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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

10 Aug: St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
11 Aug: St Clare, virgin
14 Aug: St Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr
15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Recently Deceased

Cesarina Carlesso, Annesley Grero,
and Tony Kevin Amad.

Anniversaries

Caterina Matricciani (1 month)

Antonio Del Mastro 1 Yr,
Francesco Lazzaro (10 yrs),
Vincenzo Friguglietti (10 yrs),
Peter Dytor, Fran, Lil & Pam Joyce, Santina
Bonnici, Maria Snr Kairouz,
Ann Raffeuil, George Raffeuil,
Chahid Snr Kairouz, Shuhla H Geagea,
Shirley Evans, Mtanios Fakhry,
Hanna H Harb, Hanna T Peters,
Elia Arquilla, Luisa Zadro, and
Linda La Schiazza.

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our official parish website:
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

8-9 August 2026



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

April 28th, 2026

Dear Parishioners of Northcote, Thornbury, Thornbury East & Alphington,

Thank you for the warm welcome I received when I joined you earlier this year for the Mass to open the school year. It was a great joy to be with you and to experience firsthand the spirit of your communities.

During my visit, I spoke with Fr Shabin and reflected on what I observed and heard. It was clear that, in many ways, your communities already see themselves as one, with many shared structures in place and a genuine openness to come together in prayer, celebration, and fellowship.

I want to acknowledge Fr Shabin and all of you for the significant work already done to bring your parishes together. This has not happened by chance, but through your generosity, commitment and faith. I was greatly encouraged by what I witnessed and give thanks for the spirit of unity that has emerged among you.

I believe you are now well placed to take the next step towards a formal amalgamation. This would enable your community to continue to grow as one, while reducing the operational demands and costs of maintaining separate structures. It will also support the wellbeing of your Parish Priest.

As you begin to plan for this next stage, I invite you to do so in a spirit of prayerful discernment, attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This is more than an administrative step—it is a moment of grace, an opportunity to continue growing as a community of faith, hope and fellowship.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all as you move forward together.

With every blessing, I remain,

Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ

Most Rev. Rene Ramirez RCJ DD
Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

Next Weekend 15/16th August the Annual Finance Statements for each Parish will be available at the back of the churches.

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the finances of the parishes via Envelopes, Credit Card, Direct Debit, Tap and Go machines and collection baskets. Your support is appreciated. Margaret Harrington Finance Officer.

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

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13**A reading from the first book of the Kings**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

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

L. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

L. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

L. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew Matthew 14:22-33**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



[Jesus Walks on Water](#)

Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib - adapted from a folio dated 1684

**Readings: Next Week: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 16 August 2026**

1st Rdg: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

2nd Rdg: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Prima lettura 1Re 19,9.11-13**Dal primo libro dei Re**

In quei giorni, Elia, [essendo giunto al monte di Dio, l'Oreb], entrò in una caverna per passarvi la notte, quand'ecco gli fu rivolta la parola del Signore in questi termini: «Esci e fèrmati sul monte alla presenza del Signore».

Ed ecco che il Signore passò. Ci fu un vento impetuoso e gagliardo da spaccare i monti e spezzare le rocce davanti al Signore, ma il Signore non era nel vento. Dopo il vento, un terremoto, ma il Signore non era nel terremoto. Dopo il terremoto, un fuoco, ma il Signore non era nel fuoco. Dopo il fuoco, il sussurro di una brezza leggera. Come l'udì, Elia si coprì il volto con il mantello, uscì e si fermò all'ingresso della caverna.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale (Sal 84)

Rit. _ Mostraci, Signore, la tua misericordia.

L._ Ascolterò che cosa dice Dio, il Signore:

egli annuncia la pace

per il suo popolo, per i suoi fedeli.

Sì, la sua salvezza è vicina a chi lo teme,

perché la sua gloria abiti la nostra terra. **Rit.**

L._ Amore e verità s'incontreranno,

giustizia e pace si baceranno.

Verità germoglierà dalla terra

e giustizia si affaccerà dal cielo. **Rit.**

L._ Certo, il Signore donerà il suo bene

e la nostra terra darà il suo frutto;

giustizia camminerà davanti a lui:

i suoi passi tratteranno il cammino. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Rom 9,1-5**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani**

Fratelli, dico la verità in Cristo, non mento, e la mia coscienza me ne dà testimonianza nello Spirito Santo: ho nel cuore un grande dolore e una sofferenza continua.

Vorrei infatti essere io stesso anàtema, separato da Cristo a vantaggio dei miei fratelli, miei consanguinei secondo la carne.

Essi sono Israeliti e hanno l'adozione a figli, la gloria, le alleanze, la legislazione, il culto, le promesse; a loro appartengono i patriarchi e da loro proviene Cristo secondo la carne, egli che è sopra ogni cosa, Dio benedetto nei secoli. Amen.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Sal 129, 5**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Io spero, Signore.

Spera l'anima mia,

attendo la sua parola.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 14, 22-33**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

[Dopo che la folla ebbe mangiato], subito Gesù costrinse i discepoli a salire sulla barca e a precederlo sull'altra riva, finché non avesse congedato la folla. Congedata la folla, salì sul monte, in disparte, a pregare. Venuta la sera, egli se ne stava lassù, da solo.

La barca intanto distava già molte miglia da terra ed era agitata dalle onde: il vento infatti era contrario. Sul finire della notte egli andò verso di loro camminando sul mare. Vedendolo camminare sul mare, i discepoli furono sconvolti e dissero:

«È un fantasma!»

e gridarono dalla paura. Ma subito Gesù parlò loro dicendo:

«Coraggio, sono io, non abbiate paura!».

Pietro allora gli rispose:

«Signore, se sei tu, comandami di venire verso di te sulle acque».

Ed egli disse:

«Vieni!».

Pietro scese dalla barca, si mise a camminare sulle acque e andò verso Gesù. Ma, vedendo che il vento era forte, s'impaurì e, cominciando ad affondare, gridò:

«Signore, salvami!». E subito Gesù tese la mano, lo afferrò e gli disse: «Uomo di poca fede, perché hai dubitato?».

Appena saliti sulla barca, il vento cessò. Quelli che erano sulla barca si prostrarono davanti a lui, dicendo:

«Davvero tu sei Figlio di Dio!».

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. Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Max Gomez, Sharbel Kayrous, Goerge Toma, special intentions for Nancy Ronnie Lichar & Maria Lichar, Mark, Milly & Eve Cunningham, and Phillip.

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

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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

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Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable People



Parish Notices



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community **Hugo Hamilton** who is presented for his baptism by his parents **Hamish and Claire** at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate Hugo and his family and pray for his spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Mission Parishes of Alphington-Thornbury East Northcote & Thornbury

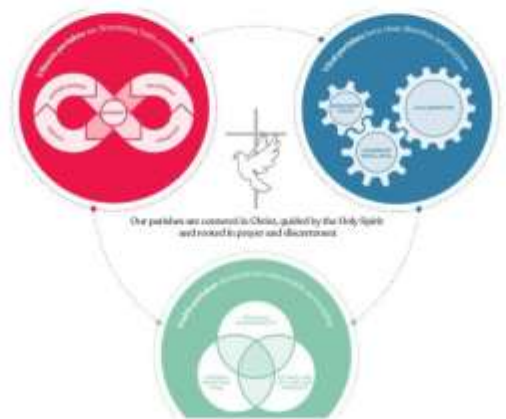


THE LAUNCH OF PARISH AMALGAMATION

As mentioned in last week's bulletin today we launch the process of **Parish amalgamation** with our priests talking about the process in their homily.

To help, to guide this process a transition team has been established with representatives from each community, they are:

- Jim Coffey and Donna Malony from **Holy Spirit**
- Margaret Demich and Naomi Brammer from **St Joseph's**
- Margaret Harrington and Aris Imbardelli from **St Anthony's**
- Ross Italiano and Elena Cafasso from **St Mary's**
- Mary Kearney principal rep for our four schools.



Their role is to listen, communicate, guide the consultation process, and help ensure every voice has the opportunity to be heard. They are here not to make decisions on behalf of our parishes, rather, they are helping us walk this journey together in a true synodal way.

Your parishes members will be at the back of the church this weekend answer your questions.

There is also a **Question Box** there for you to put your thoughts, ideas, questions into.

These will be answered privately or in the bulletin as we proceed. Each week a **FAQ** will be printed in the bulletin.

Oggi avviamo il processo di unione parrocchiale, con i nostri sacerdoti che ne parleranno durante l'omelia. Per accompagnare e guidare questo percorso è stato costituito un gruppo di transizione con rappresentanti di ogni comunità, elencati sopra. Il loro compito è ascoltare, comunicare e garantire che ogni voce possa essere ascoltata. I membri delle vostre parrocchie saranno in fondo alla chiesa questa fine settimana per rispondere alle vostre domande. È disponibile anche una Scatola delle Domande dove potete inserire pensieri, idee e domande. Le risposte saranno fornite privatamente o nel bollettino man mano che il processo procede.

Saturday **15 August**—Solemnity of the **Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Mass at **St Mary's** Thornbury—**9:15 am** (Holy Day of Obligation).