



Parish Priest: Fr Shabin Kaniampuram IVDei

Assistant Priest: Fr Dixon Kuriappilly IVDei

ST MARY'S THORNBURY

1 Rossmoyne Street, Thornbury 3071
Email: thornbury@cam.org.au
Pastoral Associate:
Mirella Pace (Wed & Thursday 9-2pm.)
Italian Coordinator:
Maria Zaccardi (Thursdays 9am-3pm)
Principal: Christopher Ray | Ph: 9484 5333

www.nothparishes.org.au

ST. JOSEPH'S NORTHCOTE

140 Westbourne Grove, Northcote 3070
Email: northcote@cam.org.au
Parish Secretary: Maggie Jooste (Tues & Fri 9-2pm)
Principal: Mary Kearney | Ph: 9481 7166

Partnership Parish Office Address

45 Railway place Alphington
P.O.Box 85 Fairfield 3078
Office Number 9484 2907
Office Hours Mon-Frid. 9am-2pm

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

45 Railway Pl, Alphington VIC 3078
Email: hosan@cam.org.au Supporting Priest: Monsignor Tom Doyle
Parish Staff: Admin/Finance: Margaret Harrington
Pastoral Worker: Pauline Egan
Principals: Rob Costin, Holy Spirit Primary School,
197 Clarendon Street, Thornbury East | 9480 0391
James Casey, Anthony's Primary School,
52 Austin Street, Alphington | 94897963

www.melbcatolic.org/s/hosan

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:
9.15am

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 10:30am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesdays only: 9.15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 10:00am
Weekdays: Thursdays only: 9.15am

St. Anthony's Alphington

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Fridays only: 9.15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

1 Nov: All Saints
2 Nov: All Souls
3 Nov: St. Martin De Porres
4 Nov: St. Charles Borromeo

Recently Deceased

Alfonso Galinna; Therese Moore;
Antonietta Di Iulio; Nino Rebellato;
Irene Hill

Anniversaries

Fahed Amad; Salim Mansour Taouk;
Elizabeth Frances Walch; Boutros
Saleh Fakhry; Dennis Crabtree;
Frank Chetcutti; Tom Egan; Leonardo
De Lorenzo; Giuseppe Lanciana

31 Sunday in Ordinary Time

29/30 October 2022

Why pray the Rosary? Reflection by Edward Sri

Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have exhorted us to pray the rosary. It's a powerful prayer, they say, one that can change your life, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls.

But does the average person experience the rosary this way?

Many Catholics, unfortunately, have the impression that the rosary is not relevant for them. It might be a sacred prayer for very religious people—priests, religious sisters, and exceptional Catholics—but not for “an ordinary lay person like me.” Even some devout Catholics admit that they are a bit intimidated by this prayer. They have tremendous respect for the rosary, know it's important, but feel bad that they don't love it more. Many view it as the marathon of Catholic devotions. “I know it's an important prayer, but it takes fifteen to twenty minutes. I'm too busy. I don't have time for that.” “It's too hard to stay focused for that much time. I prefer shorter prayers.”

Some have questions about the rosary: Does all this attention to Mary distract us from a relationship with God? Why do we repeat the same prayers over and over? Are we supposed to concentrate on the prayers, the mysteries, or both? Still others think the rosary is just plain boring—a monotonous, dry, mechanical way of talking to God, not as personal and meaningful as other forms of prayer. “It's like taking the garbage out for your wife. You know you should do it, but date night is more exciting.” “Sure, the rosary might be good for you—like flossing your teeth—but it's not as interesting and meaningful to me as spiritual reading or adoration.”

Others wonder if all the repetition has any meaning. “I know the rosary is important, but it just seems like rote prayer,” one young adult said. “It's like saying magical words and something good is supposed to happen. What's the point? Is simply saying these words actually doing anything for me spiritually?”

But what if I were to show you that there is a lot more going on in the rosary than simply saying these words and counting them with beads? What if I were to tell you that the rosary is not beyond you—that you, wherever you may be in your relationship with God, can actually experience a profound, intimate, personal encounter with Jesus through this devotion? And what if you were to discover that there are many different ways to pray the rosary—indeed, some that can easily fit within your schedule and help you with whatever challenges you face right now in your life.

Think of the rosary as being like the ocean: There's something in it for everyone, whether you consider yourself a veteran mystic longing to go deeper in prayer with our Lord, a novice struggling to learn how to pray, or someone seeking the Lord's help, right now, with something going on in your life. The deep-sea explorer and the child making sand castles on the beach can fully enjoy the same ocean while playing at different levels.

And this is true with the rosary. See handout for more!



Follow us on Facebook



Northcote & Thornbury Catholic
Parishes



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

First Reading: Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14.

**Resp: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

**Resp: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.' The Gospel of the Lord

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

Next Week's Readings

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Psalm: 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

2 Thessa: 2:16-3:5

Luke: 20: 27-38

Prima Lettura: Sap 11,22-12,2

Dal libro della Sapienza

Signore, tutto il mondo davanti a te è come polvere sulla bilancia, come una stilla di rugiada mattutina caduta sulla terra.

Hai compassione di tutti, perché tutto puoi, chiudi gli occhi sui peccati degli uomini, aspettando il loro pentimento.

Tu infatti ami tutte le cose che esistono e non provi disgusto per nessuna delle cose che hai creato; se avessi odiato qualcosa, non l'avresti neppure formata. Come potrebbe sussistere una cosa, se tu non l'avessi voluta? Potrebbe conservarsi ciò che da te non fu chiamato all'esistenza?

Tu sei indulgente con tutte le cose, perché sono tue, Signore, amante della vita.

Poiché il tuo spirito incorruttibile è in tutte le cose.

Per questo tu correggi a poco a poco quelli che sbagliano e li ammonisci ricordando loro in che cosa hanno peccato, perché, messa da parte ogni malizia, credano in te, Signore. Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

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

Salmo Responsoriale: Sal 144

R: Benedirò il tuo nome per sempre, Signore.

1. O Dio, mio re, voglio esaltarti
e benedire il tuo nome in eterno e per sempre.
Ti voglio benedire ogni giorno,
lodare il tuo nome in eterno e per sempre.

2. Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore,
lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.
Buono è il Signore verso tutti,
la sua tenerezza si espande su tutte le creature.

3. Ti lodino, Signore, tutte le tue opere
e ti benedicano i tuoi fedeli.
Dicano la gloria del tuo regno
e parlino della tua potenza.

4. Fedele è il Signore in tutte le sue parole
e buono in tutte le sue opere.
Il Signore sostiene quelli che vacillano
e rialza chiunque è caduto.

R: Benedirò il tuo nome per sempre, Signore.

Seconda Lettura: 2Ts 1,11-2,2

Dalla seconda lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Tessalonicesi

Fratelli, preghiamo continuamente per voi, perché il nostro Dio vi renda degni della sua chiamata e, con la sua potenza, porti a compimento ogni proposito di bene e l'opera della vostra fede, perché sia glorificato il nome del Signore nostro Gesù in voi, e voi in lui, secondo la grazia del nostro Dio e del Signore Gesù Cristo.

Riguardo alla venuta del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo e al nostro radunarci con lui, vi preghiamo, fratelli, di non lasciarvi troppo presto confondere la mente e allarmare né da ispirazioni né da discorsi, né da qualche lettera fatta passare come nostra, quasi che il giorno del Signore sia già presente. Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo: (Gv 3,16)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito; chiunque crede in lui ha la vita eterna.

Alleluia.

Vangelo: Lc 19,1-10

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù entrò nella città di Gerico e la stava attraversando, quand'ecco un uomo, di nome Zacchèo, capo dei pubblicani e ricco, cercava di vedere chi era Gesù, ma non gli riusciva a causa della folla, perché era piccolo di statura. Allora corse avanti e, per riuscire a vederlo, salì su un sicomòro, perché doveva passare di là.

Quando giunse sul luogo, Gesù alzò lo sguardo e gli disse: «Zacchèo, scendi subito, perché oggi devo fermarmi a casa tua». Scese in fretta e lo accolse pieno di gioia. Vedendo ciò, tutti mormoravano: «È entrato in casa di un peccatore!».

Ma Zacchèo, alzatosi, disse al Signore: «Ecco, Signore, io do la metà di ciò che possiedo ai poveri e, se ho rubato a qualcuno, restituisco quattro volte tanto».

Gesù gli rispose: «Oggi per questa casa è venuta la salvezza, perché anch'egli è figlio di Abramo. Il Figlio dell'uomo infatti è venuto a cercare e a salvare ciò che era perduto». *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. Joan Crabtree

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 Wednesday of the month

St. Mary's 9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Wednesday 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.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will take place on Wednesday November 2,
9.15 AM ST MARYS and HOLY SPIRIT
7PM ST ANTHONYS AND ST JOSEPH
11 AM WESTGARTH NURSING HOME



All Saints Day Mass will be held at St. Joseph's church Northcote and Holy Spirit Thornbury East at 9.15 am. ALL WELCOME.

From the Vicar General...Fr. Joe Caddy Flood Appeal

The Archbishop has asked that I commend to you and your parish communities the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.



Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Donation of items to St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

Some of you will be aware that the Vinnies collection bins have been removed from the churches in recent months. This does not mean we do not want donations - quite the opposite. If you have anything to donate (clothes, toys, manchester, homewares etc) we ask that you take them to a Vinnies store. Our local store is at 885 High Street Thornbury, just north of St Marys. The good news is that they are now accepting used electrical goods. Remember, all items need to be in a usable condition.



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community

Marley Rose Carrafa daughter of Daniel and April Carrafa

for baptized at St. Joseph's and

Archie Albert and Jude Rocco Chighine at St. Anthony's.

We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

How can you contribute to the parish

This QR code is unique to **St Anthony, Alphington and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East** and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.



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.

Presbytery Accounts: **St Mary's & St Joseph's** BSB 083 347 Account 857260792

Church account **St. Mary's:** BSB: 083 347 Account: 557931064

Church account: **St. Joseph's:** BSB: 083 347 Account: 663182650