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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

7 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

Recently Deceased:

Carmen Schembri.

Anniversaries

Taddeo Paul Cassar,
Francesco Solimando (4 months),
Francesco & Rosina Iannella, and
Aldo Melone.

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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

3-4 October 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 extend our sincere thanks to Bishop Antony for his visit to our parish and for celebrating Mass and the Sacrament of Baptism with our community. We are deeply appreciative of his time and ministry. We wish him every blessing.

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

St Carlo Acutis Relics from Assisi visiting—St Joseph's Melkite Catholic Church **Fairfield VIC** —Thursday 8 October 6:30pm Welcome of Relics and Friday, 9 October Individual Blessing with the Relics (12:30pm & 8:30pm); Saint Carlo Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition **1:30pm** (Parish Hall), Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the relics **1-6pm**. Please visit STCARLOAUSTRALIA.COM

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend has a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20*

R. *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

L. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

L. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

L. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

L. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

Second Reading *Philippians 4:6-9***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything
that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour,
and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of
praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and
have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do.
Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gospel Acclamation *cf John 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.*

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 21:33-43***A reading from the holy Gospel of Mathew**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner,
who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress
in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to
the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his
servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third.
Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number,
and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his
son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when
the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the
heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance."
So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and
killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes,
what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will
bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the
vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to
him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you
never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from
you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings: Next Week: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 11 October 2026

1st Rdg: Isaiah 25:6-10

2nd Rdg: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10

Prima lettura Is 5,1-7
Dal libro del profeta Isaia

Voglio cantare per il mio diletto
 il mio cantico d'amore per la sua vigna.
 Il mio diletto possedeva una vigna
 sopra un fertile colle.
 Egli l'aveva dissodata e sgombrata dai sassi
 e vi aveva piantato viti pregiate;
 in mezzo vi aveva costruito una torre
 e scavato anche un tino.
 Egli aspettò che producesse uva;
 essa produsse, invece, acini acerbi.
 E ora, abitanti di Gerusalemme
 e uomini di Giuda,
 siate voi giudici fra me e la mia vigna.
 Che cosa dovevo fare ancora alla mia vigna
 che io non abbia fatto?
 Perché, mentre attendevo che producesse uva,
 essa ha prodotto acini acerbi?
 Ora voglio farvi conoscere
 ciò che sto per fare alla mia vigna:
 toglierò la sua siepe
 e si trasformerà in pascolo;
 demolirò il suo muro di cinta
 e verrà calpestata.
 La renderò un deserto,
 non sarà potata né vangata
 e vi cresceranno rovi e pruni;
 alle nubi comanderò di non mandarvi la pioggia.
 Ebbene, la vigna del Signore degli eserciti
 è la casa d'Israele;
 gli abitanti di Giuda
 sono la sua piantagione preferita.
 Egli si aspettava giustizia
 ed ecco spargimento di sangue,
 attendeva rettitudine
 ed ecco grida di oppressi.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale (Sal 79)

Rit. _ La vigna del Signore è la casa d'Israele.

L._ Hai sradicato una vite dall'Egitto,
 hai scacciato le genti e l'hai trapiantata.
 Ha esteso i suoi tralci fino al mare,
 arrivavano al fiume i suoi germogli. **Rit.**

L._ Perché hai aperto brecce nella sua cinta
 e ne fa vendemmia ogni passante?
 La devasta il cinghiale del bosco
 e vi pascolano le bestie della campagna. **Rit.**

L._ Dio degli eserciti, ritorna!
 Guarda dal cielo e vedi
 e visita questa vigna,
 proteggi quello che la tua destra ha piantato,
 il figlio dell'uomo che per te hai reso forte. **Rit.**

Seconda lettura Fil 4,6-9

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Filippesi

Fratelli, non angustiatevi per nulla, ma in ogni circostanza
 fate presenti a Dio le vostre richieste con preghiere,
 suppliche e ringraziamenti.
 E la pace di Dio, che supera ogni intelligenza, custodirà i
 vostri cuori e le vostre menti in Cristo Gesù.
 In conclusione, fratelli, quello che è vero, quello che è nobile,
 quello che è giusto, quello che è puro, quello che è amabile,
 quello che è onorato, ciò che è virtù e ciò che merita lode,
 questo sia oggetto dei vostri pensieri.
 Le cose che avete imparato, ricevuto, ascoltato e veduto in
 me, mettetele in pratica. E il Dio della pace sarà con voi!

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Gv 15,16

Alleluia, alleluia.

Io ho scelto voi, dice il Signore,
 perché andiate e portiate frutto
 e il vostro frutto rimanga.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 21, 33-43

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

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

«Ascoltate un'altra parabola: c'era un uomo, che possedeva
 un terreno e vi piantò una vigna. La circondò con una siepe,
 vi scavò una buca per il torchio e costruì una torre. La diede
 in affitto a dei contadini e se ne andò lontano.

Quando arrivò il tempo di raccogliere i frutti, mandò i suoi
 servi dai contadini a ritirare il raccolto. Ma i contadini
 presero i servi e uno lo bastonarono, un altro lo uccisero, un
 altro lo lapidarono. Mandò di nuovo altri servi, più
 numerosi dei primi, ma li trattarono allo stesso modo.

Da ultimo mandò loro il proprio figlio dicendo: «Avranno
 rispetto per mio figlio!». Ma i contadini, visto il figlio,
 dissero tra loro: «Costui è l'erede. Su, uccidiamolo e avremo
 noi la sua eredità!». Lo presero, lo cacciarono fuori dalla
 vigna e lo uccisero.

Quando verrà dunque il padrone della vigna, che cosa farà a
 quei contadini?».

Gli risposero: «Quei malvagi, li farà morire miseramente e
 darà in affitto la vigna ad altri contadini, che gli
 consegneranno i frutti a suo tempo».

E Gesù disse loro: «Non avete mai letto nelle Scritture:

“La pietra che i costruttori hanno scartato

è diventata la pietra d'angolo;

questo è stato fatto dal Signore

ed è una meraviglia ai nostri occhi?”

Perciò io vi dico: a voi sarà tolto il regno di Dio e sarà dato a
 un popolo che ne produca i frutti».

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.*

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

Join us for
Cuppa after
Mass this
weekend



Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We welcome into the Christian Community **Siara Florence** who is presented for her baptism by her parents **Alexander and Catherine** at **St Mary's** this Sunday. We congratulate Siara and her family and pray for her spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

St Francis of Assisi- 800th Anniversary

*St Francis' 800-year legacy reminds us that holiness is lived, not admired from afar. In a world facing nuclear tension, climate change, polarisation and AI, his radical imitation of Christ still challenges us. Francis calls us to three bold conversions: radical service to the suffering, radical kinship with all creation, and radical giving rooted in freedom and simplicity. These Gospel values remain countercultural and urgently needed today. Like Francis, we are invited to discern "what is ours to do" and respond with courage, generosity and faith. For the full article written by **Rodrigo Castellanos**, Regional Minister – Victoria for the Secular Order of St Francis, please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/what-is-ours-to-do-st-francis-and-the-radical-call-of-our-time>*

AMALGAMATION Update

This weekend St Mary's will hold their first Consultative meeting with parishioners after **10am** and **5.30pm** Masses.

Their report will be in 11 October bulletin. That will conclude our 1st consultative meetings in our four communities.

SAVE THE DATE: Our 2nd Consultative meeting where we will all gather together, will be held on **Sunday 8 November at 12.30pm.**

The venue will be **Holy Spirit Parish Hall** at 197 Clarendon Street, Thornbury East. More information will follow. **Margaret**

AGGIORNAMENTO SULL'AMALGAZIONE

Questo fine settimana la parrocchia di St Mary's terrà il suo primo incontro consultivo con i parrocchiani dopo le Messe delle **10.00** e delle **17.30**. Il loro resoconto sarà pubblicato nel bollettino dell'11 ottobre. Con questo si concluderanno i nostri primi incontri consultivi nelle quattro comunità.

SAVE THE DATE: Il nostro secondo incontro consultivo, nel quale ci riuniremo tutti insieme, si terrà domenica **8 novembre** alle **12:30**. La sede sarà la **sala parrocchiale di Holy Spirit**, at 197 Clarendon Street, Thornbury East. Seguiranno ulteriori informazioni. **Margaret**

Please join March for the Babies on Saturday October 10 at 1pm Be part of Melbourne's 18th annual walk for babies to show your support for unborn babies and their mothers, and to protest against the current law in Victoria. Did you know that abortion up to birth has been legal in Victoria since 2008? Join the peaceful walk, starting in the Treasury Gardens, and send a message to our politicians that we want laws to protect the lives of babies. If you would like to walk as a group or find out more, please contact Jim and Rosie, through the parish office.



Parish Contributions welcomed for silent Auction, Cake Stall and Choc Toss. Volunteers needed to help on the day with setup/pack down. If you can help, contact the parish office.

St Mary's—Parking Update: Dear Parishioners, due to the construction site and building works on **Rossmoyne Street**, the angle parking in front of the church will be unavailable for one year.

There is ample parking around the church:

- **Disabled parking** on **Rossmoyne Street**, in front of the tennis courts.
- **General parking** further up **Rossmoyne Street**.
- **Additional parking** on **Mansfield Street**, **Haddon Street**, and **High Street**, on the side of the church between the traffic lights and the corner of High Street and **Rossmoyne Street**.