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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: 9.15am Italian

St. Joseph's Northcote

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

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

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

St. Anthony's Alphington

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

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

2 Jan: St. Basil The Great & Gregory Nazianzen
 3 Jan: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 7 Jan: St. Raymond of Penyafort

Recently Deceased

Maria Palmieri

Anniversaries

Paolo & Liliano Miliani

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

31 December 2022 / 1 January 2023

Queen of Peace



Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our Abba.

Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA



HAPPY NEW YEAR

May this year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements, and a lot of new inspirations on your life

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

FIRST READING Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons:

"This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66

R: O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
you guide the nations on earth.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

R: O God, be gracious and bless us.

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came,

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons.

The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts:

the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah: 60: 1-6

Psalm: 71, 1-2,7-8,10-13

Ephesians: 3: 2-3,5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

Prima Lettura: Nm 6, 22-27

Dal libro dei Numeri

Il Signore parlò a Mosè e disse: «Parla ad Aronne e ai suoi figli dicendo: "Così benedirete gli Israeliti: direte loro:

Ti benedica il Signore e ti custodisca.

Il Signore faccia risplendere per te il suo volto e ti faccia grazia.

Il Signore rivolga a te il suo volto e ti conceda pace".

Così porranno il mio nome sugli Israeliti e io li benedirò». Parola di Dio.

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Salmo Responsoriale: Sal 66

R: Dio abbia pietà di noi e ci benedica.

1. Dio abbia pietà di noi e ci benedica,
su di noi faccia splendere il suo volto;
perché si conosca sulla terra la tua via,
la tua salvezza fra tutte le genti.

2. Gioiscano le nazioni e si rallegriano,
perché tu giudichi i popoli con rettitudine,
governi le nazioni sulla terra.

3. Ti lodino i popoli, o Dio,
ti lodino i popoli tutti.
Ci benedica Dio e lo temano
tutti i confini della terra.

R: Dio abbia pietà di noi e ci benedica.

Seconda Lettura: Gal 4,4-7

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Galati

Fratelli, quando venne la pienezza del tempo, Dio mandò il suo Figlio, nato da donna, nato sotto la Legge, per riscattare quelli che erano sotto la Legge, perché ricevessimo l'adozione a figli.

E che voi siete figli lo prova il fatto che Dio mandò nei nostri cuori lo Spirito del suo Figlio, il quale grida: Abbà! Padre! Quindi non sei più schiavo, ma figlio e, se figlio, sei anche erede per grazia di Dio.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Ebr 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: Lc 2,16-21

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Luca

In quel tempo, [i pastori] andarono, senza indugio, e trovarono Maria e Giuseppe e il bambino, adagiato nella mangiatoia. E dopo averlo visto, riferirono ciò che del bambino era stato detto loro.

Tutti quelli che udivano si stupirono delle cose dette loro dai pastori. Maria, da parte sua, custodiva tutte queste cose, meditandole nel suo cuore.

I pastori se ne tornarono, glorificando e lodando Dio per tutto quello che avevano udito e visto, com'era stato detto loro.

Quando furono compiuti gli otto giorni prescritti per la circoncisione, gli fu messo nome Gesù, come era stato chiamato dall'angelo prima che fosse concepito nel grembo.

C: 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



Il brano del vangelo ci narra un episodio della vita di una famiglia ebrea, ma l'ambientazione è inusuale per una nascita. Si tratta di una famiglia emarginata socialmente.

Eppure il bambino è Dio e la giovane donna l'ha concepito e partorito nella verginità. Alcuni pastori si affrettano, in risposta a un messaggio dal cielo, per riconoscerlo e glorificarlo a loro modo.

Vi è difficile considerarlo vostro Dio? Volgete il pensiero per un attimo al fascino persistente esercitato da sua madre su uomini e donne di ogni ambiente e classe, su persone che hanno conosciuto successi o fallimenti di ogni tipo, su uomini di genio, su emarginati, su soldati angosciati e destinati a morire sul campo di battaglia, su persone che passano attraverso dure prove spirituali.

Il genio artistico si è spesso consacrato alla sua lode: pensate alla "Pietà" di Michelangelo, al gran numero di Madonne medievali e rinascimentali, alle vetrate incantevoli della cattedrale di Chartres e alla più bella di tutte le icone: la Madonna di Vladimir, che aspetta con pazienza, nel Museo Tretiakov di Mosca, giorni migliori.

Perché la Madonna ispira tanta umanità? Forse perché è, come dicono gli ortodossi, un'icona (= immagine) di Dio? Forse perché Dio parla per suo tramite anche se Maria resta sempre una sua creatura, sia pure una creatura unica grazie ai doni ricevuti dal Padre?

Tutto ciò è stato oggetto di discussioni, spesso accese, quando spiriti grandi cercarono di esprimere in termini umani il mistero di Dio fatto uomo. Maria fu definita madre di Dio, "theotokos", e ciò contribuì a calmare dispute intellettuali. Questo appellativo è particolarmente caro ai cristiani dell'Est, ai nostri fratelli del mondo ortodosso, ed è profondamente radicato nella loro teologia, ripetuto spesso nelle loro belle liturgie, specialmente nella liturgia bizantina, che è stata considerata la "più perfetta" proprio per via delle sue preghiere ufficiali dedicate al culto di Maria.

Cominciamo l'anno nel segno di questo grande mistero.

Cerchiamo allora di approfondire la nostra devozione a Maria, Madre di Dio e nostra, eliminandone, però, ogni traccia di sentimentalismo spicciolo.

Tentiamo di convincere i giovani che si tratta qui di un idealismo rispondente, certo, alle aspirazioni più profonde dello spirito umano, ma che richiede impegno e molto coraggio.



The Parish Office will be closed from 23 December 2022 until 3rd January 2023.

Have Blessed Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid our brothers and sisters who are suffering so deeply in Syria and Lebanon through our Christmas appeal Sharing Hope with Christians in Syria and Lebanon this Christmas. The support we are pledging to them is very much emergency relief to sustain the Christian population in hope. The projects we are supporting are projects such as medical aid, community help and gifts for children in Lebanon, as well as support for lay faithful and accommodation for families in Syria.

It is only with your help that ACN can support Christians in Lebanon and Syria this Christmas!



How can you contribute to the parish

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

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.

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