranieri. Voi sapete che non a prezzo di cose effimere, come argento e oro, foste liberati dalla vostra vuota condotta, ereditata dai padri, ma con il sangue prezioso di Cristo, agnello senza difetti e senza macchia.

Egli fu predestinato già prima della fondazione del mondo, ma negli ultimi tempi si è manifestato per voi; e voi per opera sua credete in Dio, che lo ha risuscitato dai morti e gli ha dato gloria, in modo che la vostra fede e la vostra speranza siano rivolte a Dio.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Lc 24,32

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Signore Gesù, facci comprendere le Scritture;
arde il nostro cuore mentre ci parli.*

Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 24,13-35

Dal secondo Luca

Ed ecco, in quello stesso giorno [il primo della settimana] due dei [discepoli] erano in cammino per un villaggio di nome Èmmaus, distante circa undici chilometri da Gerusalemme, e conversavano tra loro di tutto quello che era accaduto. Mentre conversavano e discutevano insieme, Gesù in persona si avvicinò e camminava con loro. Ma i loro occhi erano impediti a riconoscerlo.

Ed egli disse loro: «Che cosa sono questi discorsi che state facendo tra voi lungo il cammino?». Si fermarono, col volto triste; uno di loro, di nome Clèopa, gli rispose: «Solo tu sei forestiero a Gerusalemme! Non sai ciò che vi è accaduto in questi giorni?».

Domandò loro: «Che cosa?». Gli risposero: «Ciò che riguarda Gesù, il Nazareno, che fu profeta potente in opere e in parole, davanti a Dio e a tutto il popolo; come i capi dei sacerdoti e le nostre autorità lo hanno consegnato per farlo condannare a morte e lo hanno crocifisso. Noi speravamo che egli fosse colui che avrebbe liberato Israele; con tutto ciò, sono passati tre giorni da quando queste cose sono accadute. Ma alcune donne, delle nostre, ci hanno sconvolti; si sono recate al mattino alla tomba e, non avendo trovato il suo corpo, sono venute a dirci di aver avuto anche una visione di angeli, i quali affermano che egli è vivo. Alcuni dei nostri sono andati alla tomba e hanno trovato come avevano detto le donne, ma lui non l'hanno visto».

Disse loro: «Stolti e lenti di cuore a credere in tutto ciò che hanno detto i profeti! Non bisognava che il Cristo patisse queste sofferenze per entrare nella sua gloria?». E, cominciando da Mosè e da tutti i profeti, spiegò loro in tutte le Scritture ciò che si riferiva a lui.

Quando furono vicini al villaggio dove erano diretti, egli fece come se dovesse andare più lontano. Ma essi insistettero: «Resta con noi, perché si fa sera e il giorno è ormai al tramonto». Egli entrò per rimanere con loro.

Quando fu a tavola con loro, prese il pane, recitò la benedizione, lo spezzò e lo diede loro. Allora si aprirono loro gli occhi e lo riconobbero. Ma egli sparì dalla loro vista. Ed essi dissero l'un l'altro: «Non ardeva forse in noi il nostro cuore mentre egli conversava con noi lungo la via, quando ci spiegava le Scritture?». Partirono senza indugio e fecero ritorno a Gerusalemme, dove trovarono riuniti gli Undici e gli altri che erano con loro, i quali dicevano: «Davvero il Signore è risorto ed è apparso a Simone!».

Ed essi narravano ciò che era accaduto lungo la via e come l'avevano riconosciuto nello spezzare il pane.

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.

Han Lianqi, Max Gomez, 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

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Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person via the Parish Office:

Moses El-Fahkri



Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Harvey Cappellari** who is presented for his baptism by his parents **James & Sarah** at **St Anthony's** on Sunday. We congratulate **Harvey** and his family and pray for his spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



We congratulate Fr Shabin on his 19th anniversary of ordination.

We thank him for his faithful service to our parish. May God continue to bless and strengthen him in his vocation and may it be filled with joy and renewed grace.



Christian meditation will resume on Thursday 23rd April at 10:30 am in the Holy Spirit meeting room (Old parish Office, the house next to the church).



Friday 24 April—Seniors Mass

10:30 am at **St Joseph's** Northcote, **Anointing Mass** followed by Morning Tea in the church. All Welcome. Tutti Benvenuti.



Next Saturday, **25 April**, on **ANZAC Day**, we pause to honour the courage and sacrifice of all who served. May their witness inspire us to walk in the ways of justice and peace, and may those who have died rest in the eternal peace of the Lord.

Mission Parish Community Faith Walk

Saturday, 2 May 2026, 9:30 am, meet at St Joseph's



From **St Joseph's** Northcote, we then walk to **St Anthony's, Holy Spirit**, and finish at **St Mary's**, where refreshments will be served.

All welcome! Bring comfortable shoes - a water bottle and a spirit of connection!

Join us for a friendly walk as we build unity, friendships, and get to know our churches.

More Info: parish office: admin@NTCcam.org.au 9484 2907

Mission Parishes of Alphington-Thornbury East- Northcote & Thornbury

Join us for our **Community Faith Walk** organised by our **Parish Pastoral Leadership Team**.

At each stop, there will be a **2-minute reflection on a chosen Scripture passage**, followed by a **short hymn** to help us pray together.

We will meet at **St Joseph's**, then walk to : **St Anthony's, Holy Spirit**, and finish at **St Mary's**, where refreshments will be served.

The walk begins at **9.30am** and will take around two hours approx. 6.5 km. All are welcome! to come, walk, talk and share in fellowship.