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ST MARY'S THORNBURY

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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
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

10 May: St. John de Avila
12 May: Sts. Nereus & Archilleus
12 May: St. Pancras
13 May: Our Lady of Fatima

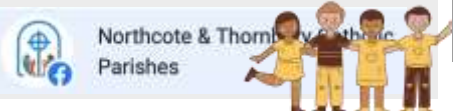
Recently Deceased

Emelie Zain Taouk; Eileen O'Reilly
Dorothy Michael; Nicholina Martino
(in Italy)

Anniversaries

Roberta Lenzi; Alfonso Gallina;
Lucio and Vittoria Minnelli;
Antonietta and Lucia Toce;
Youssef Taouk; George Khalil Najjar;
Sulaiman Tannous Rahme; Youssef
Toufic Taouk; Samir Elias Yazbek;
Cirillo Minato and Linus Hale.

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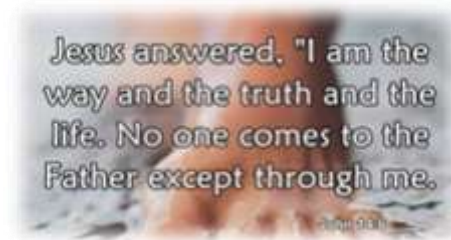
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5 Sunday of Easter Year A

6/7 May 2023



The risen Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life."

Jesus is the way, the path to eternal life with the Father: "no one comes to the Father but through me." To try another way is to ensure failure.

Jesus is the truth, the word of God. To seek the

truth else where is to "stumble and fall," to deal in falsehood and lie.

Jesus is the life, the God who has "filled all ages with the words of a new song." To live outside of Christ is to die. Those who follow Jesus faithfully are a chosen race, "a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation." They are chosen to "proclaim the glorious works" of God. They are priestly mediators "offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God." They are consecrated to "the One who called you from darkness." Built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, they are a powerful community, descending from that early church where "the word of God continued to spread and the number of disciples ... enormously increased."

When Jesus, who had suffered the death of the cross for humankind, had risen, He appeared as the one constituted as Lord, Christ and eternal Priest, and He poured out on His disciples the Spirit promised by the Father. From this source the Church, equipped with the gifts of its Founder and faithfully guarding His precepts of charity, humility and self-sacrifice, receives the mission to proclaim and to spread among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God. Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,

From Naomi Brammer...Pastoral Leadership Team report, April 2023

Our combined Pastoral Leadership Team met on Wednesday 26 April to consider matters affecting our four communities. The main items discussed at the meeting were:

- our recent celebrations for St Joseph's Feast Day and Easter, and Holy Spirit's upcoming 70 Year Anniversary
the possibility of providing tap-and-go facilities for contributions to our weekly collections at St Mary's and St Joseph's
our chosen ministry portfolios within the leadership team, and the areas and activities that each sub-committee will oversee
the changes to the weekend Mass times that were implemented in November last year - the new times are working well, and our clergy are comfortable with the schedule. We encourage you to move between churches and attend Mass at whatever time is most convenient for you each week.

Our next meeting will be a special training session with staff from the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Proclaim team to help equip us for our ministry areas. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us as we work to support our parishes to become more vibrant and mission-oriented.

**FIRST READING** Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food. You, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word'. The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith. The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 32

**R: Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**R: Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**SECOND READING** 1Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter the Apostle He is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made

acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord, No one comes to the father except through me. Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL** John 14: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jesus said to his disciples 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied'. 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said

Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?' 'To have seen me is to have seen the, Father, so how can you say, "Let us

see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will

perform the same works as I do

myself, he will perform even

greater works, because I am

going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus**

**Next week's readings:**

**6 Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8: 5-8,14-17

Ps: 65

1Peter 3: 15-18

John: 14:15-21

**Prima lettura** At 6,1-7

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

In quei giorni, aumentando il numero dei discepoli, quelli di lingua greca mormorarono contro quelli di lingua ebraica perché, nell'assistenza quotidiana, venivano trascurate le loro vedove.

Allora i Dodici convocarono il gruppo dei discepoli e dissero: «Non è giusto che noi lasciamo da parte la parola di Dio per servire alle mense. Dunque, fratelli, cercate fra voi sette uomini di buona reputazione, pieni di Spirito e di sapienza, ai quali affideremo questo incarico. Noi, invece, ci dedicheremo alla preghiera e al servizio della Parola».

Piacque questa proposta a tutto il gruppo e scelsero Stefano, uomo pieno di fede e di Spirito Santo, Filippo, Pròcoro, Nicànore, Timone, Parmenàs e Nicola, un prosèlito di Antiòchia. Li presentarono agli apostoli e, dopo aver pregato, imposero loro le mani.

E la parola di Dio si diffondeva e il numero dei discepoli a Gerusalemme si moltiplicava grandemente; anche una grande moltitudine di sacerdoti aderiva alla fede. Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio****Salmo Responsoriale** Sal 32

**R: Il tuo amore, Signore, sia su di noi: in te speriamo.**

1. Esultate, o giusti, nel Signore;  
per gli uomini retti è bella la lode.  
Lodate il Signore con la cetra,  
con l'arpa a dieci corde a lui cantate.

2. Perché retta è la parola del Signore  
e fedele ogni sua opera.  
Egli ama la giustizia e il diritto;  
dell'amore del Signore è piena la terra.

3. Ecco, l'occhio del Signore è su chi lo teme,  
su chi spera nel suo amore,  
per liberarlo dalla morte  
e nutrirlo in tempo di fame.

**R: Il tuo amore, Signore, sia su di noi: in te speriamo.**

**Seconda Lettura** 1Pt 2,4-9

Dalla prima lettera di san Pietro apostolo  
Carissimi, avvicinandovi al Signore, pietra viva,  
rifiutata dagli uomini ma scelta e preziosa davanti a Dio, quali pietre vive siete costruiti anche voi come edificio spirituale, per un sacerdozio santo e per offrire sacrifici spirituali graditi a Dio, mediante Gesù

Cristo. Si legge infatti nella Scrittura: «Ecco, io pongo in Sion una pietra d'angolo, scelta, preziosa, e chi crede in essa non resterà deluso».

Onore dunque a voi che credete; ma per quelli che non credono la pietra che i costruttori hanno scartato è diventata pietra d'angolo e sasso d'inciampo, pietra di scandalo.

Essi v'inciampano perché non obbediscono alla Parola. A questo erano destinati. Voi invece siete stirpe eletta, sacerdozio regale, nazione santa, popolo che Dio si è acquistato perché proclami le opere ammirevoli di lui, che vi ha chiamato dalle tenebre alla sua luce meravigliosa. Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

Canto al Vangelo (Gv 14,6)

Alleluia, alleluia. Io sono la via, la verità e la vita, dice il Signore; nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me. Alleluia.

Vangelo Gv 14,1-12

Dal Vangelo secondo Giovanni

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Non sia turbato il vostro cuore. Abbiate fede in Dio e abbiate fede anche in me. Nella casa del Padre mio vi sono molte dimore. Se no, vi avrei mai detto: "Vado a prepararvi un posto"? Quando sarò andato e vi avrò preparato un posto, verrò di nuovo e vi prenderò con me, perché dove sono io siate anche voi. E del luogo dove io vado, conoscete la via».

Gli disse Tommaso: «Signore, non sappiamo dove vai; come possiamo conoscere la via?».

Gli disse Gesù: «Io sono la via, la verità e la vita. Nessuno viene al Padre se non per mezzo di me. Se avete conosciuto me, conoscerete anche il Padre mio: fin da ora lo conoscete e lo avete veduto».

Gli disse Filippo: «Signore, mostraci il Padre e ci basta». Gli rispose Gesù: «Da tanto tempo sono con voi e tu non mi hai conosciuto, Filippo? Chi ha visto me, ha visto il Padre. Come puoi tu dire: "Mostraci il Padre"? Non credi che io sono nel Padre e il Padre è in me? Le parole che io vi dico, non le dico da me stesso; ma il Padre, che rimane in me, compie le sue opere.

Credete a me: io sono nel Padre e il Padre è in me. Se non altro, credetelo per le opere stesse.

In verità, in verità io vi dico: chi crede in me, anch'egli compirà le opere che io compio e ne compirà di più grandi di queste, perché io vado al Padre».

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](mailto: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-Fahkri via Parish Office.

## Parish Notices



## 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.

## Be Part of Holy Spirit's 70th Anniversary celebrations

This weekend is the deadline for returning your name for inclusion in the 70th anniversary banner. If you haven't bought it back to Church this weekend, please contact Rosie at [hobanrosie@gmail.com](mailto:hobanrosie@gmail.com).

## Celebration lunch

Pentecost Sunday (May 28) is the day we celebrate our 70th Anniversary. We will be having a light lunch in the hall after 10am Mass. Please join in the celebrations.

We are also asking people to help provide finger food for the lunch. If you can help out please put your name on the sheet at the back of the Church. Many thanks

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend we welcome our students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Spirit, St Anthony's and our catechist children to their commitment Masses.

Please support them by your prayers.



## ST JOSEPH'S PLANT SALE ON THIS WEEKEND.

**PLEASE SUPPORT BY BUYING A PLANT.**

**MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO THE PARISH.**

## Asylum Seekers Products for May.

Thank you for your monthly product donations that go to families supported by the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) and the Melbourne Adult Migrant English Program (MAMEP). One of the families has recently welcomed their fourth son. In May we are asking you to please donate basmati rice, packets of sweet biscuits, oil, nappies or laundry washing powder. Please leave your donation in the box at the back of the Church and it will be collected and delivered. Further Information contact Parish Office.



## Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community

**Luna Murgovski and Mac Frankie & Jack Henry Rocco Ascik**

for baptism at St. Mary's on Sunday. We congratulate the families and pray for their spiritual growth and wellbeing in the Lord.



**Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses today!**

**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

**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

**Thank you for your continued support.**