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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

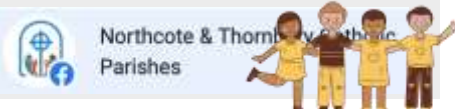
FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Porsia Sidoti (1yr.Anni.); Frank Franklin; Vincent Sookramanein; Thressiana Xavier (7yr.anni.); Peter William Bryant; Cirillo Minato; Michele Delle Vergini

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EASTER SUNDAY Year A

8/9 April 2023

Rejoice, Rejoice! He is risen

May the promise of the Easter season bring you great joy and abundant peace in the love and promise of the Lord.



JUST AS WE ARE.....

As Christians we especially rejoice on Easter Sunday that Jesus has risen and saved us, through our weaknesses and wounds. But that is the 'Good News' many of us, find very hard to accept. Easter Sunday is a good time to reflect on why we all stubbornly resist God's deep love for each of us.

I know only too well how I can find it difficult to really stop, be still and enter into this inner journey.

Strangely, something in me persists in the continual search for a 'perfect' friend, partner, church, priest, parish or family or whatever. It is so very hard to accept God's love deep down. For the disease of 'perfectionism' eats away at us all in a society that celebrates 'success' as the ultimate goal of life. We all want to get it 'right', look 'good' and please!

Christian Discipleship instead demands 'Falling in love with God'. It is a paradoxical call, at once very simple, yet very demanding. Its territory is tolerating messiness and imperfection. For it involves having learnt the 'hard' truth of what Richard Rohr OFM often points out about the spiritual journey: "You can't come to God by doing it right – you come to God by doing it wrong, otherwise, you don't fall in love with God, you fall in love with yourself."

Rohr reminds me of Tony de Mello SJ's paradoxical saying, "Be grateful for your sins. They are carriers of grace."

Sooner or later – we must all come to the realization that only God can save us from our fears and our addictions. Many of us need to 'hit a wall' in order to have a chance of waking up to the reality that we are living insane lives as long as we believe that we can 'control' things on our own.

When 'we wake up' to the real world, we find God patiently waiting for us, ready to help, ready to save us and make us whole. That is the resurrection in our lives – often 'frozen' or 'dead' to self-hatred and sin.

May this Easter challenge all of us to 'fall in love' with our God who loves us just as we are. Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

Reflection Br. Mark O'Connor FMS

FIRST READING: Acts: 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117

**R: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

**R: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation I Cor. 5:7-8

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our pascal sacrifice;

Let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL John 20:1-9

+ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings: Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47
Ps 117
1Peter 1:3-9
John 20: 19-31

Prima lettura At 10,34.37-43

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

In quei giorni, Pietro prese la parola e disse: «Voi sapete ciò che è accaduto in tutta la Giudea, cominciando dalla Galilea, dopo il battesimo predicato da Giovanni; cioè come Dio consacrò in Spirito Santo e potenza Gesù di Nàzaret, il quale passò beneficiando e risanando tutti coloro che stavano sotto il potere del diavolo, perché Dio era con lui.

E noi siamo testimoni di tutte le cose da lui compiute nella regione dei Giudei e in Gerusalemme. Essi lo uccisero appendendolo a una croce, ma Dio lo ha risuscitato al terzo giorno e volle che si manifestasse, non a tutto il popolo, ma a testimoni prescelti da Dio, a noi che abbiamo mangiato e bevuto con lui dopo la sua risurrezione dai morti. E ci ha ordinato di annunciare al popolo e di testimoniare che egli è il giudice dei vivi e dei morti, costituito da Dio. A lui tutti i profeti danno questa testimonianza: chiunque crede in lui riceve il perdono dei peccati per mezzo del suo nome». Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo responsoriale** Sal 117

R: Questo è il giorno che ha fatto il Signore: ralleghiamoci ed esultiamo.

1. Rendete grazie al Signore perché è buono, perché il suo amore è per sempre.
Dica Israele:
«Il suo amore è per sempre».

2. La destra del Signore si è innalzata, la destra del Signore ha fatto prodezze.
Non morirò, ma resterò in vita e annuncerò le opere del Signore.

3. La pietra scartata dai costruttori è divenuta la pietra d'angolo.
Questo è stato fatto dal Signore: una meraviglia ai nostri occhi.

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Seconda lettura Col 3,1-4

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Colossési
Fratelli, se siete risorti con Cristo, cercate le cose di lassù, dove è Cristo, seduto alla destra di Dio; rivolgete il pensiero alle cose di lassù, non a quelle della terra. Voi infatti siete morti e la vostra vita è nascosta con Cristo in Dio! Quando Cristo, vostra vita, sarà manifestato, allora anche voi apparirete con lui nella gloria.
Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo** (1Cor 5,7-8)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Cristo, nostra Pasqua, è stato immolato: facciamo festa nel Signore.
Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 20,1-9

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni.

Il primo giorno della settimana, Maria di Màgdala si recò al sepolcro di mattino, quando era ancora buio, e vide che la pietra era stata tolta dal sepolcro.

Corse allora e andò da Simon Pietro e dall'altro discepolo, quello che Gesù amava, e disse loro: «Hanno portato via il Signore dal sepolcro e non sappiamo dove l'hanno posto!».

Pietro allora uscì insieme all'altro discepolo e si recarono al sepolcro. Correano insieme tutti e due, ma l'altro discepolo corse più veloce di Pietro e giunse per primo al sepolcro. Si chinò, vide i teli posati là, ma non entrò. Giunse intanto anche Simon Pietro, che lo seguiva, ed entrò nel sepolcro e osservò i teli posati là, e il sudario – che era stato sul suo capo – non posato là con i teli, ma avvolto in un luogo a parte.

Allora entrò anche l'altro discepolo, che era giunto per primo al sepolcro, e vide e credette. Infatti non avevano ancora compreso la Scrittura, che cioè egli doveva risorgere dai morti.

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.

Parrochiani 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



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community

Isabel Silvana child of

Alejandro Renteria and Hannah Lew

at Holy Spirit on Sunday

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

Trivia Night for the combined parishes Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group is holding a trivia night on **Saturday 13th May at 7.30pm.**
has been cancelled

We welcome into our Catholic Community at St. Anthony's Callum Major
as he celebrates his full initiation into the Catholic Church, let us hold him close in our prayers as he discern how he will become involved serving the Lord in our parish communities.

NEW Thanksgiving Envelopes ST.MARY'S

The new set of envelopes will be available to be picked up next Sunday 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.

May you and your families have a joy-filled Easter



It is now time to return your Project Compassion boxes or donation envelopes to the parish. Thank you in advance.



FLOWERS FOR OUR CHURCHES FOR EASTER

If you would like to donate towards Easter Flowers for the churches please place money in designated boxes at St. Anthony's and Holy Spirit churches and in an envelop marked flowers for St. Mary's and St. Joseph's then place in the Collection plate.



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