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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

- 1 May: St. Joseph the Worker
2 May: St. Athanasius
3 May: Sts. Philip & James Apostles

Recently Deceased

Mal Grierson; Jennifer Phillip; Gioacchino Gigliotti (1month Anni.)

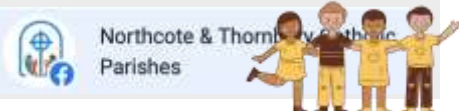
Anniversaries

Peter Lemalu; Pauline Hanna Fakhry; Hares Kodaih; George Raffoul Rahme; Henry Malcolm; Dante and Maria Rosa D'Andrea;

Anointing of the Sick Masses:

9.15am 2 May St. Joseph's
9.15am 3 May St. Mary's
9.15am 4 May Holy Spirit
9.15am 5 May St. Anthony's

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4 Sunday of Easter Year A

29/30 April 2023

Good Shepherd Sunday



I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right. Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the voice of Christ - it comes with practice and exposure to it. In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for

attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it. More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one. And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere. There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice - soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives - we will walk straight toward it.

Now that will be life, and life abundantly.

Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14. 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation'.

They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptized. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22

R: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R: The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: 1Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter the Apostle
The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing it patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd;
I know my own and my own know me
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.
So Jesus spoke to them again: I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy.
I have come so that they may
have life and have it to the
full. The Gospel of the Lord

Next week's readings:

5 Sunday of Easter

Acts 6: 1-7

Ps: 32

1Peter 2: 4-9

John: 14:1-12

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prima lettura At 2,14.36-41

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

[Nel giorno di Pentecoste,] Pietro con gli Undici si alzò in piedi e a voce alta parlò così: «Sappia con certezza tutta la casa d'Israele che Dio ha costituito Signore e Cristo quel Gesù che voi avete crocifisso». All'udire queste cose si sentirono trafiggere il cuore e dissero a Pietro e agli altri apostoli: «Che cosa dobbiamo fare, fratelli?».

E Pietro disse loro: «Convertitevi e ciascuno di voi si faccia battezzare nel nome di Gesù Cristo, per il perdono dei vostri peccati, e riceverete il dono dello Spirito Santo. Per voi infatti è la promessa e per i vostri figli e per tutti quelli che sono lontani, quanti ne chiamerà il Signore Dio nostro».

Con molte altre parole rendeva testimonianza e li esortava: «Salvatevi da questa generazione perversa!». Allora coloro che accolsero la sua parola furono battezzati e quel giorno furono aggiunte circa tremila persone. Parola del Signore.

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo Responsoriale** Sal 15**Rit: Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.**

1. Il Signore è il mio pastore:
non manco di nulla.

Su pascoli erbosi mi fa riposare,
ad acque tranquille mi conduce.
Rinfranca l'anima mia.

2. Mi guida per il giusto cammino
a motivo del suo nome.

Anche se vado per una valle oscura,
non temo alcun male, perché tu sei con me.
Il tuo bastone e il tuo vincastro
mi danno sicurezza.

3. Davanti a me tu prepari una mensa
sotto gli occhi dei miei nemici.

Ungi di olio il mio capo;
il mio calice trabocca.

4. Sì, bontà e fedeltà mi saranno compagne
tutti i giorni della mia vita,
abiterò ancora nella casa del Signore
per lunghi giorni.

Rit: Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.**Seconda lettura** 1Pt 2,20-25

Dalla prima lettera di san Pietro apostolo

Carissimi, se, facendo il bene, sopporterete con pazienza la sofferenza, ciò sarà gradito davanti a Dio. A questo infatti siete stati chiamati, perché anche Cristo patì per voi, lasciandovi un esempio, perché ne seguiate le orme: egli non commise peccato e non si trovò inganno sulla sua bocca; insultato, non rispondeva con insulti, maltrattato, non minacciava vendetta, ma si affidava a colui che giudica con giustizia. Egli portò i nostri peccati nel suo corpo sul legno della croce, perché, non vivendo più per il peccato, vivessimo per la giustizia; dalle sue piaghe siete stati guariti. Eravate erranti come pecore, ma ora siete stati ricondotti al pastore e custode delle vostre anime. Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo** (Gv 10,14)**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Io sono il buon pastore, dice il Signore,
conosco le mie pecore e le mie pecore conoscono me.

Alleluia.**Vangelo** Gv 10,1-10

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

In quel tempo, Gesù disse:

«In verità, in verità io vi dico: chi non entra nel recinto delle pecore dalla porta, ma vi sale da un'altra parte, è un ladro e un brigante. Chi invece entra dalla porta, è pastore delle pecore.

Il guardiano gli apre e le pecore ascoltano la sua voce: egli chiama le sue pecore, ciascuna per nome, e le conduce fuori. E quando ha spinto fuori tutte le sue pecore, cammina davanti a esse, e le pecore lo seguono perché conoscono la sua voce. Un estraneo invece non lo seguiranno, ma fuggiranno via da lui, perché non conoscono la voce degli estranei».

Gesù disse loro questa similitudine, ma essi non capirono di che cosa parlava loro.

Allora Gesù disse loro di nuovo: «In verità, in verità io vi dico: io sono la porta delle pecore. Tutti coloro che sono venuti prima di me, sono ladri e briganti; ma le pecore non li hanno ascoltati. Io sono la porta: se uno entra attraverso di me, sarà salvato; entrerà e uscirà e troverà pascolo. Il ladro non viene se non per rubare, uccidere e distruggere; io sono venuto perché abbiano la vita e l'abbiano in abbondanza». 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.

Tom Mulvany; Sue Paikopoulos; Sheedy Family.

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**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at Holy Spirit Parish Office room at 10-11am **ALL WELCOME!**

Contact: Mirella at Thornbury@cam.org.au

Meditation commences back this Thursday, 27 April at 10am.

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

After the Thursday Italian Mass 9.15am at Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

- Dopo messa Bingo e carte nella sala, si offre caffè e biscotti. Tutti benvenuti
After Mass, Bingo and cards in the hall, with Coffee and biscuits offered). All Welcome.

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-Fakhri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

NEW Thanksgiving Envelopes ST.MARY'S

The new set of envelopes are ready to be picked up after all Masses at St. Mary's.



Holy Spirit's 70th Anniversary name banner

Are you a Holy Spirit parishioner? There's still time to have your name included on the Holy Spirit 70th Anniversary name banner. If you are not on the earlier banners (up to 2006) please join the new banner being made to celebrate our parish's 70th anniversary. If you want more information please contact Rosie at hobanrosie@gmail.com. If you have completed your name on the fabric provided, please leave it in the basket at the back of the Church. **All names must be returned to the Church by Sunday May 7. Thank you.**

Can you help us upgrade the audiovisual display at Holy Spirit?

The cost of the new system is \$11,000 dollars! Are you able to donate to help us purchase the new system. Please use **Holy Spirit and St Anthony's church account BSB: 083 347 Account: 573502200 Reference: 70th anniversary.** Or use the QR code on bottom of the bulletin and choose the Parish Stewardship option. If you add "70th anniversary" in the comments it will help us keep track of donations.



ST JOSEPH'S PLANT SALE

DATE: On the weekend of 6/7 May, 2023

WHEN: After both masses, **5.30pm Saturday and 11.00 am Sunday**

PLANTS: African Violets, Pileas, Aloe vera, various succulents, begonias.

These Plants will be available to buy at the rear of the church.

(Potential Mother's day Gifts ☺)

Please come and support our sale. All money will go towards St Joseph's Parish.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's

life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

We welcome **Yohan Wickramasekara, a 3rd year seminarian and Ezekiel Bartlett, 1 year Seminarian.** You may donate to the Catholic Vocations Appeal through <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND!
Please stay back and enjoy one another's company.



How can you contribute to our parishes

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 our CDF pay QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.

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. **Church Account: Holy Spirit and St Anthony's Account: BSB 083 347 Account 573502200**

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Church account St. Mary's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 557931064

Church account: St. Joseph's: BSB: 083 347 Account: 663182650

Thank you for your continued support.