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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

29 Sept: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

30 Sept: St Jerome, priest, doctor

1 Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

2 Oct: Holy Guardian Angels

Recently Deceased:

All parishioners and family members who have passed away in our parish communities.

Anniversaries

Octavio Garcia (1 Month)
Giuseppina Di Maio (1 Month)

Bill Reid, Marko Buvinic and
Damian Mosele 7 Years.

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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

26-27 September 2026

Save the Date: Combined Parish Spring Picnic – 11 October



You can register via this QR Code

You can also register via the Trybooking link below

Or you can email or call the Parish Office to register

RSVP:
Friday 2 October

All are invited

Please note:
Parking on local streets only

Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/1647447> or Email: adminANT@cam.org.au or Call: 03 9484 2907



We warmly welcome Auxiliary Bishop Antony from the Archdiocese of Verapoly, in Kerala, the home diocese of Fr Shabin.

May your time in Australia be enjoyable and refreshing.



First Reading *Ezekiel 18:25-28***A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-9*

R. *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

L. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

L. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

L. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading *Philippians 2:1-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 21:28-32***A reading from the holy Gospel of Matthew**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**Readings: Next Week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 4 October 2026**

1st Rdg: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Rdg: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Prima lettura Ez 18,25-28**Dal libro del profeta Ezechièle**

Così dice il Signore:

«Voi dite: "Non è retto il modo di agire del Signore". Ascolta dunque, casa d'Israele: Non è retta la mia condotta o piuttosto non è retta la vostra?

Se il giusto si allontana dalla giustizia e commette il male e a causa di questo muore, egli muore appunto per il male che ha commesso. E se il malvagio si converte dalla sua malvagità che ha commesso e compie ciò che è retto e giusto, egli fa vivere se stesso. Ha riflettuto, si è allontanato da tutte le colpe commesse: egli certo vivrà e non morirà».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo responsoriale (Sal 24)****Rit. _ Ricòrdati, Signore, della tua misericordia.**

L._ Fammi conoscere, Signore, le tue vie, insegnami i tuoi sentieri.

Guidami nella tua fedeltà e istruiscimi, perché sei tu il Dio della mia salvezza; io spero in te tutto il giorno. **Rit.**

L._ Ricòrdati, Signore, della tua misericordia e del tuo amore, che è da sempre.

I peccati della mia giovinezza e le mie ribellioni, non li ricordare: ricòrdati di me nella tua misericordia, per la tua bontà, Signore. **Rit.**

L._ Buono e retto è il Signore, indica ai peccatori la via giusta; guida i poveri secondo giustizia, insegna ai poveri la sua via. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Fil 2,1-11**Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippési**

Fratelli, se c'è qualche consolazione in Cristo, se c'è qualche conforto, frutto della carità, se c'è qualche comunione di spirito, se ci sono sentimenti di amore e di compassione, rendete piena la mia gioia con un medesimo sentire e con la stessa carità, rimanendo unanimi e concordi.

Non fate nulla per rivalità o vanagloria, ma ciascuno di voi, con tutta umiltà, consideri gli altri superiori a se stesso. Ciascuno non cerchi l'interesse proprio, ma anche quello degli altri.

Abbiate in voi gli stessi sentimenti di Cristo Gesù: egli, pur essendo nella condizione di Dio, non ritenne un privilegio l'essere come Dio, ma svuotò se stesso assumendo una condizione di servo, diventando simile agli uomini. Dall'aspetto riconosciuto come uomo, umiliò se stesso facendosi obbediente fino alla morte e a una morte di croce. Per questo Dio lo esaltò e gli donò il nome che è al di sopra di ogni nome, perché nel nome di Gesù ogni ginocchio si pieghi nei cieli, sulla terra e sotto terra, e ogni lingua proclami: «Gesù Cristo è Signore!», a gloria di Dio Padre.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo Gv 10,27****Alleluia, alleluia.**

Le mie pecore ascoltano la mia voce, dice il Signore, e io le conosco ed esse mi seguono.

Alleluia.**Vangelo Mt 21, 28-32****Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo**

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai capi dei sacerdoti e agli anziani del popolo:

«Che ve ne pare? Un uomo aveva due figli. Si rivolse al primo e disse: "Figlio, oggi va' a lavorare nella vigna". Ed egli rispose: "Non ne ho voglia". Ma poi si pentì e vi andò. Si rivolse al secondo e disse lo stesso. Ed egli rispose: "Sì, signore". Ma non vi andò. Chi dei due ha compiuto la volontà del padre?». Risposero: «Il primo».

E Gesù disse loro:

«In verità io vi dico: i pubblicani e le prostitute vi passano avanti nel regno di Dio. Giovanni infatti venne a voi sulla via della giustizia, e non gli avete creduto; i pubblicani e le prostitute invece gli hanno creduto. Voi, al contrario, avete visto queste cose, ma poi non vi siete nemmeno pentiti così da credergli».

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, Mary Buttifant, Shanaz Irfan, Angela Di Beneddetto, Bernadette Zammet, Sharbil Karous, Suhalia Yousif, Wafa Ibrahim.*

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 **Roman Rinaldo Conti** who is presented for his baptism by his parents **Mathew & Ryen**, at **St Joseph's** this Sunday. We congratulate Roman and his family and pray for his spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

AMALGAMATION-First Consultative Meeting at Holy Spirit led by Jim & Donna

The conversations reflected a strong sense of positivity and hope, with many seeing amalgamation as a natural next step in a journey already underway. Holy Spirit's adaptability, welcoming spirit, active participation and commitment to outreach were recognized as important gifts we bring to our wider faith community.

Looking ahead, there was enthusiasm for more opportunities to worship, gather and serve together, alongside a strong desire to connect with young people, families, schools and the wider community. As we continue this journey, we do so with hope and a shared responsibility for building the life and mission of our new parish together.

AMALGAMAZIONE –Primo Incontro Consultivo a Holy Spirit guidato da Jim e Donna
Le conversazioni hanno espresso un forte senso di positività e speranza, e molti hanno visto l'amalgamazione come il passo naturale successivo in un cammino già avviato. L'adattabilità, lo spirito di accoglienza, la partecipazione attiva e l'impegno verso l'outreach dello Spirito Santo sono stati riconosciuti come doni importanti che portiamo alla nostra più ampia comunità di fede.

Guardando al futuro, è emerso entusiasmo per maggiori opportunità di pregare, riunirci e servire insieme, insieme a un forte desiderio di entrare in relazione con i giovani, le famiglie, le scuole e la comunità più vasta. Mentre continuiamo questo cammino, lo facciamo con speranza e con una responsabilità condivisa nel costruire insieme la vita e la missione della nostra nuova parrocchia.



Season of Creation Prayer Evening St Francis' 800th Anniversary – St Mary's Thornbury, Wed 30 Sept, 7 pm—Join us as we pray and reflect on Living Water—a sign of renewal, healing, and God's life-giving presence. Inspired by St Francis' love for creation, we pause, pray, and renew our care for our common home.

Asylum Seekers Support Donations—We are very sad to report that mass goes at St Anthony's have been seen taking items from our ASSG donations basket. Parishioners have given generously over the years their donations into baskets at the back of the church. Because of items being removed we will move the baskets to the Our Lady's Altar, we hope you will continue to give generously as in the past.



Friday 2 October 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.

Next Weekend—3/4 October Join us for a cuppa after Mass

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER - 2 TO 7PM -

ST JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE SCHOOL FETE

Parish Contributions welcomed for Silent Auction, Cake Stall and Choc Toss
Volunteers needed to help on the day with Set up/pack down/washing station if you can help please contact

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