



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
11am Sundays—St. Anthony's

MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Thornbury

Sunday: 10.00am English/Italian
5.30pm English
Weekdays: Wednesday, 9.15am
Italian

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesday, 9.15am English

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Weekdays: Thursday, 9.15am Italian

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Friday, 9.15am English

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

1 Jan: Mary, The Holy Mother of God
2 Jan: Sts. Basil the great & Gregory
Nazianzen
3 Jan: The Most Holy name of Jesus

Recently Deceased

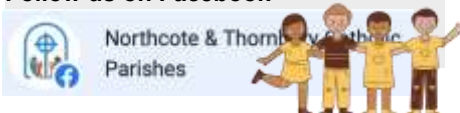
Gabriella Badrock;
Eileen Patricia McDermott; Joan Sing;
Angelo Sartoretto; Maroun Mtonios
Taouk; Ivan Rosa Simon; Maria Azrak
Fakhry

Anniversaries

Enza Panozzo; Robert Carey;

**Parish Office will be closed 23
December until 10 January 2024.
In an emergency please call 9484
2907, leave a message and your
call will be responded to asap.**

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PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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The Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph

30/31 December 2023



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord... When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:22-40)

Protecting children

On the Feast of the Holy Family, it comes spontaneously to think of all families and the role of parents called to "cultivate and care for" (cf. Gn 2:15) the lives of their children from the time they are conceived in their mother's womb (cf. Is. 49:1; Ps. 139:13-15 – "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb"), helping them to grow and mature.

The Holy Spirit speaks to today's families

Today, the Holy Spirit still continues to guide "all peoples", "all couples", "all parents". But we need to listen to the Spirit who speaks in us. If the Son of God came to live with us as a child, and only the eyes of faith can perceive His presence, how important it is to remind ourselves that everyday things are never of little importance, that daily occurrences are never useless or purely coincidental. The eyes of faith are necessary to grasp the hidden and the beyond. Everything becomes a "place" to encounter or reject God's presence. Everything is a sign for those who believe.

Vatican News.

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

FIRST READING Gen. 15:1-6, 21:1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis

It happened some time later that the word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104:1-6. 8-9, R7-8

R: The Lord remembers his covenant forever

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Response

O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!

2. Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

3. Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgments he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose.

4. He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

R: The Lord remembers his covenant forever

SECOND READING Heb. 18, 11-12, 17-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Heb. 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;

Now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:22, 39-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Prima Lettura

Gen 15,1-6; 21,1-3

Dal libro della Genesi

In quei giorni, fu rivolta ad Abram, in visione, questa parola del Signore: «Non temere, Abram. Io sono il tuo scudo; la tua ricompensa sarà molto grande».

Rispose Abram: «Signore Dio, che cosa mi darai? Io me ne vado senza figli e l'erede della mia casa è Elièzer di Damasco». Soggiunse Abram: «Ecco, a me non hai dato discendenza e un mio domestico sarà mio erede». Ed ecco, gli fu rivolta questa parola dal Signore: «Non sarà costui il tuo erede, ma uno nato da te sarà il tuo erede».

Poi lo condusse fuori e gli disse: «Guarda in cielo e conta le stelle, se riesci a contarle» e soggiunse:

«Tale sarà la tua discendenza».

Egli credette al Signore, che glielo accreditò come giustizia.

Il Signore visitò Sara, come aveva detto, e fece a Sara come aveva promesso. Sara concepì e partorì ad Abramo un figlio nella vecchiaia, nel tempo che Dio aveva fissato. Abramo chiamò Isacco il figlio che gli era nato, che Sara gli aveva partorito.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

Salmo responsoriale Sal 104

R: Il Signore è fedele al suo patto.

1. Rendete grazie al Signore e invocate il suo nome, proclamate fra i popoli le sue opere.

A lui cantate, a lui inneggiate,
meditate tutte le sue meraviglie.

2. Gloriatevi del suo santo nome:
gioisca il cuore di chi cerca il Signore.
Cercate il Signore e la sua potenza,
ricercate sempre il suo volto.

3. Ricordate le meraviglie che ha compiuto,
i suoi prodigi e i giudizi della sua bocca,
voi, stirpe di Abramo, suo servo,
figli di Giacobbe, suo eletto.

4. Si è sempre ricordato della sua alleanza,
parola data per mille generazioni,
dell'alleanza stabilita con Abramo
e del suo giuramento a Isacco.

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Seconda Lettura

Eb 11,8.11-12.17-19

Dalla lettera agli Ebrei

Fratelli, per fede, Abramo, chiamato da Dio, obbedì partendo per un luogo che doveva ricevere in eredità, e partì senza sapere dove andava.

Per fede, anche Sara, sebbene fuori dell'età, ricevette la possibilità di diventare madre, perché ritenne degno di fede colui che glielo aveva promesso. Per questo da un uomo solo, e inoltre già segnato dalla morte, nacque una discendenza numerosa come le stelle del cielo e come la sabbia che si trova lungo la spiaggia del mare e non si può contare.

Per fede, Abramo, messo alla prova, offrì Isacco, e proprio lui, che aveva ricevuto le promesse, offrì il suo unigenito figlio, del quale era stato detto: «Mediante Isacco avrai una tua discendenza». Egli pensava infatti che Dio è capace di far risorgere anche dai morti: per questo lo riebbe anche come simbolo. Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

Canto al Vangelo (Eb 1,1.2)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Molte volte e in diversi modi nei tempi antichi Dio ha parlato ai padri per mezzo dei profeti, ultimamente, in questi giorni,
ha parlato a noi per mezzo del Figlio. Alleluia.

Vangelo

Forma breve (Lc 2,22.39-40):

Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

Quando furono compiuti i giorni della loro purificazione rituale, secondo la legge di Mosè, [Maria e Giuseppe] portarono il bambino [Gesù] a Gerusalemme per presentarlo al Signore.

Quando ebbero adempiuto ogni cosa secondo la legge del Signore, fecero ritorno in Galilea, alla loro città di Nàzaret. Il bambino cresceva e si fortificava, pieno di sapienza, e la grazia di Dio era su di lui.

Parola del Signore

Tutti: Lode a te o Cristo.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Will re commence **1 February 2024**

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: Baptism Preparation 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

After the Thursday Italian Mass 9.15am 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.

Parrochiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla **Santa Messa ultimo Venerdì del mese alle 10.30am.**

Masses of Anointing of the Sick

9.15am Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place in the first week of the month at all Parishes at respective weekday Mass time.

"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-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

Introducing Fr. Peter Nguyen— Our New Assistant Priest



Hello, my name is Peter Nguyen, and my life, like all of us is a journey growing in faith. Born in rural Vietnam. Faith was important to my family and my vocation journey began from a young age, nurtured by my parents commitment to their faith. My two older brothers are also priests in Vietnam.

My spiritual journey led me to the priesthood, a calling that has lead me from Vietnam to Australia. In December I was ordained as a priest of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, where I have found my purpose in serving others. During my journey toward priesthood, I had many transformative experiences, including placements in

Whyalla, South Australia, and Meredith, Victoria. These formative experiences allowed me to see the responsibilities I would later undertake in my priestly ministry. In the previous year, I had the privilege of serving as a deacon in the parishes of Armadale and Toorak. Each encounter further solidified my dedication to the spiritual well-being of those around me.

This year will mark a new chapter in my calling, as the Archbishop has appointed me as an assistant priest of Northcote, Thornbury, Thornbury East, and Alphington. The prospect of being part of these communities fills me with excitement and anticipation. I eagerly look forward to contributing to the spiritual growth of these diverse and dynamic parish communities, bringing the message of the Gospel to those who seek solace and guidance.

In my spare time I enjoy playing tennis and cycling with my friends.

I look forward to meeting you all in the new year.

Congratulations and Best wishes to Fr. Peter on his appointment.

Fr. Peter will commence his appointment in our Partnership Parishes on 31 January 2024

The Tamil community will celebrate a Mass at St Anthony's on New Years Eve at 10.30pm and will conclude at 12 midnight.

All welcome

MONDAY, 1 JANUARY—NEW YEAR'S DAY 2023

Feast of Mary Mother of God

10am St. Anthony's Alphington

10am St. Mary's Thornbury - Bilingual



Holy Spirit and St Anthony's: New envelopes and statements in the narthex, please take yours to assist with postage costs.

Next week's readings: 7 January 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph3: 2-3,5-6 Matt 2:1-12

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How can you contribute to our parishes

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. **Church Account: Holy Spirit and St Anthony's Account: BSB 083 347 Account 573502200**

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