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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

15 July: St Bonaventure, *bishop, doctor*
16 July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Recently Deceased

Filomena Perrotta, Berta Pozzobon,
Celia (Kearney) Ryan, Caterina Milani,
and Tatianna Garcia.

Anniversaries

Giuseppe Denaro (1 Month), and
Eliseo Mezzalira (1 Month)

Paolo Mazzocato (10 Yrs),
Simon Isaac Khoury,
Joseph Moufid Rahme, Mona L. Tawk,
Wahiba Estephan and Claudio Zuliani,
Gabriel and Mary Gomez, Molly Joyce,
Tom Joyce, Michael Halton, and
Judy O'Halloran.

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

12 July 2026

NAIDOC Week—Sunday 12 July

This year invites us into reflection. We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together.

NAIDOC Week Mass Sunday 12 July 2026, 11.00am
St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne



TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD—Matthew 11:25-30

Today's Gospel records a moment of joyful intimacy between Jesus and his heavenly Father. Jesus rejoices because he senses that he has managed to share with his disciples something of his own knowledge of God.

The "knowledge" of which Jesus speaks goes well beyond knowing a great deal about another person. He has in mind the Semitic sense of "knowing" that flows from deep intimacy. In regard to God, such knowledge is not gained by learning or study. It is a gift that comes to those who set aside any claim to expertise and adopt before God the simplicity of a child.

Jesus goes on to present himself as one who has come to lift humanity's burdens, including but not confined to the burden of sin. In contrast to the interpretations of the Mosaic law given by the scribes and Pharisees (see Matthew 23:4), his yoke is "easy" and his burden "light". The ease and lightness do not stem from a lowering of standards but from the fact that mercy and love, rather than precise legal perfection, have become the supreme criterion. Twice in Matthew's Gospel Jesus quotes the prophet Hosea to this effect: "What I (God) want is mercy, not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6; see Matthew 9:13; 12:7; also 23:23).

The heart of that ease and lightness is the knowledge of which he spoke earlier. To those who worship God as a distant and fearful figure religious rules and requirements can indeed appear burdensome. This ought not be the case for those who truly know God as revealed by Jesus.

(Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)

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

First Reading *Isaiah 55:10-11***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 64:10-14*

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

L_ You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R.**

L_ And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R.**

L_ You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

L_ The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat, They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Second Reading *Romans 8:18-23***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** *GA*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:1-23***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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

**Readings: Next Week: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 19 July 2026**

1st Rdg: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

2nd Rdg: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

Prima lettura Is 55,10-11
Dal libro del profeta Zaccaria

Così dice il Signore:

«Come la pioggia e la neve scendono dal cielo e non vi ritornano senza avere irrigato la terra, senza averla fecondata e fatta germogliare, perché dia il seme a chi semina e il pane a chi mangia, così sarà della mia parola uscita dalla mia bocca: non ritornerà a me senza effetto, senza aver operato ciò che desidero e senza aver compiuto ciò per cui l'ho mandata».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale (Sal 68)

Rit. _ Tu visiti la terra, Signore, e benedici i suoi germogli.

L._ Tu visiti la terra e la disseti, la ricolmi di ricchezze.

Il fiume di Dio è gonfio di acque; tu prepari il frumento per gli uomini. **Rit.**

L._ Così prepari la terra: ne irrighi i solchi, ne spiani le zolle, la bagni con le piogge e benedici i suoi germogli. **Rit.**

L._ Coroni l'anno con i tuoi benefici, i tuoi solchi stillano abbondanza. Stillano i pascoli del deserto e le colline si cingono di esultanza. **Rit.**

L._ I prati si coprono di greggi, le valli si ammantano di messi: gridano e cantano di gioia! **Rit.**

Seconda lettura (Rm 8,18-23)

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, ritengo che le sofferenze del tempo presente non siano paragonabili alla gloria futura che sarà rivelata in noi. L'ardente aspettativa della creazione, infatti, è protesa verso la rivelazione dei figli di Dio. La creazione infatti è stata sottoposta alla caducità – non per sua volontà, ma per volontà di colui che l'ha sottoposta – nella speranza che anche la stessa creazione sarà liberata dalla schiavitù della corruzione per entrare nella libertà della gloria dei figli di Dio. Sappiamo infatti che tutta insieme la creazione geme e soffre le doglie del parto fino ad oggi. Non solo, ma anche noi, che possediamo le primizie dello Spirito, gemiamo interiormente aspettando l'adozione a figli, la redenzione del nostro corpo.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Mt 13,19.23)
Alleluia, alleluia.

Il seme è la parola di Dio,
 il seminatore è Cristo:
 chiunque trova lui, ha la vita eterna.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 13,1-23

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

Quel giorno Gesù uscì di casa e sedette in riva al mare. Si radunò attorno a lui tanta folla che egli salì su una barca e si mise a sedere, mentre tutta la folla stava sulla spiaggia. Egli parlò loro di molte cose con parabole. E disse: «Ecco, il seminatore uscì a seminare. Mentre seminava, una parte cadde lungo la strada; vennero gli uccelli e la mangiarono. Un'altra parte cadde sul terreno sassoso, dove non c'era molta terra; germogliò subito, perché il terreno non era profondo, ma quando spuntò il sole fu bruciata e, non avendo radici, seccò. Un'altra parte cadde sui rovi, e i rovi crebbero e la soffocarono. Un'altra parte cadde sul terreno buono e diede frutto: il cento, il sessanta, il trenta per uno. Chi ha orecchi, ascolti».

Gli si avvicinarono allora i discepoli e gli dissero: «Perché a loro parli con parabole?». Egli rispose loro: «Perché a voi è dato conoscere i misteri del regno dei cieli, ma a loro non è dato. Infatti a colui che ha, verrà dato e sarà nell'abbondanza; ma a colui che non ha, sarà tolto anche quello che ha. Per questo a loro parlo con parabole: perché guardando non vedono, udendo non ascoltano e non comprendono.

Così si compie per loro la profezia di Isaia che dice:

“Udrete, sì, ma non comprenderete, guarderete, sì, ma non vedrete.

Perché il cuore di questo popolo è diventato insensibile, sono diventati duri di orecchi e hanno chiuso gli occhi, perché non vedano con gli occhi, non ascoltino con gli orecchi e non comprendano con il cuore e non si convertano e io li guarisca!”.

Beati invece i vostri occhi perché vedono e i vostri orecchi perché ascoltano. In verità io vi dico: molti profeti e molti giusti hanno desiderato vedere ciò che voi guardate, ma non lo videro, e ascoltare ciò che voi ascoltate, ma non lo ascoltarono!

Voi dunque ascoltate la parabola del seminatore. Ogni volta che uno ascolta la parola del Regno e non la comprende, viene il Maligno e ruba ciò che è stato seminato nel suo cuore: questo è il seme seminato lungo la strada. Quello che è stato seminato sul terreno sassoso è colui che ascolta la Parola e l'accoglie subito con gioia, ma non ha in sé radici ed è incostante, sicché, appena giunge una tribolazione o una persecuzione a causa della Parola, egli subito viene meno. Quello seminato tra i rovi è colui che ascolta la Parola, ma la preoccupazione del mondo e la seduzione della ricchezza soffocano la Parola ed essa non dà frutto. Quello seminato sul terreno buono è colui che ascolta la Parola e la comprende; questi dà frutto e produce il cento, il sessanta, il trenta per uno».

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.

Mary English, Peg Austin, George Toma, Mary Michalopoulos, Tony Greibeh, Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Sandra Robertson, Max Gomez and Sandra Robertson.

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

On **11-12 July** the St Vincent de Paul Thornbury Conference will hold the Vinnies Winter Appeal at St Mary's and Holy Spirit churches. One of our Vinnies members will speak at Mass and there will be a special collection after Mass. Please support the work of your local Vinnies conference and help needy people in our area by giving a cash donation or using the QR code to donate online. Thank you.



Becoming Catholic RCIA "Come and See" meeting—Thursday July 30th

7.30pm—St Anthony's meeting room, 45 Railway Place, Alphington

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic — a family member, friend, neighbour, or workmate?

Last year five people were received into the Church through our parish RCIA program, and we already have several people interested in joining this year's program. The 2026-27 program begins soon.

The first session is a relaxed "come and see" opportunity to meet us, learn about RCIA, and discover some of the basics of the Catholic faith. There is no commitment—just a chance to explore and ask questions.

If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the parish office for more information. God calls all people into a relationship of faith and love with Him. A simple invitation or conversation with you can be the seed that helps someone begin that journey.



Protect Our Common Home During Plastic Free July

In Laudato Si : Our Common Home, Pope Francis reminds us, that throwaway culture harms God's creation. During Plastic Free July, Earthcare ANT group encourages all parishioners to reduce single-use plastics, by choosing to have a mindset of refuse, reuse, and recycle each day. Through the month of July suggested actions will be written to help you reduce the use of plastic. For this week, think of bringing a reusable stainless steel water bottle where ever you go and not buy plastic water bottles.

Pray for Venezuela—To support Caritas Australia's Venezuela Earthquake Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/venezuela or call 1800 024 413 toll free. May God bring comfort, healing, and hope to all who are suffering.



Melbourne synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

Synod Consultation sessions will run across all Archdiocesan regions in July–August, with each parish nominating two representatives (including at least one lay person), beginning with the Northern Region session on Saturday 25 July 2026 (morning). The consultation period will conclude at the end of August. For further information visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>.

Cathy Jenkins Program Lead: MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

The first two theme papers for the Melbourne Synod consultation—Formation and Participation and Mission Leadership—are available to download from our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>