



Northcote & Thornbury
Catholic Parishes



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT
AND ST ANTHONY'S

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PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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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

24 May: Our Lady Help of Christians
 25 May: St. Bede; St. Gregory VII;
 25 May: St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
 26 May: St. Phillip Neri
 27 May: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Recently Deceased

Alberto Mittica; Gebran El-Khoury
 Taouk; Maria Bianco; Dr. Ivo Veller;
 David Warrior; Angelo Sartoretto.

Anniversaries

Samir Kairouz and the deceased members of the Kairouz family;
 Mariano Toaldo; Harba Youssef Taouk; Mansour Youssef Sukkar;
 Joe Nafez Taouk; Brian Ceasar Bacash;
 Val Newland; John, Florie & Theresa D'Souza; Remedios, Eugenia &
 Anthony Mendes; Catherine & Paul D'Silva; Shinade Appelman; Rose Walker; Pauline Restall.

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The Ascension of the Lord

20/21 May 2023

The Ascension of the Lord



When Jesus was preparing his disciples for his ascension, he told them: **"It is better for you that I go away! You won't understand this now. You will grieve and have heavy hearts, but, later, this will turn to joy and you will understand why I have to do this because, unless I go away, I can't send you my spirit."**

These are the unspoken words that children say to their parents when they leave home to begin lives on their own; these are the unspoken words we say to our friends when we have to move on from a certain circle of friendship to get married; these are the unspoken words spouses sometimes say to each other when they have to grow in ways that, at the end of the day, will make their marriage stronger, but which, on a given day, leave their partner with a heartache; and these are the unspoken words we say to each other every time we have to say a goodbye, even if it's just to go off to work for the day: "It is better for you that I go away, even if there is sorrow now!"

The paradoxical interplay of presence and absence in love is a great mystery. We need to be present to each other physically, but we also need to be gone from each other at times. We bring a blessing both when we visit someone and when leave after the visit is over. Presence is partly predicated on absence and there is something of our spirit that we can only give by going away. Why is this so?

Because absence is sometimes the only thing that can purify presence. When we are physically present, there are always certain tensions, irritations, disappointments, flaws in our bodies, and faults in our character that partially block full love and blessing. That's why we rarely appreciate our loved ones fully, until they are taken away from us.

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Come and help us celebrate Holy Spirit's 70th birthday!

Everyone from our partnership churches is invited to join the Holy Spirit community to celebrate our 70th anniversary!

Pentecost Sunday 28 May, 2023 at 10am. To mark this special occasion, the parish will hold a celebration feast day Mass and blessing of the original foundation stone by Bishop Terence

Curtin. History display and light luncheon in the parish hall afterwards.

The festivities continue during the year with more events, including a Parish Dinner Dance on Saturday 21 October at the Furlan Club, Thornbury.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and I taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth'.

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.' The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

**R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation. The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt: 28;19,20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and tell all people my Gospel,
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.

'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's readings:**Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2: 1-11

Ps: 103

1Cor 12:3-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

Prima lettura At 1,1-11

Dagli Atti degli Apostoli

Nel primo racconto, o Teòfilo, ho trattato di tutto quello che Gesù fece e insegnò dagli inizi fino al giorno in cui fu assunto in cielo, dopo aver dato disposizioni agli apostoli che si era scelti per mezzo dello Spirito Santo.

Egli si mostrò a essi vivo, dopo la sua passione, con molte prove, durante quaranta giorni, apparendo loro e parlando delle cose riguardanti il regno di Dio. Mentre si trovava a tavola con essi, ordinò loro di non allontanarsi da Gerusalemme, ma di attendere l'adempimento della promessa del Padre, «quella – disse – che voi avete udito da me: Giovanni battezzò con acqua, voi invece, tra non molti giorni, sarete battezzati in Spirito Santo».

Quelli dunque che erano con lui gli domandavano: «Signore, è questo il tempo nel quale ricostituirai il regno per Israele?». Ma egli rispose: «Non spetta a voi conoscere tempi o momenti che il Padre ha riservato al suo potere, ma riceverete la forza dallo Spirito Santo che scenderà su di voi, e di me sarete testimoni a Gerusalemme, in tutta la Giudea e la Samaria e fino ai confini della terra».

Detto questo, mentre lo guardavano, fu elevato in alto e una nube lo sottrasse ai loro occhi. Essi stavano fissando il cielo mentre egli se ne andava, quand'ecco due uomini in bianche vesti si presentarono a loro e dissero: «Uomini di Galilea, perché state a guardare il cielo? Questo Gesù, che di mezzo a voi è stato assunto in cielo, verrà allo stesso modo in cui l'avete visto andare in cielo».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo Responsoriale** Sal 46**R: Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.**

1. Popoli tutti, battete le mani!
Acclamate Dio con grida di gioia,
perché terribile è il Signore, l'Altissimo,
grande re su tutta la terra.
2. Ascende Dio tra le acclamazioni,
il Signore al suono di tromba.
Cantate inni a Dio, cantate inni,
cantate inni al nostro re, cantate inni.
3. Perché Dio è re di tutta la terra,
cantate inni con arte.
Dio regna sulle genti,
Dio siede sul suo trono santo.

R: Ascende il Signore tra canti di gioia.**Seconda lettura** Ef 1,17-23

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo agli Efesini Fratelli, il Dio del Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, il Padre della gloria, vi dia uno spirito di sapienza e di rivelazione per una profonda conoscenza di lui; illumini gli occhi del vostro cuore per farvi comprendere a quale speranza vi ha chiamati, quale tesoro di gloria racchiude la sua eredità fra i santi e qual è la straordinaria grandezza della sua potenza verso di noi, che crediamo, secondo l'efficacia della sua forza e del suo vigore.

Egli la manifestò in Cristo, quando lo risuscitò dai morti e lo fece sedere alla sua destra nei cieli, al di sopra di ogni Principato e Potenza, al di sopra di ogni Forza e Dominazione e di ogni nome che viene nominato non solo nel tempo presente ma anche in quello futuro.

Tutto infatti egli ha messo sotto i suoi piedi e lo ha dato alla Chiesa come capo su tutte le cose: essa è il corpo di lui, la pienezza di colui che è il perfetto compimento di tutte le cose.

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo.** Mt: 28;19,20**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Andate e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, dice il Signore.

Ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo.

Alleluia.**Vangelo** Mt 28,16-20

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, gli undici discepoli andarono in Galilea, sul monte che Gesù aveva loro indicato.

Quando lo videro, si prostrarono. Essi però dubitarono.

Gesù si avvicinò e disse loro:

«A me è stato dato ogni potere in cielo e sulla terra.

Andate dunque e fate discepoli tutti i popoli, battezzandoli nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo, insegnando loro a osservare tutto ciò che vi ho comandato.

Ed ecco, io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo».

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.

Johnny Daniel Fakhry

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

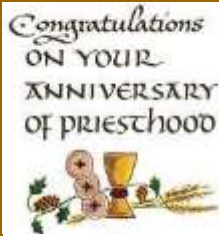
People and Vulnerable People Committee

Contact Person: Moses El-Fakhri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices

Continued from front page.. The mystery of saying goodbye is really the mystery of the Ascension, the most under-understood mystery both inside and outside of religion. The Ascension is about going away so that our loved ones can fully receive our spirit. It's about the mystery of saying goodbye, when goodbye isn't really goodbye at all, but only love's way of taking on a different modality so that it can be present in a way that's deeper, purer, more permanent, less-clinging, and less-limited by the tensions, disappointments, inadequacies, wounds, and betrayals that, this side of eternity, forever make our intimacy a work in progress.

Reflection by Ron Rolheiser



HAPPY 9 ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO FR. DIXON ON 13 MAY 2023.

May the Lord's fullest Blessings be upon him to protect, guide and strengthen him as he serves God's people in our Partnership Parishes. Congratulations!



Thank you and farewell to Maggie Jooste St. Joseph's Secretary since January 2018.

After 5 years of dedicated service to the Parish of St. Joseph's Northcote and in 2019 St. Mary's Thornbury together with St. Anthony's Alphington and Holy Spirit Thornbury East in 2022.

We thank and farewell Maggie Jooste.

There will be a special morning tea after 11am Mass at

St. Joseph's Northcote on 4 June please come along and join the parish in thanking Maggie and wishing her the very best for her future endeavours. It was a great experience to be associated with you Maggie. May you be blessed in the days and years ahead. **Please bring a plate of food to share.**



We are pleased to announce that last week Fr Shabin signed off on a lease for the former convent in 8-10 Mansfield St. The new tenant is Northside Gestalt Therapy, who provide a variety of therapy and meditation services. They will undertake preliminary works to the property before opening. All parish items including statues have been removed. Northside will have no formal connection with the parish. The tenant has agreed to a 5-year lease. This will be a vital source of income for our Parish into the future. The Parish is currently running at a substantial loss and the income will greatly assist in paying the day to day expenses. To inform parishioners we are planning to release financial statement to the parish shortly to explain our current financial situation.

St. Mary's Finance Committee.

Asylum Seekers Products for May.

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.



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.