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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: 9.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English

Weekdays: Wednesdays only from
27 Sept– 30 October: 9.15am

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 10:30am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesdays only from
27 Sept – 30 October: 9.15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 10:00am
Weekdays: Thursdays only from
27 Sept—30 October : 9.15am

St. Anthony's Alphington

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Fridays only from
27 Sept—30 October: 9.15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

17 October: St. Ignatius of Antioch
18 October: St. Luke Evangelist
19 October Sts John de Brebeuf &
Isaac Jogues & Companions
22 October St. John Paul II

Recently Deceased

Elisa Grassi

Anniversaries

Giuseppa Bologna; Michael Doyle,
Gilbert Davies, Carlos Baker;
Youssef Hanna Souki Fakhry;
Giovanni E. and Antonio & Maria
Nesci

29 Sunday in Ordinary Time

15/16 October 2022

The Everlasting Arms

There are two sides to Sunday's readings. One theme is "Do not get tired when you are praying." The other is, Of course you will, but there will be support.

In the Gospel, in order to illustrate why we should keep praying (asking for things) and not grow tired, Jesus tells a parable about the unjust judge and a widow who does not stop asking.

The widow, with very little to lose, comes to public court every single day and demands justice from the admittedly bored judge. Much like today's scene! After a while the judge thinks to himself, if I don't do something this woman will humiliate me in front of everyone. I give up. I will rule in her favor.

The point we are given for this parable is: how much more God—who certainly is not bored—will make sure we have what we need, even if it is only a very basic need. The widow's persistence is therefore an example for all of us.

Persistence.

But did Jesus have someone supporting his arms as he spread them wide upon the cross? No?

Even though Jesus was weary unto death

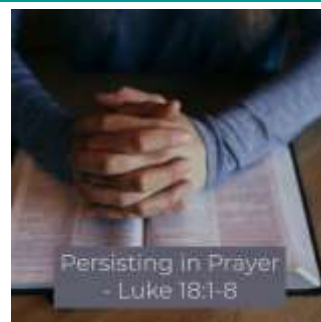
and was no longer able to sense any presence of God whatsoever, he still prayed without ceasing. "Father, why

have you abandoned me?" is one of the most riveting prayers in history. It set the stage for Mother Teresa's persistence and fortitude throughout a life devoid of consolation.

God's love was strong enough to bring Jesus (and Mother Teresa) through, when every assurance had been taken away. Jesus stretched out his arms in a position that came to be the medieval position of prayer (arms lifted to God), and won a great victory, just as the Old Testament Moses and Joshua had done. He opened his arms to us so that we can fall into them when we ourselves are so very weary and discouraged.

"The eternal God is your refuge," Moses said. "Underneath are the everlasting arms" (Dt. 33:27).

John Foley, SJ



Next weekend is "Mission Sunday"

What happens on World Mission Sunday (October 23, 2022)

Your prayers and generous support on World Mission Sunday directly benefit the Mission Church today. That support reaches clinics caring for the sick and dying, orphanages providing a place of safety and shelter, schools offering education from kindergarten through high school. Your help provides for seminarians preparing for the priesthood, and religious Sisters and Brothers in formation programs. All of this takes place in 1,111 mission dioceses, mostly in Africa and Asia, where the poorest of the poor receive an education and health care while experiencing the loving heart of our Lord through the service of priests, religious, and lay faithful. **There will be a special collection at all Masses next weekend.**

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This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm Ps 120

**R: Our help is from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

**R: Our help is from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Heb. 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the God is living and active;
It probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.
'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death".'
And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them?

I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ.**

Next Week's Readings

Sirah 35:12-14,16-19
Psalm: 33:2-3,17-19,23
2 Tim: 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

Prima Lettura: Es 17,8-13

Dal libro dell'Esodo

In quei giorni, Amalèk venne a combattere contro Israele a Refidim.

Mosè disse a Giosuè: «Scegli per noi alcuni uomini ed esci in battaglia contro Amalèk. Domani io staròritto sulla cima del colle, con in mano il bastone di Dio». Giosuè eseguì quanto gli aveva ordinato Mosè per combattere contro Amalèk, mentre Mosè, Aronne e Cur salirono sulla cima del colle.

Quando Mosè alzava le mani, Israele prevaleva; ma quando le lasciava cadere, prevaleva Amalèk. Poiché Mosè sentiva pesare le mani, presero una pietra, la collocarono sotto di lui ed egli vi si sedette, mentre Aronne e Cur, uno da una parte e l'altro dall'altra, sostenevano le sue mani. Così le sue mani rimasero ferme fino al tramonto del sole.

Giosuè sconfisse Amalèk e il suo popolo, passandoli poi a fil di spada. Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Seguite il coro se il ritornello del salmo e diverso del foglietto

Salmo Responsoriale: Sal 120

R: Il mio aiuto viene dal Signore.

1. Alzo gli occhi verso i monti:
da dove mi verrà l'aiuto?
Il mio aiuto viene dal Signore:
egli ha fatto cielo e terra.

2. Non lascerà vacillare il tuo piede,
non si addormenterà il tuo custode.
Non si addormenterà, non prenderà sonno
il custode d'Israele.

3. Il Signore è il tuo custode,
il Signore è la tua ombra
e sta alla tua destra.
Di giorno non ti colpirà il sole,
né la luna di notte.

4. Il Signore ti custodirà da ogni male:
egli custodirà la tua vita.
Il Signore ti custodirà quando esci e quando entri,
da ora e per sempre.

R: Il mio aiuto viene dal Signore.

Seconda Lettura: 2Tm 3,14-4,2

Dalla seconda lettera di san Paolo apostolo a Timòteo Figlio mio, tu rimani saldo in quello che hai imparato e che credi fermamente. Conosci coloro da cui lo hai appreso e conosci le sacre Scritture fin dall'infanzia: queste possono istruirti per la salvezza, che si ottiene mediante la fede in Cristo Gesù.

Tutta la Scrittura, ispirata da Dio, è anche utile per insegnare, convincere, correggere ed educare nella giustizia, perché l'uomo di Dio sia completo e ben preparato per ogni opera buona.

Ti scongiuro davanti a Dio e a Cristo Gesù, che verrà a giudicare i vivi e i morti, per la sua manifestazione e il suo regno: annuncia la Parola, insisti al momento opportuno e non opportuno, ammonisci, rimprovera, esorta con ogni magnanimità e insegnamento.

Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo: (Ebr 4,12)

Alleluia, alleluia.

La parola di Dio è viva ed efficace,
discerne i sentimenti e i pensieri del cuore.

Alleluia.

Vangelo: Lc 18,1-8

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù diceva ai suoi discepoli una parabola sulla necessità di pregare sempre, senza stancarsi mai.

«In una città viveva un giudice, che non temeva Dio né aveva riguardo per alcuno. In quella città c'era anche una vedova, che andava da lui e gli diceva: "Fammi giustizia contro il mio avversario".

Per un po' di tempo egli non volle; ma poi disse tra sé: "Anche se non temo Dio e non ho riguardo per alcuno, dato che questa vedova mi dà tanto fastidio, le farò giustizia perché non venga continuamente a importunarmi"».

E il Signore soggiunse: «Ascoltate ciò che dice il giudice disonesto. E Dio non farà forse giustizia ai suoi eletti, che gridano giorno e notte verso di lui? Li farà forse aspettare a lungo? Io vi dico che farà loro giustizia prontamente. Ma il Figlio dell'uomo, quando verrà, troverà la fede sulla terra?».

C: Parola del Signore.

A: Lode a Te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required. *Stefan Mason*

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 Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin or Fr. Dixon.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND / MALATE O CONFINATE 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 contact Parish Offices 9484 2907

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms. This is a way for school aged children to gather and understand the Gospel at their age level. **Cancelled until further notice**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am WEEKLY NOW ALL WELCOME!

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

- 1 Sunday of the month - St. Mary's
- 2 Sunday of the month - Holy Spirit
- 3 Sunday of the month - St. Anthony's
- 4 Sunday of the month - St. Joseph's

First Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm: Baptism Preparation meeting the church.

By appointment only.

St. Mary's: By appointment only please call parish Office

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Baptism prep session 1st Saturday of the month 10am with Kevin and Katrina Jansz.

SENIORS

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.

First Friday of the month

St. Mary's 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Friday of the month.

"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

St. Mary's: Sundays at 9.45 am. R.E Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

St Anthony's and Holy Spirit :Sacramental program 5pm to 6pm in meeting room St Anthony's, six weeks before the Sacrament is received.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: Moses El-Fakhri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

Centenary meeting at 10am at St. Mary's today.

The Week commencing the 22 October we celebrate Children's Week now is the perfect opportunity for you to be active in protecting children by applying for your working with children check. Please contact the Parish office and we will assist you.



Rite of Christians Initiation of Adults

Come and see

AN INVITATION FOR ADULTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

Are you thinking of joining the Church?

Do you have a family member or friend you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith?

Do you have questions about what we believe?

If our Catholic faith attracts you, or if you are a baptized Catholic who would like to be confirmed and receive the Eucharist, our Rite of Christian Initiation of adults (RCIA) process can help you.

*To decide whether the path is right for you, please come along to an inquiry night. **Thursday, 27 October at 7pm***

All inquiries are welcomed. Parish Office: 45 Railway place Alphington
Please Contact Fr. Shabin or Mirella 9484 2907

We pray for our Year 3s as they commit themselves to preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit this weekend



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community:



Ryan and Sheran present Aarav Jai Thomas Jenkins

for baptized at St. Anthony church. We congratulate the family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

We welcome Emily Knox into the catholic church at St Anthony's this weekend, daughter of Cameron and Tania. We congratulate the family and support them with our prayers.



GOD'S WORD 2023

God's Word 2023 Daily Reflections is designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. It includes the Bible readings set down for the liturgy of each day together with a short reflection on the readings, liturgical information for the day, and space to note down important events and personal reflections. **Available to purchase in the Church foyer - PRICE: \$20.00**

Asylum Seeker Group: Product of the month: nappies for babies and toddlers . Leave them in the box at the back of the church please. THANK YOU



How can you contribute to the parish

This QR code is unique to **St Anthony, Alphington and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East** and will give If you would like to donate via Tap and Go please use the terminal located in the foyer. The limit is \$5. All you need to do to make a donation is tap the terminal with your credit card/ debit card/smart phone smart watch - donations will go straight in to our Church account.

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