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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.

PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT & 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

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

Nov 4: San Charles Borromeo, bishop

Recently Deceased

Georgette El Khoury Ghannam and
Otour Malki Taouk, and Ivonne Parisi.

Anniversaries

Tunsie H. Fakhry, Elizabeth F. Walch,
Yvonne Ghostine, Mtonios S. Fakhry,
Blair Gardiner (3 mths),
Bruna and Bruno Pezzutti (1 Yr), Angelo,
Mirko Mattiuzzo, Leslie V. Hardiman,
Anthony C. Rintoul, MariaRosa Italiano,
Mario & Maria Cicero, Gesualda Costa,
Michele & Carmela Costa, Lino Cendron,
Giuseppina Cuce, Tony Marchionda,
Ernesto & Iolanda Albeiti, Fran Aello,
Rosa, Leo & Tom Arcadia,
Rose Mastropoalo, Maria Reginato and
Margaret Machado.

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The Commemoration of ALL the Faithfull departed 1-2 Nov 2025

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill : A Call to Prayer and Action

On Thursday the lower house of the Victorian Parliament passed amendments the Voluntary Assisted Dying laws which significantly water down safeguards for vulnerable people and health care workers. Under these changes health care services and workers will be forced to assist people to access VAD against their consciences, and Doctors and other health care professionals will be allowed to suggest VAD to vulnerable patients even if they have not asked for it. This will place patients and care givers under pressure to accept VAD.

The Bill will go to the Upper House (legislative council) in the next couple of weeks. So please act now. It is unacceptable that Catholic health care professionals and institutions should be forced to act against their faith and that vulnerable people who are suffering be pressured into accepting VAD.

*The Bishops have urged Catholics to **contact** their **members of parliament** to express their opposition to these changes and to ask them to **vote against the Bill**.*

Please **email** or call the members of the **legislative council** for our area and stress the points that:

- Doctors, health care professionals and health institutions such as Catholic hospitals and nursing home must retain the right to conscientiously object to participating in VAD.
- Health professionals should not be able to suggest VAD to patients.

Members of the Legislative Council for the areas covered by our four parish communities:

- The Hon. Enver Erdogan enver.erdogan@parliament.vic.gov.au 9651 8260
- Ms Anasina Gray-Barberio
Anasina.Gray-Barberio@parliament.vic.gov.au 9348 2622
- Mr Evan Mulholland evan.mulholland@parliament.vic.gov.au 9651 8242
- The Hon. Adem Somyurek adem.somyurek@parliament.vic.gov.au 9386 4400
- Ms Sheena Watt sheena.watt@parliament.vic 7008 6588

To find out more contact Rosie via the parish office.

First Reading 2 Maccabees 12:43-45**A reading from the book of Maccabees**

Judas, the leader of the Jews, took a collection from the people individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmae, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered, an altogether fine and noble action, in which he took full account of the resurrection. For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 27.1, 4, 13-14

R *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

L The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? **R.**

L One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my
life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple. **R.**

L I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and

let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **R.**



Eternal rest
grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls of all
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

THE REQUIEM PRAYER

[Catholic Diocese of Wollongong](http://www.catholicdioceseofwollongong.com.au)

Second Reading Romans 5:17-21**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. But however great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater; and so, just as sin reigned wherever there was death, so grace will reign to bring eternal life, thanks to the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Revelation 1:5-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen.*

Alleluia!

Gospel of Luke 7:11-17 (Year C)**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings Next Week—9 Nov 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F):

1st Rdg: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Prima lettura 2 Maccabei 12,43-45

Dal secondo libro dei Maccabei

Giuda, capo dei Giudei, fece una colletta tra la gente, raccogliendo circa duemila dramme, e le mandò a Gerusalemme perché fosse offerto un sacrificio espiatorio per il peccato: un gesto nobile e ispirato dalla fede nella risurrezione.

Infatti, se non avesse creduto che i caduti sarebbero risorti, sarebbe stato inutile e insensato pregare per i morti. Ma se pensava alla magnifica ricompensa riservata a coloro che si addormentano nella pietà, allora era un pensiero santo e devoto.

Per questo fece offrire il sacrificio espiatorio per i defunti, affinché fossero assolti dal peccato.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 27

Rit. _ Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza.

L. Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza:

di chi avrò timore?

Il Signore è difesa della mia vita:

di chi avrò paura? **Rit.**

L. Una cosa ho chiesto al Signore,

questa sola io cerco:

abitare nella casa del Signore

tutti i giorni della mia vita,

per contemplare la bellezza del Signore

e ammirare il suo santuario. **Rit.**

L. Sono certo di contemplare la bontà del Signore nella terra dei viventi.

Spera nel Signore, sii forte,

si rinsaldi il tuo cuore e spera nel Signore. **Rit.**



Seconda lettura Rm 5,17-21

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Infatti se per la caduta di uno solo la morte ha regnato a causa di quel solo uomo, molto di più quelli che ricevono l'abbondanza della grazia e del dono della giustizia regneranno nella vita per mezzo del solo Gesù Cristo.

Come dunque per la caduta di uno solo si è riversata su tutti gli uomini la condanna, così anche per l'opera giusta di uno solo si riversa su tutti gli uomini la giustificazione, che dà vita. Infatti, come per la disobbedienza di un solo uomo tutti sono stati costituiti peccatori, così anche per l'obbedienza di uno solo tutti saranno costituiti giusti.

La Legge poi sopravvenne perché abbondasse la caduta; ma dove abbondò il peccato, sovrabbondò la grazia. Di modo che, come regnò il peccato nella morte, così regni anche la grazia mediante la giustizia per la vita eterna, per mezzo di Gesù Cristo nostro Signore.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo Apocalisse 1,5-6

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gesù Cristo è il primogenito dei morti;

a lui siano gloria e potere per i secoli dei secoli. Amen.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Lc 7,11-17

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In seguito, Gesù si recò in una città chiamata Nain; con lui andavano i suoi discepoli e una grande folla.

Quando fu vicino alla porta della città, ecco che veniva portato al sepolcro un morto, figlio unico di sua madre, che era vedova; e molta gente della città era con lei.

Vedendola, il Signore ne ebbe compassione e le disse:

«Non piangere!»

Si avvicinò, toccò la bara, e i portatori si fermarono. Poi disse: «Giovinetto, dico a te, alzati!»

Il morto si levò a sedere e cominciò a parlare. E Gesù lo restituì a sua madre.

Tutti furono presi da timore e glorificavano Dio dicendo: «Un grande profeta è sorto tra noi» e «Dio ha visitato il suo popolo».

La fama di questi fatti si diffuse in tutta la Giudea e nei dintorni.

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.

Max Gomez, Tony Gribbeh, Phoenix Toma, Onyx Toma, Jamal Gorgees, Iklas Mansoor, Tina Marangoni, 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 Peter.

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
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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

Parish Notices

2026 Columban Calendars available for Purchase at the back of the church—\$10.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community **Charles & Nicholas Lazaridis, Asher Amarsi** and **Dante Crescenzo Lagana** who are presented for their baptism by their parents **Alexandros & Natasha, Milan & Natasha** and **Julian & Sonia** at **St Mary's** on Sunday. We congratulate the children and their family and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.

All Souls Day: Sunday 2 November—A **plenary indulgence** may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on **2 November** and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15.7)

Youth Mass on Sunday **2 November** at **5:30pm** at St. Mary's— with commissioning of ACYF25 Parish Youth Representatives. All Welcome!

Friday 7 Nov Anointing Mass—at St Anthony's Alphington—9:15 am
First Friday Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins 8:30 am



November is the Month of the Holy Souls

"We pray for them out of love and hope," ...
"Their journey to God continues, and our prayers strengthen them—
and bring healing to us." (*Archbishop Peter Comensoli*)

Envelopes for November Mass offerings will be on church pews / foyer.



Memoriam Masses—Saturday 8 to Sunday 9 November

In November we remember all those who have died and especially those who have been buried from our Parish Churches.

Please Join us as we celebrate and remember our dearly departed.

Next Weekend—8/9 November: Join us for a cuppa after Mass



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets: \$5.00 per envelope (10 tickets). On sale now!
Draw: Sunday, **21st December** after the 10:30 am Mass at St Anthony's Church Alphington. St Anthony's Italian Committee.

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

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Earthcare —Next meeting: Thursday, 20th Nov, 7:30pm @ Holy Spirit Church

