



Northcote & Thornbury
Catholic Parishes



**PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT
AND ST ANTHONY'S**

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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 English

Weekdays: **Wednesdays 9.15am**

Italian

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian

Weekdays: **Tuesdays 9.15am**

English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Weekdays: **Thursdays 9.15am**

Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian

11.00am English

Weekdays: **Fridays 9.15am English**

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

31 Jan: St. John Bosco

1 Feb: St. Brigid

2 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord

3 Feb: St Blaise and St. Ansgar

Recently Deceased

Anna Sparano-Molinaro (1mth.anni.)

Gina De Berardinis; Liliana Ranalli;

Eva Wakim; Joe Mizze

Anniversaries

Carmine Buonopane; Giuseppe

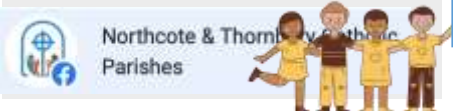
Galati; Paul Gori; Salvatore De Fazio;

Youssef Azrak Fakhry; Mary Argentio;

Bernadette Burn; Angelo & Anna

Soligo;

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4 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

28/29 January 2023

The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances will have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

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**St. Mary's Thornbury celebrates
its Centenary this year.
100 years of prayer, worship, education
and service.**

Please pick up a flyer from the entrance to your church and join in the celebrations commencing on

**11 February at 2pm; talk on Our Lady of Lourdes –
Yesterday, today and tomorrow
by Art Historian Professor Joan Barclay Lloyd.**

Please pass on this invitation to your family and friends, we look forward to you joining us for these celebrations.

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

FIRST READING Zephaniah 2:3. 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger
of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the
perjured tongue will no longer be found in their
mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to
disturb them. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

**R: Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you
were called: how many of you were wise in the
ordinary sense of the word, how many were
influential people, or came from noble families? No,
it was to shame the wise that God chose what is
foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is
strong that he chose what is weak by human
reckoning; those whom the world thinks common
and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen –
those who are nothing at all to show up those who

are everything. The human race has nothing to boast
about to God, but you, God has made members of
Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our
wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our
freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let
him boast about the Lord. The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their
heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of
God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the
prophets before you.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah: 58:7-10

Psalm 111

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mat: 5:13-16

Prima Lettura: Sof 2,3; 3,12-13

Dal libro del profeta Sofonia

Cercate il Signore voi tutti, poveri della terra, che eseguite i suoi ordini, cercate la giustizia, cercate l'umiltà; forse potrete trovarvi al riparo nel giorno dell'ira del Signore.

«Lascero in mezzo a te un popolo umile e povero».

Confiderà nel nome del Signore il resto d'Israele.

Non commetteranno più iniquità e non proferiranno menzogna; non si troverà più nella loro bocca una lingua fraudolenta.

Potranno pascolare e riposare senza che alcuno li molesti. Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo Responsoriale: Sal 145

R: Beati i poveri in spirito.

1. Il Signore rimane fedele per sempre
rende giustizia agli oppressi,
dà il pane agli affamati.
Il Signore libera i prigionieri.

2. Il Signore ridona la vista ai ciechi,
il Signore rialza chi è caduto,
il Signore ama i giusti,
il Signore protegge i forestieri.

3. Egli sostiene l'orfano e la vedova,
ma sconvolge le vie dei malvagi.
Il Signore regna per sempre,
il tuo Dio, o Sion, di generazione in generazione.

R: Beati i poveri in spirito.

Seconda Lettura: 1Cor 1,26-31

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi
Considerate la vostra chiamata, fratelli: non ci sono fra voi molti sapienti dal punto di vista umano, né molti potenti, né molti nobili.

Ma quello che è stolto per il mondo, Dio lo ha scelto per confondere i sapienti; quello che è debole per il mondo, Dio lo ha scelto per confondere i forti; quello che è ignobile e disprezzato per il mondo, quello che è nulla, Dio lo ha scelto per ridurre al nulla le cose che sono, perché nessuno possa vantarsi di fronte a Dio.

Grazie a lui voi siete in Cristo Gesù, il quale per noi è diventato sapienza per opera di Dio, giustizia, santificazione e redenzione, perché, come sta scritto, chi si vanta, si vanti nel Signore.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Mt 5,12)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rallegratevi ed esultate,
perché grande è la vostra ricompensa nei cieli.
Alleluia.

Vangelo: Mt 5,1-12

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, vedendo le folle, Gesù salì sul monte: si pose a sedere e si avvicinarono a lui i suoi discepoli. Si mise a parlare e insegnava loro dicendo:

«Beati i poveri in spirito, perché di essi è il regno dei cieli.

Beati quelli che sono nel pianto, perché saranno consolati.

Beati i miti, perché avranno in eredità la terra.

Beati quelli che hanno fame e sete della giustizia, perché saranno saziati.

Beati i misericordiosi, perché troveranno misericordia.

Beati i puri di cuore, perché vedranno Dio.

Beati gli operatori di pace, perché saranno chiamati figli di Dio.

Beati i perseguitati per la giustizia, perché di essi è il regno dei cieli.

Beati voi quando vi insulteranno, vi perseguiteranno e, mentendo, diranno ogni sorta di male contro di voi per causa mia. Rallegratevi ed esultate, perché grande è la vostra ricompensa nei cieli».

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.

Mary Sellars; Dion Cassar; Lorenzo De Marco;
Andy Sinn; Beryl Stevens Vittoria Calidonna;
Julie Mamo; Troy Rees

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 con 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 -Will resume February 2023
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.

Finished for the year will recommence in February 2023.

First Wednesday of the month

St. Mary's 9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick first Wednesday of the month. Will recommence in February 2023

"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

Parish Notices



A Memorial Mass for the Repose of the Soul of
His Eminence George Cardinal Pell AC,
will be celebrated at
St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 3 February 2023
at 6.30pm by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli.



Happy Chinese New Year to all our Parishioners from China and other Asian countries who celebrate this New Year's Day.

There will be a cuppa after all Masses
next weekend at

**St. Anthony's, Holy Spirit
and St. Joseph's**

Please join us to get to know one another.



Church in Oceania prepares response to Synod of Bishops report

The rich diversity of the Catholic Church across Oceania, as well as its unity, was evident during a meeting in Melbourne last week of representatives of the region's four bishops conferences and Eastern Catholic churches.

More than 20 people from across the Pacific gathered to reflect on and respond to the Working Document for the Continental Stage released by the Synod of Bishops Secretariat, titled **Enlarge the Space of Your Tent**.

The discernment and writing group was convened to prepare a draft report from Oceania to be considered at next month's **assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania (FCBCO) in Fiji**.

Each bishops conference produced a synthesis of local reflections on the Document for the Continental Stage in the lead-up to the Melbourne gathering to inform the group's work. More to follow once Conference starts in early February.



Members of the Oceania discernment and writing group after the celebration of



Anointing of the Sick Masses:

Holy Spirit: 9.15am February 2
St. Anthony's: 9.15am February 3
St. Joseph's: 9.15am February 7
St. Mary's: 9.15am February 1
All are welcomed .



How can you contribute to the parish

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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