



**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: 9.15am

**WEEKEND ROSTERS**

**30 April/ 1 May**

St. Mary's Thornbury

Altar Society Team **TBA**

Sunday 9.00am Mass 1 May

Lector: M. Dytor  
POF: M. De Marco/ M. Matisi  
Sp.Min: R. De Vuono

Sunday 5.30pm Mass: 1 May

Lector: G. Rosland  
POF: D. Marson  
Sp.Min: H. Murphy

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 30 April

Readers: Moses El-Fahkri  
Joan Reid

Sp.Min: Sr. Rita Hayes  
Musician in charge: Teddy

Sunday 10.30am: 1 May

Readers: Winston van Haltren  
Audrey van Haltren  
Sp.Min: Adelma Meilak  
Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon

Feast Days this Week

26 April: St. Mark the Evangelist  
27 April: St. Louis Grignion de Montfort  
28 April: St. Peter Chanel  
29 April: St Catherine of Sienna  
30 April: St Pius V

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Pauline Hanna Fakhry, George Raffoul  
Rahme and Henry Malcom.

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Northcote & Thornbury Catholic Parishes

**2 Sunday of Easter**

23/24 April 2022

**Living Beyond Doubt**

There is a story about St. Christopher, as a youth, Christopher was gifted in every way, except faith. He was a big man physically, powerful, strong, goodhearted, mellow, and well liked by all. He was also generous, using his physical strength to help others. His one fault was that he found it hard to believe in God. For him, the physical was what was real and everything else seemed unreal. However, he yearned to believe in God and deeply respected those who did believe. So he lived his life in a certain honest agnosticism, unable to really believe in anything beyond what he could physically see, feel, and touch.

Faith is never certainty. Neither it is the sure feeling that God exists. This, however, did not prevent him from using his gifts, especially his physical strength, to serve others. This became his refuge, generosity and service. He became a ferryboat operator, spending his life helping to carry people across a dangerous river. One night, so the legend goes, during a storm, the ferryboat capsized and Christopher dove into the dark waters to rescue a young child. Carrying that child to



the shore, he looked into its face and saw there the face of Christ. After that he believed, for he had seen the face of Christ. The very name, Christopher, contains the legend. Christopher means Christ-Bearer. Fact or fiction? In either case, the story contains, within its very simplicity, a profound lesson. It gives us an answer, a practical one, to one of the most difficult questions of all: What should we do when our faith is weak? What should be our reaction in the face of the fact that God often seems silent, distant, dead? How do we move from believing only in the physical, from believing in the reality of only what we can see, feel, touch, taste, and smell, to believing in the existence of deeper, spiritual, realities?

Christopher's answer? Live as honestly and respectfully as you can and use your gifts to help others. God will appear. Faith is not so much a question of feeling as of selfless service.

That is also the lesson in the biblical account of the apostle, Thomas, and his doubt about the resurrection of Jesus. Remember how he protests: "unless I can (physically) place my finger in the wounds of his hands and stick my finger into the wound of his side, I will not believe." Jesus offers no resistance or rebuke in the face of this he takes Thomas at his word: "Come here, and (physically) place your finger in the wounds of my hand and the wound in my side; see for yourself that I am real and not a ghost."

That is an open challenge for all of us: "Come and see for yourselves that I am real and not a ghost!" **Ron Rolheiser OMI**

Contact Parish Office for details on how to book.

**HOURS OF GRACE 2022**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ACROSS AUSTRALIA FROM ASH WEDNESDAY TO PENTECOST**

**Venue: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Thornbury**

**Date: 4, 5 & 6 May 2022**

**Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

*"You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore."*  
Isaiah 16:11



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



**FIRST READING:** Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

A reading from the book of Acts

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God****RESPONSORIAL Psalm** Ps 117

**R:** *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end,'

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.'

2. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant us success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
Is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
The Lord God is our light.

**R:** *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.*

**SECOND READING:** Apocalypse 1: 9-13. 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book, and send it to the seven churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven

golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.' The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God****Gospel Acclamation** John 20:29

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those you have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL** John 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Prima lettura** At 5,12-16

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

Molti segni e prodigi avvenivano fra il popolo per opera degli apostoli. Tutti erano soliti stare insieme nel portico di Salomone; nessuno degli altri osava associarsi a loro, ma il popolo li esaltava.

Sempre più, però, venivano aggiunti credenti al Signore, una moltitudine di uomini e di donne, tanto che portavano gli ammalati persino nelle piazze, ponendoli su lettucci e barelle, perché, quando Pietro passava, almeno la sua ombra coprisse qualcuno di loro.

Anche la folla delle città vicine a Gerusalemme accorreva, portando malati e persone tormentate da spiriti impuri, e tutti venivano guariti.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio****Seguite il coro se il ritornello del salmo e diverso del foglietto.****Salmo responsoriale** Sal 117**R: Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono: il suo amore è per sempre.**

1. Dica Israele:

«Il suo amore è per sempre».

Dica la casa di Aronne:

«Il suo amore è per sempre».

Dicano quelli che temono il Signore:

«Il suo amore è per sempre».

2. La pietra scartata dai costruttori

è divenuta la pietra d'angolo.

Questo è stato fatto dal Signore:

una meraviglia ai nostri occhi.

Questo è il giorno che ha fatto il Signore:

ralleghiamoci in esso ed esultiamo!

3. Ti preghiamo, Signore: Dona la salvezza!

Ti preghiamo, Signore: Dona la vittoria!

Benedetto colui che viene nel nome del Signore.

Vi benediciamo dalla casa del Signore.

Il Signore è Dio, egli ci illumina.

**R: Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono: il suo amore è per sempre.****Seconda lettura** Ap 1: 9-11.12-13.17-19

Dal libro dell'Apocalisse di san Giovanni apostolo  
Io, Giovanni, vostro fratello e compagno nella  
tribolazione, nel regno e nella perseveranza in Gesù, mi  
trovavo nell'isola chiamata Patmos a causa della parola  
di Dio e della testimonianza di Gesù. Fui preso dallo  
Spirito nel giorno del Signore e udii dietro di me una  
voce potente, come di tromba, che diceva: «Quello che  
vedi, scrivilo in un libro e mandalo alle sette Chiese».

Mi voltai per vedere la voce che parlava con me, e appena  
voltato vidi sette candelabri d'oro e, in mezzo ai candelabri,  
uno simile a un Figlio d'uomo, con un abito lungo fino ai piedi  
e cinto al petto con una fascia d'oro.

Appena lo vidi, caddi ai suoi piedi come morto. Ma egli,  
posando su di me la sua destra, disse: «Non temere! Io sono il  
Primo e l'ultimo, e il Vivente. Ero morto, ma ora vivo per  
sempre e ho le chiavi della morte e degli inferi. Scrivi dunque  
le cose che hai visto, quelle presenti e quelle che devono  
accadere in seguito».

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio****Canto al Vangelo** (Gv 20,29)**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Perché mi hai veduto, Tommaso, tu hai creduto;  
beati quelli che non hanno visto e hanno creduto!

**Alleluia.****Vangelo** Gv 20,19-31

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

La sera di quel giorno, il primo della settimana, mentre erano  
chiuso le porte del luogo dove si trovavano i discepoli per  
timore dei Giudei, venne Gesù, stette in mezzo e disse loro:  
«Pace a voi!». Detto questo, mostrò loro le mani e il fianco. E  
i discepoli gioirono al vedere il Signore.

Gesù disse loro di nuovo: «Pace a voi! Come il Padre ha  
mandato me, anche io mando voi». Detto questo, soffiò e  
disse loro: «Ricevete lo Spirito Santo. A coloro a cui  
perdonerete i peccati, saranno perdonati; a coloro a cui non  
perdonerete, non saranno perdonati».

Tommaso, uno dei Dodici, chiamato Dìdimò, non era con loro  
quando venne Gesù. Gli dicevano gli altri discepoli: «Abbiamo  
visto il Signore!». Ma egli disse loro: «Se non vedo nelle sue  
mani il segno dei chiodi e non metto il mio dito nel segno dei  
chiodi e non metto la mia mano nel suo fianco, io non credo».

Otto giorni dopo i discepoli erano di nuovo in casa e c'era con  
loro anche Tommaso. Venne Gesù, a porte chiuse, stette in  
mezzo e disse: «Pace a voi!». Poi disse a Tommaso: «Metti  
qui il tuo dito e guarda le mie mani; tendi la tua mano e  
mettila nel mio fianco; e non essere incredulo, ma  
credente!». Gli rispose Tommaso: «Mio Signore e mio Dio!». Gesù gli disse: «Perché mi hai veduto, tu hai creduto; beati quelli che non hanno visto e hanno creduto!».

Gesù, in presenza dei suoi discepoli, fece molti altri segni che  
non sono stati scritti in questo libro. Ma questi sono stati  
scritti perché crediate che Gesù è il Cristo, il Figlio di Dio, e  
perché, credendo, abbiate la vita nel suo nome.

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: \$ 938

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Outer Taouk; Larry O'Toole

## 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. Cancelled until further notice (due to COVID)

### First Friday of the month

St. Mary's: 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick. Cancelled until further notice (due to COVID)

## 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.

**It is now time to return your Project Compassion boxes or donation envelopes to the parish.**

## Parish Notices

### ANZAC DAY 2022

Every year on the 25th of April, hundreds of thousands of Australians and New Zealanders around the world gather at dawn on Anzac Day.

Anzac Day is a time for the community to come together to remember and recognise the service and sacrifice of members of the Australian Defence Force.

Originally a commemoration of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli in modern-day Turkey in 1915, Anzac Day is a public expression of gratitude and reflection which resonates to the present day.

**Let us remember them in our prayers today and in the years ahead.**



### NEW THANKS GIVING ENVELOPES 2022-23

*Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's*

It is one year since we last distributed the Thanksgiving Envelopes.

**Please pick up your box of envelopes this weekend.** They are in the foyer.

*Once again I express my sincere thanks to all parishioners for your generous financial support to the parish.*

As you are well aware, costs keep going up, and without your continued support the parish would not be able to meet its financial obligations. Our income has decrease substantially due to Covid, some people have shifted, some have died, or have gone into retirement homes so we have lost a significant number of contributors This has seriously decreased our income.

*I respectfully ask parishioners who are not giving through the Thanksgiving Envelopes or by Direct Debit to kindly consider making your church offering in this way. Please see Mirella, Maria or a member of the Finance*

**Committee if you need assistance. Every dollar generously given assists the Parish.**

*Thanking you in anticipation Fr. Shabin*

### St Joseph's Plant Sale

**DATE:** On the weekend of **30 April – 1 May 2022**

**WHEN:** After both Masses, 5.30pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday

**PLANTS:** African Violets, Aloe Vera, various succulents.

**These plants will be available to buy outside the church**

(Potential Mother's day gifts)

**Please come and support our sale.**

**All money will go to**

**St. Joseph's Parish.**



**SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE in our Partnership Parishes**

who assisted in making the Holy Week and Easter liturgies such memorable celebrations for all.

Your support and help has been greatly appreciated.



### Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community **Peter Thuan Mai Chiodo** baptised at **St. Joseph's** on Sunday.

### Our prayers and heartfelt

**congratulations to Fr. Shabin**

**as he celebrates his 15 Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood on 19 April.**

*May the Jesus the*

*Good Shepherd guide you at all times and may the grace of the Holy Spirit and blessings of Our Lady increase in you each day as you do the Father's will among God's flock at St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, Holy Spirit and St. Anthony's*

