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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 only:
 9.15am

St. Joseph's Northcote

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 11:00am Eng/Italian
Weekdays: Tuesdays only: 9.15am

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

Saturday: 5.00pm
Sunday: 9:30am
Weekdays: Thursdays only: 9.15am

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
 11.00am English
Weekdays: Fridays only: 9.15am

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

21 December St. Peter Canisius
 23 December St. John of Kanty

Recently Deceased

Linda Polazzon; Nunziata Muleta e
 Graziella Mirabito (In Italy);
 Maria Beninati (1mth. Anni.)

Anniversaries

Ray Farr; Salim Yousef Taouk;
 Boutros Saleh Fakhry; Joseph
 Mtonios Malkeh Taouk;
 Brian Lennox; Terri West: Livio &
 Federico Sartore:

4 Sunday of Advent Year A

17/18 December 2022



Just Man Dreaming

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him.

If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The

old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message. We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!

RCIA - Rite of Acceptance

Today we introduce to the Faith Community of St. Anthony **Callum Major** who is preparing to become a catholic at Easter. Callum is taking the step of accepting the he is serious and willingly to learn more about Jesus and getting to know God more closely through the Rite of Acceptance and continuing his journey of faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask Yahweh your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this:

the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son

whom she will call 'Immanuel, '

a name which means "God is with us."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R: Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R: Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead.

Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Mat: 1: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

His name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 1: 18-24

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him 'Emmanuel,'

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Week's Readings**Day Mass**

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms: 97 1-6

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

Prima Lettura: Is 7,10-14

Dal libro del profeta Isaia

In quei giorni, il Signore parlò ad Acaz:

«Chiedi per te un segno dal Signore, tuo Dio, dal profondo degli inferi oppure dall'alto».

Ma Acaz rispose: «Non lo chiederò, non voglio tentare il Signore».

Allora Isaia disse: «Ascoltate, casa di Davide! Non vi basta stancare gli uomini, perché ora vogliate stancare anche il mio Dio?»

Pertanto il Signore stesso vi darà un segno. Ecco: la vergine concepirà e partorerà un figlio, che chiamerà Emmanuele». Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo Responsoriale: R: Sal 23

R: Ecco, viene il Signore, re della gloria.

1. Del Signore è la terra e quanto contiene:
il mondo, con i suoi abitanti.
È lui che l'ha fondato sui mari
e sui fiumi l'ha stabilito.

2. Chi potrà salire il monte del Signore?
Chi potrà stare nel suo luogo santo?
Chi ha mani innocenti e cuore puro,
chi non si rivolge agli idoli.

3. Egli otterrà benedizione dal Signore,
giustizia da Dio sua salvezza.
Ecco la generazione che lo cerca,

R: Ecco, viene il Signore, re della gloria.

Seconda Lettura: Rm 1,1-7

Dalla lettera di San Paolo Apostolo ai Romani

Paolo, servo di Cristo Gesù, apostolo per chiamata, scelto per annunciare il vangelo di Dio – che egli aveva promesso per mezzo dei suoi profeti nelle sacre Scritture e che riguarda il Figlio suo, nato dal seme di Davide secondo la carne, costituito Figlio di Dio con potenza, secondo lo Spirito di santità, in virtù della risurrezione dei morti, Gesù Cristo nostro Signore; per mezzo di lui abbiamo ricevuto la grazia di essere apostoli, per suscitare l'obbedienza della fede in tutte le genti, a gloria del suo nome, e tra queste siete anche voi, chiamati da Gesù Cristo –, a tutti quelli che sono a Roma, amati da Dio e santi per chiamata, grazia a voi e pace da Dio, Padre nostro, e dal Signore Gesù Cristo!

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo: Mat: 1, 23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Ecco la vergine concepirà e darà alla luce un figlio: a lui sarà dato il nome di Emmanuele: "Dio con noi".
Alleluia.

Vangelo: Mt 1,18-24

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

Così fu generato Gesù Cristo: sua madre Maria, essendo promessa sposa di Giuseppe, prima che andassero a vivere insieme si trovò incinta per opera dello Spirito Santo. Giuseppe suo sposo, poiché era uomo giusto e non voleva accusarla pubblicamente, pensò di ripudiarla in segreto.

Però, mentre stava considerando queste cose, ecco, gli apparve in sogno un angelo del Signore e gli disse: «Giuseppe, figlio di Davide, non temere di prendere con te Maria, tua sposa. Infatti il bambino che è generato in lei viene dallo Spirito Santo; ella darà alla luce un figlio e tu lo chiamerai Gesù: egli infatti salverà il suo popolo dai suoi peccati».

Tutto questo è avvenuto perché si compisse ciò che era stato detto dal Signore per mezzo del profeta: «Ecco, la vergine concepirà e darà alla luce un figlio: a lui sarà dato il nome di Emmanuele», che significa "Dio con noi". Quando si destò dal sonno, Giuseppe fece come gli aveva ordinato l'angelo del Signore e prese con sé la sua sposa.

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; Vittoria Calidonna and Julie Mamo

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**

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

Contact Person: Moses El-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

Can you help? All our four churches need Flower donations for Christmas, please put in collection basket in envelope marked flowers or in the flower donation box.

Product for December Asylum Seekers Group

In December we are asking you to please donate gladwrap, aluminium foil and clothes pegs. They are not too expensive so you might be able to donate a couple of items over the month.

Results of St. Mary's Raffle

1st prize Redgum coffee table: Fausta Brugnaro: 2nd: Electric Kettle: Emilia Vavalà; 3rd Prize:Hamper: Milroy Martinstyne: 4th Prize: Toaster Oven: Emilia Vavalà; 5th prize; Hamper: Milroy Martinstyne: 6th Prize Hamper: Domenica Vavalà.Thank you to all who brought tickets over \$1,000 was raised.

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community

Rhys Thomas Noel Evans and Greta Natalia Heather Evans
children of Michael and Tamara Evans

baptized on Sunday at St. Anthony's

We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

St. Joseph's; St. Mary's; Holy Spirit, St. Anthony's

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

FAMILY MASSES: Holy Spirit, 5pm; St. Joseph's, 5.30pm
St. Anthony's 6pm; St. Mary's 6.30pm

St Mary's and St. Joseph's

CAROLS: 9.00PM with CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: 9.30PM

St. Anthony's: 12 midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY SUNDAY, 25 DECEMBER

9am St. Anthony's Italian

9.30am Holy Spirit English

10am St. Mary's Bilingual

11am Mass St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's English

Please note No evening Mass on Christmas Day at St. Mary's

NO MASSES ON 26, 27, 28, 29. 30 DECEMBER

Saturday, 31 December: 5pm Holy Spirit, 5.30pm St. Joseph's

Sunday, 1 JANUARY—NEW YEAR'S DAY 2023

Feast of Mary Mother of God -

9am St. Anthony's- Italian; 9.30am Holy Spirit - English

10am St. Mary's - Bilingual; 11am Mass St. Joseph's—English;

St. Anthony's—English 5.30pm St. Mary's — English

The Season of Advent Reflection Evenings

- **Tuesday 20 December at 7.30pm with Reconciliation at Holy Spirit church**



How can you contribute to the parish

This QR code is unique to **St Anthony, Alphington and Holy Spirit, Thornbury East** and will give

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