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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

8 Sept: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Anniversaries

Patrizia Lazzaro (1 Year),
Carmela Spano (15 Years),
Sandra Minato (20 Years),
Vito Antonio Fiscarelli,
Ferdinando Pezzimenti,
Giovanni & Ivanna Sanelli,
Vito & Rosalina Di Benedetto,
Michael Mela, Case, and Miriam .

To update parish details, please visit
our official parish website:
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

5-6 September 2026

PARISH AMALGAMATION

Dear Parishioners, As we move through the consultative process of Amalgamation our next step is our first consultative meeting with our communities. It is a time to think about our parish, its history, and our role in it. Each community will have a consultative session as listed below, they will be held after all Masses, and you can join any session that suits your diary. These Consultative meetings will take place as follows:

St Joseph's: 5.30pm Mass Saturday 12/9 and Sunday 11am Mass 13/9
St Anthony's: 10.30am Mass Sunday 13/9
Holy Spirit: 5pm Mass Saturday 19/9 and Sunday 9.30am Mass 20/9
St Mary's: 10am Mass and 5.30pm Masses Sunday 4/10

We hope one of these times suit your diary and look forward to seeing you there. Transition Team

QA: What does it mean that our finances are going to be amalgamated?

At present, we have been operating under 3 separate entities with 3 ABNs as a Mission group of parishes. We pay most expenses three times whether it be utilities, council rates, software licenses, Archdiocesan levies and charges, three insurances, etc. We have one accountant who oversees three sets of books, reports quarterly to the tax office for three ABNs, prepares 3 quarterly finance reports, has to review three reconciliations monthly and prepare three financial statements annually. We also pay invoices for services used across all three parishes, with the associated costs and GST apportioned accordingly.

As an Amalgamated parish, we would be one entity, under 1 ABN with all licenses and payments being paid out of one account. Each parish is financially viable, there are no loans, each parish has investments at CDF enjoying excellent interest rates, each parish has buildings that are being rented commercially. The major costs for all churches cover maintenance, insurance, safety requirements, purchase of new assets, utility bills, salaries etc. The major costs regarding the use of funds is discussed by the finance teams and advice is recommended to Fr Shabin for his consideration and approval. Amalgamation will save time and effort in administration, reporting, compliance with worksafe, the ATO and the annual return to the ACNC. This centralisation will streamline processes and decision making and communication. The intention of amalgamation is not to disadvantage any community, but to simplify administration and strengthen the responsible stewardship of parish resources.

D: Cosa significa che le nostre finanze saranno accorpate?

Attualmente le nostre tre parrocchie operano come tre entità distinte, ciascuna con il proprio ABN. Ciò significa che molte spese vengono sostenute tre volte, come utenze, tasse comunali, licenze software, contributi e oneri diocesani, assicurazioni e altri costi amministrativi. Inoltre, il nostro contabile gestisce tre contabilità separate, tre serie di rapporti finanziari e tre dichiarazioni annuali. Anche le spese condivise tra le parrocchie devono essere ripartite e contabilizzate separatamente.

Con l'amalgamazione, le tre parrocchie diventeranno un'unica entità con un solo ABN, un unico sistema contabile e un'unica struttura amministrativa. Tutte le parrocchie sono finanziariamente solide: non hanno prestiti, possiedono investimenti presso il CDF e dispongono di immobili affittati commercialmente. Le principali spese riguardano manutenzione, assicurazioni, requisiti di sicurezza, nuove attrezzature, utenze e stipendi. Le decisioni sull'utilizzo dei fondi continueranno a essere valutate dai gruppi finanziari e sottoposte a Fr Shabin per approvazione. L'amalgamazione non ha lo scopo di svantaggiare alcuna comunità, ma di semplificare l'amministrazione, ridurre il carico burocratico, migliorare l'efficienza e rafforzare una gestione responsabile delle risorse parrocchiali.

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

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. *O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

L. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

L. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

L. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



[Where two or three are gathered in my name](#)
Heinrich Hofmann (1893)

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



1 September-4 October

Readings: Next Week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 13 September 2026

1st Rdg: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

2nd Rdg: Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Prima lettura Ez 33,1.7-9*Dal libro del profeta Ezechièle*

Mi fu rivolta questa parola del Signore:

«O figlio dell'uomo, io ti ho posto come sentinella per la casa d'Israele. Quando sentirai dalla mia bocca una parola, tu dovrai avvertirli da parte mia.

Se io dico al malvagio: "Malvagio, tu morirai", e tu non parli perché il malvagio desista dalla sua condotta, egli, il malvagio, morirà per la sua iniquità, ma della sua morte io domanderò conto a te.

Ma se tu avverti il malvagio della sua condotta perché si converta ed egli non si converte dalla sua condotta, egli morirà per la sua iniquità, ma tu ti sarai salvato».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale (Sal 94)

Rit. _ Ascoltate oggi la voce del Signore.

L._ Venite, cantiamo al Signore, acclamiamo la roccia della nostra salvezza. Accostiamoci a lui per rendergli grazie, a lui acclamiamo con canti di gioia. **Rit.**

L._ Entrate: prostràti, adoriamo, in ginocchio davanti al Signore che ci ha fatti. È lui il nostro Dio e noi il popolo del suo pascolo, il gregge che egli conduce. **Rit.**

L._ Se ascoltaste oggi la sua voce!
«Non indurite il cuore come a Merìba, come nel giorno di Massa nel deserto, dove mi tentarono i vostri padri: mi misero alla prova pur avendo visto le mie opere». **Rit.**

**Seconda lettura** Rm 13,8-10*Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani*

Fratelli, non siate debitori di nulla a nessuno, se non dell'amore vicendevole; perché chi ama l'altro ha adempiuto la Legge.

Infatti: «Non commetterai adulterio, non ucciderai, non ruberai, non desidererai», e qualsiasi altro comandamento, si ricapitola in questa parola: «Amerai il tuo prossimo come te stesso».

La carità non fa alcun male al prossimo: pienezza della Legge infatti è la carità.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Mt 18,15-20

Alleluia, alleluia.

Dio ha riconciliato a sé il mondo in Cristo, affidando a noi la parola della riconciliazione.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 18,15-20*Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo*

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli:

«Se il tuo fratello commetterà una colpa contro di te, va' e ammoniscilo fra te e lui solo; se ti ascolterà, avrai guadagnato il tuo fratello; se non ascolterà, prendi ancora con te una o due persone, perché ogni cosa sia risolta sulla parola di due o tre testimoni. Se poi non ascolterà costoro, dillo alla comunità; e se non ascolterà neanche la comunità, sia per te come il pagano e il pubblicano.

In verità io vi dico: tutto quello che legherete sulla terra sarà legato in cielo, e tutto quello che scioglierete sulla terra sarà sciolto in cielo.

In verità io vi dico ancora: se due di voi sulla terra si metteranno d'accordo per chiedere qualunque cosa, il Padre mio che è nei cieli gliela concederà. Perché dove sono due o tre riuniti nel mio nome, lì sono io in mezzo a loro».

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a Te O Cristo



1 settembre – 4 ottobre

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for **2 weeks**, then a new request is required. *Tina Marangoni, Madja Brozic, Mary Buttifant, Shanaz Irfan, Angela Di Beneddetto.*

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-Fakhri



Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



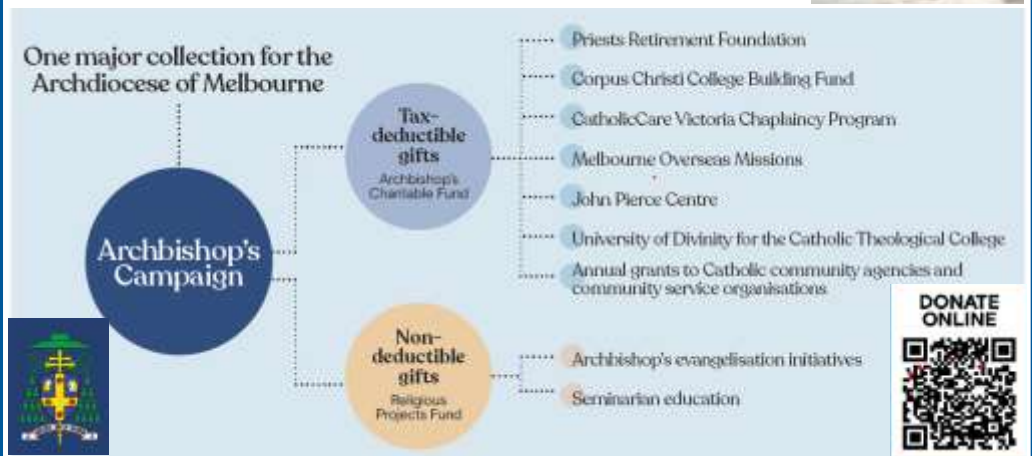
We welcome into the Christian Community **Estelle Carletti Vasiliou** who is presented for her baptism by her parents **Steven & Theresa** at **St Mary's** this Sunday. We congratulate Estelle and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

Archbishop's Campaign 5-6 September and 12-13 September

Third Collection This Weekend and Next in Support of Our Retired Priests

The Archbishop's Campaign is an annual appeal supporting vital Archdiocesan ministries. In our parish, the appeal will take place over two weekends, 5-6 September and 12-13 September.

For more information on tax deductible gifts see below or visit: melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign



On the Memorial of Our Lady Of Sorrows (15 September), you are invited to join Archbishop Peter Comensoli for a 4pm Prayer Service of Lament on the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, remembering those harmed by abuse and praying for God's healing mercy, justice, hope, and the conversion of His Church.

We wish all fathers and fatherly figures a very Happy Father's Day Today!

Caritas Australia has launched an emergency appeal to support communities devastated by catastrophic flash flooding in northern Nepal. Hundreds of people are still missing, including 34 Australians. To support the **Nepal Flood Appeal**, visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/> or call **1800 024 413** toll free. Please pray for those who are suffering.



The Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October)

This year's theme is "Living Water". It explores Ezekiel 47:9,12. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. Pope Leo's Message on Care Of Creation Day 1st Sept stated: "We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them (cf. Prov 4:23). If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace." The EarthcareANT group has created a collection of images celebrating creation in our home gardens. These slides can be downloaded from our website: <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/hosan>. You are also welcome to send your own images or photos to earthcareant25@gmail.com to be included in the collection.

Archbishop's Dinner—Friday 16th October 2026—7pm—Held at Grand Star Reception & Convention Centre—to Support the education of our clergy. Cost \$170—3 places are still available. RSVP by Friday 11/9—email: adminANT@cam.org.au (or call 9484 2907).