



MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 9.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday evening: 5.30pm
Sunday: 10:30am Eng/Italian

Weekday Masses

Mon: No Mass

St. Joseph's Northcote

Tues: 9.15am

Thurs: 9.15am

St. Mary's Thornbury

Weds: 9.15am

Fri: 2pm: Mass of Anointing of the Sick

WEEKEND ROSTERS

4/5 June

St. Mary's Thornbury

Altar Society Team TBA

Sunday 9.00am Mass 5 June

Lector: F. Perrotta

M. Esposito

POF: E. Vavalà /R. Wevers

Sp.Min: R. De Vuono

Sunday 5.30pm Mass: 5 June

Lector: M. La Rocca

POF: H. Murphy

Sp.Min: L. Cassar

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 4 June

Readers: Moses El-Fahkri

Joan Reid

Sp.Min: Sr. Rita Hayes

Musician in charge: Teddy

Sunday 10.30am: 5 June

Readers: Naomi Brammer

John Horacek

Sp.Min: Adelma Meilak

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon

Feast Days this Week

31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 June: St. Justin

2 June: Ss Marcellinus & Peter

3 June: St Charles Lwanga & Companions

Recently Deceased

Antonio Nardello; Caterina Milani;

Aida Dib Moussa Taouk

Anniversaries

Albina Gottardo (1 yr. Anni.);

Antoine Bakhsos Fakhry, Farid Yacoub

Yagmoor and Salam Tunsie Fakhry.

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Northcote & Thornbury Catholic Parishes

The Ascension of the Lord

28/29 May 2022



Sorry Day

Sorry Day will be held on the 26 May 2022 and is to remember and reflect on the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their family as part of the Stolen Generation policies.

The landmark report on 'The Stolen Generations' – the *Bringing them Home Report* was tabled on this day in 1998.

It is an opportunity for all people to reflect on how the policies of government can lead to such horrible injustices and how we can remedy this now and create policies today, so it never happens again.

Resources and statistics to use on Sorry Day are available at <https://healingfoundation.org.au/>

Reconciliation Week – Be Brave, Make Change

This year, the theme for Reconciliation Week is Be Brave, Make Change. It is to encourage all people to take action and to practice reconciliation each week and to take real action in their lives to make reconciliation real. The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

Last year Reconciliation Australia encouraged all Australians to take action; not just in National Reconciliation Week but every week of the year.

We saw unprecedented response to our suggested actions for everyday and for braver action.

This year we are asking everyone to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work, play and socialise.

National Reconciliation Week—26 May to 3 June is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The Ascension of the Lord: The readings for The Ascension of the Lord Year C encourage us to be witnesses for Jesus Christ, just as the early Christians were. In the first reading the ascension of Jesus is recounted and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit. In the second reading we hear that Jesus Christ rules heaven and earth. In the alternate second reading we learn that Jesus Christ died for all people. And in the gospel, after Jesus ascends to heaven, the disciples can be found in the temple praising God. * Evangelism * Going out into the World * Getting out of our Comfort Zone



Our Partnership Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'.

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
A blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
A blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my Gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.

They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prima Lettura

At 1,1-11

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

Nel primo racconto, o Teòfilo, ho trattato di tutto quello che Gesù fece e insegnò dagli inizi fino al giorno in cui fu assunto in cielo, dopo aver dato disposizioni agli apostoli che si era scelti per mezzo dello Spirito Santo.

Egli si mostrò a essi vivo, dopo la sua passione, con molte prove, durante quaranta giorni, apparendo loro e parlando delle cose riguardanti il regno di Dio. Mentre si trovava a tavola con essi, ordinò loro di non allontanarsi da Gerusalemme, ma di attendere l'adempimento della promessa del Padre, «quella – disse – che voi avete udito da me: Giovanni battezzò con acqua, voi invece, tra non molti giorni, sarete battezzati in Spirito Santo».

Quelli dunque che erano con lui gli domandavano: «Signore, è questo il tempo nel quale ricostituirai il regno per Israele?». Ma egli rispose: «Non spetta a voi conoscere tempi o momenti che il Padre ha riservato al suo potere, ma riceverete la forza dallo Spirito Santo che scenderà su di voi, e di me sarete testimoni a Gerusalemme, in tutta la Giudea e la Samaria e fino ai confini della terra». Detto questo, mentre lo guardavano, fu elevato in alto e una nube lo sottrasse ai loro occhi. Essi stavano fissando il cielo mentre egli se ne andava, quand'ecco due uomini in bianche vesti si presentarono a loro e dissero: «Uomini di Galilea, perché state a guardare il cielo? Questo Gesù, che di mezzo a voi è stato assunto in cielo, verrà allo stesso modo in cui l'avete visto andare in cielo». Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo Responsoriale**

Sal 46

R: Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.

1. Popoli tutti, battete le mani!
Acclamate Dio con grida di gioia,
perché terribile è il Signore, l'Altissimo,
grande re su tutta la terra.

2. Ascende Dio tra le acclamazioni,
il Signore al suono di tromba.
Cantate inni a Dio, cantate inni,
cantate inni al nostro re, cantate inni.

3. Perché Dio è re di tutta la terra,
cantate inni con arte.
Dio regna sulle genti,
Dio siede sul suo trono santo.

R: Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.**Seconda lettura**

Ef 1,17-23

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo agli Efesini

Fratelli, il Dio del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, il Padre della gloria, vi dia uno spirito di sapienza e di rivelazione per una profonda conoscenza di lui; illumini gli occhi del vostro cuore per farvi comprendere a quale speranza vi ha chiamati, quale tesoro di gloria racchiude la sua eredità fra i santi e qual è la straordinaria grandezza della sua potenza verso di noi, che crediamo, secondo l'efficacia della sua forza e del suo vigore.

Egli la manifestò in Cristo, quando lo risuscitò dai morti e lo fece sedere alla sua destra nei cieli, al di sopra di ogni Principato e Potenza, al di sopra di ogni Forza e Dominazione e di ogni nome che viene nominato non solo nel tempo presente ma anche in quello futuro. Tutto infatti egli ha messo sotto i suoi piedi e lo ha dato alla Chiesa come capo su tutte le cose: essa è il corpo di lui, la pienezza di colui che è il perfetto compimento di tutte le cose. Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Andate e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, dice il Signore, ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo. Alleluia!

Vangelo Lc 24,46-53

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Così sta scritto: il Cristo patirà e risorgerà dai morti il terzo giorno, e nel suo nome saranno predicati a tutti i popoli la conversione e il perdono dei peccati, cominciando da Gerusalemme.

Di questo voi siete testimoni.

Ed ecco, io mando su di voi colui che il Padre mio ha promesso; ma voi restate in città, finché non siate rivestiti di potenza dall'alto».

Poi li condusse fuori verso Betània e, alzate le mani, li benedisse. Mentre li benediceva, si staccò da loro e veniva portato su, in cielo. Ed essi si prostrarono davanti a lui; poi tornarono a Gerusalemme con grande gioia e stavano sempre nel tempio lodando Dio. Parola del Signore.

A: Lode a Te o Cristo.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

St. Joseph & St. Mary's House account: \$

St. Joseph's

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$

St. Mary's

2nd Collection: Thanksgivings: \$

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Outer Taouk; Larry O'Toole; 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.

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** or **9489 8008**

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 2pm

Via Zoom.

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

SENIORS

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's: 2.00pm: Seniors Mass at the parish Centre will commence in June.

First Friday of the month

St. Mary's: 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick, will commence 6 May.

Catholic Religious Education

St. Joseph's: Weds: 4-5pm R.E. classes for Children for State & Secondary Students in the Parish House.

St. Mary's: Thurs: 4-5pm R.E. Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: **Moses El-Fahkri**

St. Vincent de Paul's poor box is situated in the High St. entrance to St. Mary's church. Donations welcomed.

Religious Items & Statues by Silvarius will be on Sale today after Masses at St. Mary's.

Parish Notices

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

How can our parish respond to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers... and the challenge Jesus gave us? *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, and I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. I assure you, as often as you did it for the least among you, you did it to me."* Matthew 25:35-40

Parishioners from Holy Spirit, St. Anthony's, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's have been supporting asylum seekers through advocacy, prayer and donations for almost 20 years.

For many asylum seekers life in Australia remains harsh and difficult now as it ever was. If you would like to join with other parishioners and look at possible responses to the refugee crisis in 2022 ***please come along to St. Anthony's after 11am Mass on Sunday June 5.*** Join other interested people and hear what is needed and how you might feel called to respond to the words of Jesus.. *I was a stranger and you welcomed me...* Laxmi Fonseca



Mass of Anointing:
Friday 3 June at 2.00pm
St. Mary's church.

NEW PARISH OFFICES

For St Joseph's Northcote, St Mary's Thornbury, Holy Spirit Thornbury East, St Anthony's Alphington They will be situated at 45 Railway Place Alphington (it is the building to the left of St Anthony's Church)

We are looking forward to working together and welcoming all our parishioners.

We invite you to come and have a look and a cuppa at our "Open Parish Office" week Tuesday 21st June – Friday 24th June 2022.

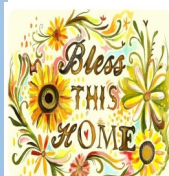
BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE NEW PARISH OFFICES

Archbishop Peter will bless and open the offices at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 19 June 2022, at St Anthony's Church 45 Railway Place, Alphington.

The Annual St. Anthony's Feast Day Luncheon will be held on Sunday 19 June after the blessing of the new parish Offices and the school playground in the MacKillop Room at 12.30pm at St. Anthony's church.

Lunch will include a 3 course meal, antipasto, pasta, sweet and coffee \$25 per person. Children under 12 years \$15. Plus some great prizes to raffle. Booking and payment in advance is necessary please contact Parish Office to book.

ANNUAL PARISH VISIT



If you would like Fr. Shabin or Fr. Dixon to visit your home for a home blessing, a family visit, or to anoint a sick family member. Please contact the parish Office Tuesdays to Fridays on 9484 2907 to make an appointment.