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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

3 Sept: St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Recently Deceased

Max Gomez, Brian Clarke,
Maria Pecenko, Guiseppina Di Maio

Anniversaries

Venanzio Rischitelli (1 Month)
Caterina Fortunato (1 Month)
Carmelo Ruggiero (1 Month)

Luigi Rischitelli (1 yr),
Gorgees Zora (20yrs),
Narmeen Yousif (30 yrs), Sahra Yousif,
Carolina Filippin, Maria Di Benedetto.

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

29-30 August

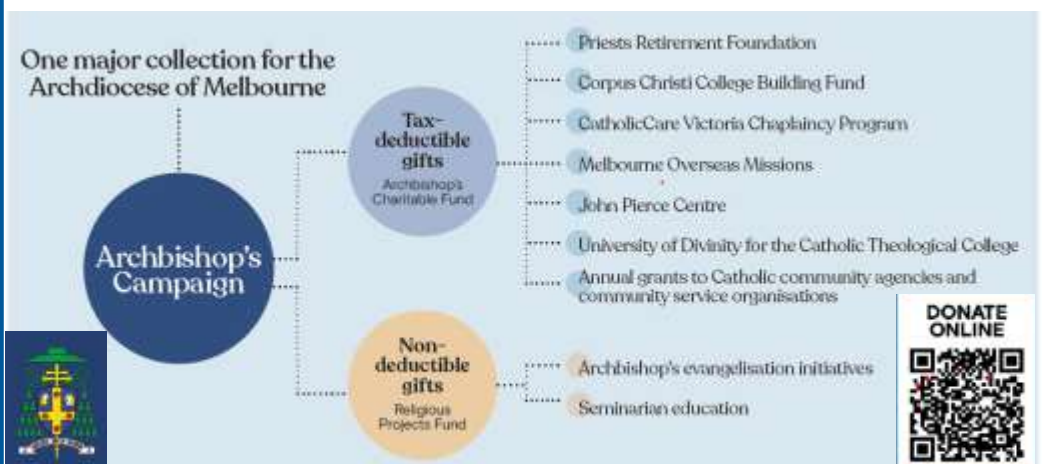
The cost of Following Jesus: Matthew 16:21-27

Peter first recognizes Jesus as the Christ, but then misunderstands his mission. Jesus reveals that his path as Messiah involves suffering and sacrifice. Peter's attempt to protect Jesus echoes the temptation to avoid the cross. Jesus rebukes him, affirming that true discipleship demands self-denial. Following Christ means embracing suffering for the sake of love and truth. Joining Jesus in his mission will mean taking up one's own cross and, in various ways, losing one's life, in order to truly find it. (Sharing the Treasure, Brendan Byrne SJ)



Archbishop's Campaign 2026

The Archbishop's Campaign is an annual appeal supporting vital Archdiocesan ministries. In our parish, it will run from 5-6 September to 12-13 September. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider a one-time or monthly pledge to help sustain the ministries listed below. For more information please visit: melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign



Pastoral Leadership Team report, August 2026: Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 19 August to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed at the meeting were:

- the upcoming Parish BBQ, planned for Sunday 11 October
- the 2026 Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod, and how our parishes can participate
- updates from the Transition Team regarding the amalgamation consultation process, and from our parish schools.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 October. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our discussions and decisions.

A heartfelt thank you to Cathy Jenkins for leading our Parish Synod Consultation Evening, and to everyone who attended. It was well attended — thank you for your support.

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



First Reading *Jeremiah 20:7-9***A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
 you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
 I am a daily laughing-stock,
 everybody's butt.
 Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
 and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
 The word of the Lord has meant for me
 insult, derision, all day long.
 I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
 I will not speak in his name any more.'
 Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
 imprisoned in my bones.
 The effort to restrain it wearied me,
 I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 62:2-6, 8-9*

R. *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

L. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 for you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

L. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 to see your strength and your glory.
 For your love is better than life,
 my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

L. So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

L. For you have been my help;
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand holds me fast. **R.**



[Carrying the cross of Christ](#)
 Gabriel Loire (1904-1996)

Second Reading *Romans 12:1-2***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *cf Ephesians 1:17, 18*
Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
 enlighten the eyes of our heart,
 that we might see how great is the hope
 to which we are called.*
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 16:21-27***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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



**Readings: Next Week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Year A 6 September 2026**

1st Rdg: Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd Rdg: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Prima lettura Ger 20,7-9**Dal libro del profeta Geremia**

Mi hai sedotto, Signore, e io mi sono lasciato sedurre;
 mi hai fatto violenza e hai prevalso.
 Sono diventato oggetto di derisione ogni giorno;
 ognuno si beffa di me.
 Quando parlo, devo gridare,
 devo urlare: «Violenza! Oppressione!».
 Così la parola del Signore è diventata per me
 causa di vergogna e di scherno tutto il giorno.
 Mi dicevo: «Non penserò più a lui,
 non parlerò più nel suo nome!».
 Ma nel mio cuore c'era come un fuoco ardente,
 trattenuto nelle mie ossa;
 mi sforzavo di contenerlo,
 ma non potevo.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale** (Sal 62)**Rit. _ Ha sete di te, Signore, l'anima mia.**

L._ O Dio, tu sei il mio Dio,
 dall'aurora io ti cerco,
 ha sete di te l'anima mia,
 desidera te la mia carne
 in terra arida, assetata, senz'acqua. **Rit.**

L._ Così nel santuario ti ho contemplato,
 guardando la tua potenza e la tua gloria.
 Poiché il tuo amore vale più della vita,
 le mie labbra canteranno la tua lode. **Rit.**

L._ Così ti benedirò per tutta la vita:
 nel tuo nome alzerò le mie mani.
 Come saziato dai cibi migliori,
 con labbra gioiose ti loderà la mia bocca. **Rit.**

L._ Quando penso a te che sei stato il mio aiuto,
 esulto di gioia all'ombra delle tue ali.
 A te si stringe l'anima mia:
 la tua destra mi sostiene. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Rm 12,1-2**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani**

Fratelli, vi esorto, per la misericordia di Dio, a
 offrire i vostri corpi come sacrificio vivente, santo e
 gradito a Dio; è questo il vostro culto spirituale.
 Non conformatevi a questo mondo, ma lasciatevi
 trasformare rinnovando il vostro modo di pensare,
 per poter discernere la volontà di Dio, ciò che è
 buono, a lui gradito e perfetto.

Parola di Dio **Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.****Canto al Vangelo** Ef 1,17-18**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Il Padre del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo
 illumini gli occhi del nostro cuore
 per farci comprendere a quale speranza ci ha chiamati.
 Alleluia.*

Vangelo Mt 16,21-27**Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù cominciò a spiegare ai suoi
 discepoli che doveva andare a Gerusalemme e soffrire
 molto da parte degli anziani, dei capi dei sacerdoti e
 degli scribi, e venire ucciso e risorgere il terzo giorno.
 Pietro lo prese in disparte e si mise a rimproverarlo
 dicendo:

«Dio non voglia, Signore; questo non ti accadrà mai».
 Ma egli, voltandosi, disse a Pietro: «Va' dietro a me,
 Satana! Tu mi sei di scandalo, perché non pensi
 secondo Dio, ma secondo gli uomini!».

Allora Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«Se qualcuno vuole venire dietro a me, rinneghi se
 stesso, prenda la sua croce e mi segua. Perché chi
 vuole salvare la propria vita, la perderà; ma chi
 perderà la propria vita per causa mia, la troverà.
 Infatti quale vantaggio avrà un uomo se guadagnerà
 il mondo intero, ma perderà la propria vita? O che
 cosa un uomo potrà dare in cambio della propria
 vita?

Perché il Figlio dell'uomo sta per venire nella gloria
 del Padre suo, con i suoi angeli, e allora renderà a
 ciascuno secondo le sue azioni».

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, Y, Maria Gorgiou, Mary Buttifant.

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

Friday 4 September at St Anthony's Alphington

First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins **8:45 am**, followed by morning Mass at **9:15 am** with anointing for the sick.



PARISH AMALGAMATION—A Framework and process for renewal

The Viable Parish dimension of renewal framework focuses on the faithful and effective stewardship of resources in service of proclaiming the Gospel.

Viable parishes have the financial, human, and property assets needed to support their shared vision and mission. They are able to mobilise these resources wisely and strategically. They develop sustainable income streams that allow them to grow their mission and to maintain buildings that support parish life and ministry. Through diverse and reliable sources of income, they are able to serve their local communities in a sustainable way.

They also recognise that stewardship extends beyond their own boundaries. Viable parishes generously share their spiritual, ministerial, and material resources for the good of the wider Archdiocese. As Jesus reminds his followers:

"Which one of you, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough to complete it?" (Lk 14:28).

The three focus areas of viability are:

- Financial sustainability
- Capable and effective teams
- Optimal use of land and property

QA Will the Churches keep their names?

Each church will retain its name but as an amalgamated parish, part of the consultative process will be to identify a Parish name reflective of our community.

(The process for this will be advised in the coming weeks.)

La dimensione della Parrocchia Sostenibile nel quadro del rinnovamento si concentra sulla gestione fedele ed efficace delle risorse al servizio dell'annuncio del Vangelo.

Le parrocchie sostenibili dispongono delle risorse finanziarie, umane e patrimoniali necessarie per sostenere la loro visione e missione condivise. Sono in grado di mobilitare queste risorse in modo saggio e strategico. Sviluppano flussi di entrate stabili che permettono loro di far crescere la missione e di mantenere edifici che sostengono la vita e il ministero parrocchiale. Grazie a fonti di reddito diversificate e affidabili, possono servire le loro comunità locali in modo duraturo.

Riconoscono inoltre che la gestione responsabile delle risorse va oltre i propri confini. Le parrocchie sostenibili condividono generosamente le loro risorse spirituali, ministeriali e materiali per il bene dell'intera Arcidiocesi. Come ricorda Gesù ai suoi discepoli: «Chi di voi, volendo costruire una torre, non si siede prima a calcolare la spesa per vedere se ha i mezzi per portarla a termine?» (Lc 14,28).

Le tre aree di attenzione della sostenibilità sono: • Sostenibilità finanziaria

- Team capaci ed efficaci
- Uso ottimale dei terreni e delle proprietà

QA Le chiese manterranno i loro nomi? Ogni chiesa conserverà il proprio nome, ma come parrocchia amalgamata, parte del processo consultivo sarà identificare un nome parrocchiale che rispecchi la nostra comunità. (Il processo per questo sarà comunicato nelle prossime settimane.)

Please forward your thoughts either via the Question box in your foyer or email margaret.harrington@cam.org.au.

The Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria are proud to announce the **Archbishop's Dinner—Friday 16th October 2026—7pm—Held at Grand Star Reception & Convention Centre—to Support the education of our clergy. Cost \$170—If you would like to join Fr Shabin and other parishioners—5 places are still available on the Table. RSVP by Friday 11th September, 2026. Guest Speaker: Peta Credlin AO—Australian political commentator and former senior adviser, now host of Credlin on Sky News Australia. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend: adminANT@cam.org.au (9484 2907).**

Next Weekend—5/6 September Join us for a cuppa after Mass