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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 9.15am
Italian. Ogni Mercoledì durante la
Quaresima ci saranno le Via Crucis
prima della messa

St. Joseph's Northcote

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

Holy Spirit Thornbury East

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

St. Anthony's Alphington

Sunday: 9.00am Italian
11.00am English
Weekdays: Fridays 9.15am English
Italian Stations of the Cross
St Anthony's Friday 9.45am during
Lent

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

17 March: St. Patrick

20 March: St. Joseph

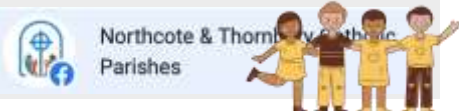
Recently Deceased

Patrick Ryan (In Ireland)

Anniversaries

Daniel Hanna Fakhry; Allen Doyle;
Anwar Salem; Alphonse Tobin;
Hanna Saleh Fakhry; Pietro De Luise;
Alfonso Filippin; Alessandro
Reginato; Salvatore Belvedere.

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3 Sunday of Lent Year A

11/12 March 2023



St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass
Sunday March 19 at 11am
at Northcote and the Blessing of
St. Joseph's Statue

The Celebration of the Feast of **St. Joseph**
and the presentation of the

Sacramental Candidates for Reconciliation and Eucharist will
be held on **Sunday 19 March at 11:am, at St. Joseph's Church**
Northcote.

The blessing of the new St Joseph statue will take place in
the garden.

Mass will be followed by morning Tea. **ALL WELCOME.**
Please bring a plate to share.



Softening the Heart

In today's [Gospel](#), Jesus promises the Samaritan woman "living water which shall become a fountain within her, leaping up to provide eternal life." The liturgy on this Lenten Sunday places Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock of Horeb.

We believe, with St Paul, that "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit." That love of God should make us a forgiving people, one that enables the world to "be brought together in unity and peace."

Our goal is to "harden not our hearts:" to be concerned for the poor and suffering, to forgive the criminal, to welcome the stranger, to love our enemies.

"If only you recognized God's gift. ... "

By becoming for people a model of merciful love for others, Christ proclaims by his actions even more than by his words that call to mercy which is one of the essential elements of the gospel ethos.

In this instance it is not just a case of fulfilling a commandment or an obligation of an ethical nature: it is also a case of satisfying a condition of major importance for God to reveal himself in his mercy to human kind:

"The merciful ... shall obtain mercy."

Pope John Paul II, [Dives in Misericordia](#), 1980: 3
Reflection by Elenor Stump

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
Hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before the him, giving thanks,
With songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
Let us kneel before the God who made us
For he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-2,5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Glory to you Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 4:5-16,19-26,39, 40-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Prima Lettura:

Es 17,3-7

Dal libro dell'Esodo

In quei giorni, il popolo soffriva la sete per mancanza di acqua; il popolo mormorò contro Mosè e disse: «Perché ci hai fatto salire dall'Egitto per far morire di sete noi, i nostri figli e il nostro bestiame?».

Allora Mosè gridò al Signore, dicendo: «Che cosa farò io per questo popolo? Ancora un poco e mi lapideranno!». Il Signore disse a Mosè: «Passa davanti al popolo e prendi con te alcuni anziani d'Israele. Prendi in mano il bastone con cui hai percossa il Nilo, e va'! Ecco, io starò davanti a te là sulla roccia, sull'Oreb; tu batterai sulla roccia: ne uscirà acqua e il popolo berrà».

Mosè fece così, sotto gli occhi degli anziani d'Israele. E chiamò quel luogo Massa e Meriba, a causa della protesta degli Israeliti e perché misero alla prova il Signore, dicendo: «Il Signore è in mezzo a noi sì o no?».

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Salmo Responsoriale: Sal 94**

R: Ascoltate oggi la voce del Signore: non indurite il vostro cuore.

1. Venite, cantiamo al Signore,
acclamiamo la roccia della nostra salvezza.
Accostiamoci a lui per rendergli grazie,
a lui acclamiamo con canti di gioia.

2. Entrate: prostrati, adoriamo,
in ginocchio davanti al Signore che ci ha fatti.
È lui il nostro Dio
e noi il popolo del suo pascolo,
il gregge che egli conduce.

3. Se ascoltaste oggi la sua voce!
«Non indurite il cuore come a Meriba,
come nel giorno di Massa nel deserto,
dove mi tentarono i vostri padri:
mi misero alla prova
pur avendo visto le mie opere».

R: Ascoltate oggi la voce del Signore: non indurite il vostro cuore.

Seconda Lettura: Rm 5,1-2.5-8

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani
Fratelli, giustificati per fede, noi siamo in pace con Dio per mezzo del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo. Per mezzo di lui abbiamo anche, mediante la fede, l'accesso a questa grazia nella quale ci troviamo e ci vantiamo, saldi nella speranza della gloria di Dio.
La speranza poi non delude, perché l'amore di Dio è stato riversato nei nostri cuori per mezzo dello Spirito Santo che ci è stato dato.

Infatti, quando eravamo ancora deboli, nel tempo stabilito Cristo morì per gli empi. Ora, a stento qualcuno è disposto a morire per un giusto; forse qualcuno

oserebbe morire per una persona buona. Ma Dio dimostra il suo amore verso di noi nel fatto che, mentre eravamo ancora peccatori, Cristo è morto per noi. Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**Canto al Vangelo (Gv 4,42.15)**

Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!

Signore, tu sei veramente il salvatore del mondo;
dammi dell'acqua viva, perché io non abbia più sete.

Lode a te, o Cristo, re di eterna gloria!

Vangelo

Gv 4, 5-15.19b-26.39a.40-42

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

In quel tempo, Gesù giunse a una città della Samaria chiamata Sicar, vicina al terreno che Giacobbe aveva dato a Giuseppe suo figlio: qui c'era un pozzo di Giacobbe. Gesù dunque, affaticato per il viaggio, sedeva presso il pozzo. Era circa mezzogiorno. Giunge una donna samaritana ad attingere acqua. Le dice Gesù: «Dammi da bere». I suoi discepoli erano andati in città a fare provvista di cibi. Allora la donna samaritana gli dice: «Come mai tu, che sei giudeo, chiedi da bere a me, che sono una donna samaritana?». I Giudei infatti non hanno rapporti con i Samaritani. Gesù le risponde: «Se tu conoscessi il dono di Dio e chi è colui che ti dice: Dammi da bere!, tu avresti chiesto a lui ed egli ti avrebbe dato acqua viva». Gli dice la donna: «Signore, non hai un secchio e il pozzo è profondo; da dove prendi dunque quest'acqua viva? Sei tu forse più grande del nostro padre Giacobbe, che ci diede il pozzo e ne bevve lui con i suoi figli e il suo bestiame?».

Gesù le risponde: «Chiunque beve di quest'acqua avrà di nuovo sete; ma chi berrà dell'acqua che io gli darò, non avrà più sete in eterno. Anzi, l'acqua che io gli darò diventerà in lui una sorgente d'acqua che zampilla per la vita eterna».

«Signore – gli dice la donna –, dammi quest'acqua, perché io non abbia più sete e non continui a venire qui ad attingere acqua. Vedo che tu sei un profeta! I nostri padri hanno adorato su questo monte; voi invece dite che è a Gerusalemme il luogo in cui bisogna adorare».

Gesù le dice: «Credimi, donna, viene l'ora in cui né su questo monte né a Gerusalemme adorerete il Padre. Voi adorate ciò che non conoscete, noi adoriamo ciò che conosciamo, perché la salvezza viene dai Giudei. Ma viene l'ora – ed è questa – in cui i veri adoratori adoreranno il Padre in spirito e verità: così infatti il Padre vuole che siano quelli che lo adorano. Dio è spirito, e quelli che lo adorano devono adorare in spirito e verità».

Gli rispose la donna: «So che deve venire il Messia, chiamato Cristo: quando egli verrà, ci annuncerà ogni cosa». Le dice Gesù: «Sono io, che parlo con te».

Molti Samaritani di quella città credettero in lui. E quando giunsero da lui, lo pregavano di rimanere da loro ed egli rimase là due giorni. Molti di più credettero per la sua parola e alla donna dicevano: «Non è più per i tuoi discorsi che noi crediamo, ma perché noi stessi abbiamo udito e sappiamo che questi è veramente il salvatore del mondo».

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 Borg; Francesco & Paola Vavalà*

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 **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

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



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community
Noel and Rosemary present Raphael Fernandes
Alexander and Deshani present Lalitha Esme Thangammah
Makings at Holy Spirit on Sunday.

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



The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Book and Plant Sale, Saturday 18 March 9 am – 2 pm. 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

1st Scrutiny Callum Major continues his journey to Baptism.

This Sunday, at 11am Mass at St. Anthony we celebrate the 1st Scutiny. We pray that he will be guided by the Holy Spirit to understand the Catholic beliefs as acclaimed in the Creed. **Please pray for Calum Major, our Elect**

From St. Joseph's...

If anyone would like a framed painting or print for their home, please see the ones available at the back of St Joseph's.
They are from the parish house and are free to a good home.



Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation

farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/ envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Next Week's Readings:

4 Sunday of Lent
1Sam16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
Ps 22;
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1, 6-9,13-17,34-38



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.

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



RAISE THE ROOF Fundraising Appeal

25th & 26th March (Sat-Sun)
11am-3pm
112b St Georges Road
Northcote

**WILL YOU HELP US TO
REPLACE
OUR LEAKING ROOF**