



Northcote & Thornbury
Catholic Parishes



PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT AND ST ANTHONY'S

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ST MARY'S THORNBURY

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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

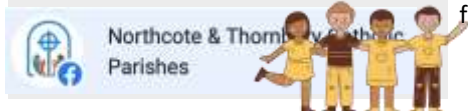
27 June: St. Cyril of Alexandria
 28 June: St. Irenaeus
 29 June: Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles
 30 June: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Catholic Church

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Emile and Layla Nabih Fakhry;
 Shelley Mae Lawrie; Michel George Bains; Mtonios Suffa Fakhry; Frankie Ljubetic; Terry West; James Patrick Ahern; John D'Souza; Lucia and Pietro Piro; Evelyn Coffey; Anna Samanna; Mariangela Finanzio; Iole Negri; Mary Dale.

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12 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

24/25 June 2023



Several years ago, I was at a symposium at which we were discussing the struggle that many young people have today with their faith. One of the participants, a young French Canadian Oblate, offered this perspective: "I work with university students as a chaplain. They have a zest for life and an energy and color that I can only envy. But inside of all this zest and energy, I notice that they lack hope because they don't have a meta-narrative. They don't have a big story, a big vision, that can give them perspective beyond the ups and downs of their everyday lives. When their health, relationships, and lives are going well, they feel happy and full of hope; but the reverse is also true. When things aren't going well the bottom falls out of their world. They don't have anything to give them a vision beyond the present moment."

In essence, what he is describing might be called "the peace that this world can give us." In his farewell discourse, Jesus contrasts two kinds of peace: a peace that he leaves us and a peace that the world can give us. What is the difference?

The peace that the world can give to us is not a negative or a bad peace. It is real and it is good, but it is fragile and inadequate. It is fragile because it can easily be taken away from us. Peace, as we experience it ordinarily in our lives, is generally predicated on feeling healthy, loved, and secure. But all of these are fragile. They can change radically with one visit to the doctor, with an unexpected dizzy spell, with sudden chest pains, with the loss of a job, with the rupture of a relationship, with the suicide of a loved one, or with multiple kinds of betrayal that can blindsides us. We try mightily to take measures to guarantee health, security, and the trustworthiness of our relationships, but we live with a lot of anxiety, knowing these are always fragile. We live inside an anxious peace. As well, the peace we experience in our ordinary lives never comes to us without a shadow. As Henri Nouwen puts it, there is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our life so that even in our most happy moments there is something missing. In every satisfaction there is an awareness of limitation. In every success there is fear of jealousy. In every friendship there is distance. In every embrace there is loneliness. In this life there is not such a thing as a clear-cut, pure joy. Every bit of life is touched by a bit of death. The world can give us peace, except it never does this perfectly.

What Jesus offers is a peace that is not fragile, that is already beyond fear and anxiety, that does not depend upon feeling healthy, secure, and loved in this world. What is this peace? At the last supper and as he was dying, Jesus offered us his gift of peace. And what is this? It is the absolute assurance the we are connected to the source of life in such a way that nothing, absolutely nothing, can ever sever—not bad health, not betrayal by someone, indeed, not even our own sin. We are unconditionally loved and held by the source of life itself and nothing can change that. Nothing can change God's unconditional love for us. That's the meta-narrative we need in order to keep perspective during the ups and downs of our lives. We are like actors in a play. The ending of the story has already been written and it is a happy one. We know that we will triumph in the end, just as we know that we will have some rocky scenes before that ending. If we keep that in mind, we can more patiently bear the seeming death-dealing tragedies that befall us. We are being held unconditionally by the source of life itself, God. If that is true, and it is, then we have an assurance of life, wholeness, and happiness beyond the loss of youth, the loss of health, the loss of reputation, the betrayal of friends, the suicide of a loved one, and even beyond our own sin and betrayals.

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
 Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me,
 "Terror from every side!
 Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
 All those who used to be my friends watched for my
 downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
 Then we will master him and take our revenge!"
 But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
 my opponents will stumble, mastered,
 confounded by their failure; everlasting,
 unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
 But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
 who scrutinize the loins and heart, let me see the
 vengeance you will take on them, for I have
 committed my cause to you.
 Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,
 for he has delivered the soul of the needy
 from the hands of evil men.'
 The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 68

R: Lord, in your great love answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
 that shame covers my face,
 that I have become a stranger to my
 brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons.
 I burn with zeal for your house
 and taunts against you fall on me.
2. This is my prayer to you,
 my prayer for your favour.
 In your great love, answer me, O God,
 with your help that never fails:
 Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
 in your compassion, turn towards me.
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
 and God-seeking hearts will revive;
 for the Lord listens to the needy
 and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
 Let the heavens and the earth give him
 praise, the sea and all its living creatures.

R: Lord, in your great love answer me.

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.
 Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin
 death, and thus death has spread through the whole
 human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in
 the world long before the Law was given. There was no
 law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-
 breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to
 Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was
 not a matter of breaking a law.
 Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
 considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that
 through one man's fall so many died, it is even more
 certain that divine grace, coming through the one man,
 Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.
 The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
 and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
 Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid
 of them therefore. For everything that is now covered
 will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be
 made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the
 daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the
 housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot
 kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body
 and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a
 penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your
 Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been
 counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth
 more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of
 men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my
 Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the
 presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my
 Father in heaven. The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's readings:

13 Sunday in Ordinary Time

2Kings 4:8-11,14-16

Ps: 88

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Mt 10:37-42

Prima lettura Ger 20,10-13

Dal libro del profeta Geremìa

Sentivo la calunnia di molti:

«Terrore all'intorno!

Denunciatelo! Sì, lo denunceremo».

Tutti i miei amici aspettavano la mia caduta:

«Forse si lascerà trarre in inganno,

così noi prevarremo su di lui,

ci prenderemo la nostra vendetta».

Ma il Signore è al mio fianco come un prode

valoroso, per questo i miei persecutori vacilleranno

e non potranno prevalere;

arrossiranno perché non avranno successo,

sarà una vergogna eterna e incancellabile.

Signore degli eserciti, che provi il giusto,

che vedi il cuore e la mente, possa io vedere la tua

vendetta su di loro, poiché a te ho affidato la mia

causa! Cantate inni al Signore, lodate il Signore,

perché ha liberato la vita del povero

dalle mani dei malfattori. o di manna sconosciuta ai

tuoi padri». Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo Responsoriale** Sal 68**R: Nella tua grande bontà rispondimi, o Dio.**

1. Per te io sopporto l'insulto
e la vergogna mi copre la faccia;
sono diventato un estraneo ai miei fratelli,
uno straniero per i figli di mia madre.
Perché mi divora lo zelo per la tua casa,
gli insulti di chi ti insulta ricadono su di me.

2. Ma io rivolgo a te la mia preghiera,
Signore, nel tempo della benevolenza.
O Dio, nella tua grande bontà, rispondimi,
nella fedeltà della tua salvezza.
Rispondimi, Signore, perché buono è il tuo amore;
volgiti a me nella tua grande tenerezza.

3. Vedano i poveri e si rallegrino;
voi che cercate Dio, fatevi coraggio,
perché il Signore ascolta i miseri
non disprezza i suoi che sono prigionieri.
A lui cantino lode i cieli e la terra,
i mari e quanto brulica in essi.

R: Nella tua grande bontà rispondimi, o Dio.**Seconda lettura:** Rm 5,12-15

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, come a causa di un solo uomo il peccato è entrato nel mondo e, con il peccato, la morte, così in tutti gli uomini si è propagata la morte, poiché tutti hanno peccato. Fino alla Legge infatti c'era il peccato nel mondo e, anche se il peccato non può essere imputato quando manca la Legge, la morte regnò da Adamo fino a Mosè anche su quelli che non avevano peccato a somiglianza della trasgressione di Adamo, il quale è figura di colui che doveva venire. Ma il dono di grazia non è come la caduta: se infatti per la caduta di uno solo tutti morirono, molto di più la grazia di Dio, e il dono concesso in grazia del solo uomo Gesù Cristo, si sono riversati in abbondanza su tutti. Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Canto al Vangelo.** (Gv. 6,51)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lo Spirito della verità darà testimonianza di me, dice il Signore, e anche voi date testimonianza.

Alleluia.

Vangelo Mt 10,26-33

Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi apostoli:

«Non abbiate paura degli uomini, poiché nulla vi è di nascosto che non sarà svelato né di segreto che non sarà conosciuto. Quello che io vi dico nelle tenebre voi ditelo nella luce, e quello che ascoltate all'orecchio voi annunciatelo dalle terrazze.

E non abbiate paura di quelli che uccidono il corpo, ma non hanno potere di uccidere l'anima; abbiate paura piuttosto di colui che ha il potere di far perire nella Geenna e l'anima e il corpo.

Due passeri non si vendono forse per un soldo? Eppure nemmeno uno di essi cadrà a terra senza il volere del Padre vostro. Perfino i capelli del vostro capo sono tutti contati. Non abbiate dunque paura: voi valete più di molti passeri!

Perciò chiunque mi riconoscerà davanti agli uomini, anch'io lo riconoscerò davanti al Padre mio che è nei cieli; chi invece mi rinnegherà davanti agli uomini, anch'io lo rinnegherò davanti al Padre mio che è nei cieli».

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.

*Lewis Zahra; Jerome Gorgees; Gorgees Yousif
Luay Gribeh; Suhaila Yousif; Laura Xuereb*

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-Fahkri via Parish Office.

Parish Notices



A huge thank you to everyone at St. Anthony's who assisted in making St. Anthony's Feast day Mass and lunch afterwards such a memorial celebration.

Special thanks to Lina Rubino and the Italian parishioners for their tireless work in getting the rolls and preparation of the lunch.

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

Shout out to Memet at Art Rugs, Station Street, Fairfield.

Most generously, Art Rugs has given us a very good discount on a hall runner we needed for one of our families. Patrick was able to buy 10 metres of hall runner to help with the draughts from both front and back doors. The house is more comfortable now. If you are in the market for rugs and runners, you couldn't do better than Art Rugs. Support our local business and say hello to Memet.

Thank you Patrick.

SAVE THE DATE - 2 SEPTEMBER 7 PM AT HOLY SPIRIT HALL. It is going to be a great night with wonderful entertainment, games, raffles and a lavish Indian meal.



Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more

important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples. **Next Sunday 2 July we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and also the beginning of NAIDOC Week. Get to know more through the website <https://www.naidoc.org.au>**



St. Joseph's Seniors Mass, Friday 30 June at 10.30am in the church followed by morning tea in the church foyer. Parrocchiani anziani di San Giuseppe sono invitati a partecipare alla Santa Messa Venerdì 30 Giugno del mese alle 10.30am.

Cont'd from front page.....In the end, as Julian of Norwich says, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well.

And we need this assurance. We live with constant anxiety because we sense that our health, security, and relationships are fragile, that our peace can easily disappear. We live too with regrets about our own sins and betrayals. And we live with more than a little uneasiness about broken relationships and loved ones broken by bitterness or suicide. Our peace is fragile and anxious. We need to more deeply appropriate Jesus' farewell gift to us: I leave you a peace that no one can take from you: Know that you are loved and held unconditionally.



Reflection by Ron Rolheiser. Father Rolheiser is serving as President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio Texas.

How can you contribute to our parishes



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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. **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.