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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.

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

FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

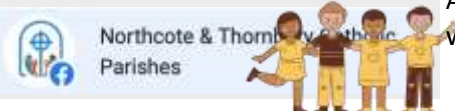
Recently Deceased

Augustine Gianserra ( in Italy)  
Michael Ibrahim;  
Youssef Loulou Antoun Taouk

Anniversaries

Fahima Mansour (1yr.Anni.);  
Maria Nardella (1yr.anni.);  
Grazia Andriani; Chafic Moussa Fakhry; Michel Raffoul Rahme;  
Youssef Geryes Nassima Fakhry;  
Maria Azzaro; Josephine & Hilda Zahra; Francesco & Rosina Ianella;  
Aldo Melone.

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**2 Sunday of Easter Year A DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

15/16 April 2023



**Divine Mercy opens us up to suffering of others**

**GRANT FORGIVENESS**

Pope Francis urges "Today and every day, in the Church forgiveness must be received in this same way, through the humble goodness of a merciful confessor who sees himself not as the holder of some power but as a channel of mercy, who pours out upon others the forgiveness that he himself first received."

'Peace be with you' The first time Jesus spoke those words on the evening of Easter (Jn 20), said the Pope, the disciples were filled with joy.

As they huddled in fear three days after Jesus' death, the disciples were "burdened by a sense of failure" after having abandoned their Master and even denied Him in His tragic hour.

In this condition, said Pope Francis, they should have felt shame at seeing Jesus' face. Yet, His greeting of peace made them turn their attention "away from themselves and towards Jesus."

**FILLED WITH JOY**

"Christ did not reproach them for what they had done, but showed them his usual kindness. And this revives them, fills their hearts with the peace they had lost, and makes them new persons, purified by a forgiveness that is utterly unmerited."

**OFFERING US COMFORT**

The final time Jesus utters His peaceful greeting comes after Thomas has expressed his disbelief of Jesus' resurrection.

Rather than rebuking him, Jesus comes to Thomas' aid and allows him to put his finger in His side. "He does not treat Thomas with harshness, and the apostle is deeply moved by this kindness. From a disbeliever, he becomes a believer, and makes the simplest and finest confession of faith: 'My Lord and my God!'" Pope Francis said that every believer can relate to Thomas' story and disbelief. Jesus comes to us too with "heartwarming signs of His mercy" and comforts us "by offering His wounds."

**DIVINE MERCY OPENS US UP TO SUFFERING OF OTHERS**

At the same time, said the Pope, our experience of God's mercy helps us to see the wounds of our brothers and sisters.

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**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

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.**

- 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.'
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.
- 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.

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

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter the Apostle  
Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of

great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls. The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 20: 29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
Happy those who have not seen me but still believed!

**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.**

**Readings: 3 Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14,22-33

Ps 15

1Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

**Prima lettura** At 2,42-47

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

Quelli che erano stati battezzati erano perseveranti nell'insegnamento degli apostoli e nella comunione, nello spezzare il pane e nelle preghiere. Un senso di timore era in tutti, e prodigi e segni avvenivano per opera degli apostoli. Tutti i credenti stavano insieme e avevano ogni cosa in comune; vendevano le loro proprietà e sostanze e le dividevano con tutti, secondo il bisogno di ciascuno.

Ogni giorno erano perseveranti insieme nel tempio e, spezzando il pane nelle case, prendevano cibo con letizia e semplicità di cuore, lodando Dio e godendo il favore di tutto il popolo. Intanto il Signore ogni giorno aggiungeva alla comunità quelli che erano salvati. Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio****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. Mi avevano spinto con forza per farmi cadere, ma il Signore è stato il mio aiuto.

Mia forza e mio canto è il Signore, egli è stato la mia salvezza.

Grida di giubilo e di vittoria nelle tende dei giusti:

la destra del Signore ha fatto prodezze.

3. 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!

**R: Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono:  
il suo amore è per sempre.**

**Seconda lettura** 1Pt 1,3-9

Dalla prima lettera di san Pietro apostolo

Sia benedetto Dio e Padre del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, che nella sua grande misericordia ci ha rigenerati, mediante la risurrezione di Gesù Cristo dai morti, per una speranza viva, per un'eredità che

non si corrompe, non si macchia e non marcisce. Essa è conservata nei cieli per voi, che dalla potenza di Dio siete custoditi mediante la fede, in vista della salvezza che sta per essere rivelata nell'ultimo tempo.

Perciò siete ricolmi di gioia, anche se ora dovete essere, per un po' di tempo, afflitti da varie prove, affinché la vostra fede, messa alla prova, molto più preziosa dell'oro – destinato a perire e tuttavia purificato con fuoco –, torni a vostra lode, gloria e onore quando Gesù Cristo si manifesterà. Voi lo amate, pur senza averlo visto e ora, senza vederlo, credete in lui. Perciò esultate di gioia indicibile e gloriosa, mentre raggiungete la mèta della vostra fede: la salvezza delle anime. 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 chiuse 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

**Tutti: Lode a te o Cristo.**

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

*John Polastri; Paul Mercieca; Shinade Appleman*

## 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

**NO MEETING School Holidays.**

## 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

### 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.**

### 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

**Cabrini at St. Joseph's Presbytery** have received permission from the relevant authority to commence with the internal renovations of the house. Work will be starting this week and continue for a couple of months. We will keep you updated as they progress.

## NEW Thanksgiving Envelopes ST.MARY'S

**The new set of envelopes will be available to be picked up NEXT WEEKEND after all Masses at St. Mary's.**

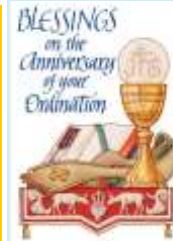
## SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE

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

Your support and help has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to Fr. Paul Connell,

Fr. Gerry Medici and Monsignor Tom Doyle for assisting us with our Easter Triduum liturgies.



Our prayers and heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Shabin as he celebrates his 16th 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.*



## Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community **Daniel and Jasmine present their child, Jack Mario Angelucci,**

for baptism at St. Anthony's on Sunday

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

*Continued from front page.....* "We think that we are experiencing unbearable pain and situations of suffering, and we suddenly discover that others around us are silently enduring even worse things," he said. "If we care for the wounds of our neighbour and pour upon them the balm of mercy, we find being reborn within us a hope that comforts us in our weariness."

***In conclusion, Pope Francis urged all Christians to make Divine Mercy Sunday their own by lending a helping hand or listening ear to those around us who may be suffering.***

"From the eyes of all those who are weighed down by the trials of life," said the Pope, "Jesus looks out at us with mercy and says once more to us:

***'Peace be with you!'***

Pope Frances



### How can you contribute to the parish

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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