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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

3 July: St. Thomas Apostle
4 July: St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5 July: St. Anthony Zaccaria
6 July: St Maria Goretti
7 July: St. Peter to Rot

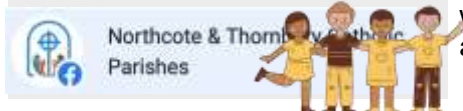
Recently Deceased

Nerina Smarrelli

Anniversaries

Antonino Lo Piccolo;
Maria Beninati;
Giuseppe Joe Minato,
Alice Scanlon
Mick Adam

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13 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1/2 June June 2023

Bishop Columba Macbeth Green

The Second Reading from Paul to the Romans reminds us of the great gift of Baptism. When we rise out of the waters of Baptism, we rise to a new life in Christ and Death and Sin no longer has power over us. This is part of the Good News and is a great gift of God to us. To receive this gift of new life in Baptism, we need to have an encounter with God somehow. One of the best ways to encounter God is through hospitality.



Hospitality can be defined as the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

In the readings for Mass today, we hear about the special blessings that people will get if they show hospitality to someone sent by the Lord.

In the First Reading from 2nd Kings, we hear about the extraordinary hospitality shown to the Prophet Elisha by the woman at Shunem and her husband. Elisha was travelling on Mission for the Lord and was given hospitality by this kind woman. The woman (we do not know her name - but I like to think of her as Beryl) judged Elisha to be a holy man and, after giving him food and rest on his journeys, even convinced her husband to build a small room in the roof that Elisha could stay in when he came past that way. Because of her hospitality, she encountered God through Elisha. The woman was rewarded for her kindness towards the Prophet with what she wanted most but didn't have - a child. Her life was changed.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his Apostles that he wants 100% commitment from them. Jesus wants people to encounter Him in His followers so their lives may be changed. He tells the Apostles that anyone who is hospitable to them is hospitable to Him. Jesus goes on to say that anyone who is hospitable to a Prophet, Holy Man, or the least of His Disciples because he is one of His followers will be rewarded. We know that being rewarded by Jesus would be life-changing.

Culture is very important when it comes to hospitality. In the cultures of the Middle East it was considered a duty to be hospitable to the traveller that comes by. This was (and is) especially true of the nomadic peoples who lived in arid and inhospitable areas. It was expected that, if a stranger was judged to come in peace, they would be welcomed into the tent and be provided sustenance and protection by the tribe or family.

With these Cultural practices, it was easy for God to teach people the importance of encountering God by being especially hospitable to those sent by God as His messengers. Special rewards, physical and spiritual, and no doubt, life-changing will be bestowed on them for their kindness.

In the Culture of most First Nations Peoples in Australia, hospitality is also very important. When someone is "Welcomed to Country," the Elder or Elders judge that the stranger comes in peace and is given permission to walk on the land of which they are the Traditional Custodians. The "Welcome to Country" also means that while the stranger is on the Traditional Land, the Custodians will give sustenance and protection if needed.

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

**FIRST READING:** 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old'. Elisha said, 'Call her'. The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 88

**R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

**R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**SECOND READING** Romans 6: 3-4. 8-11

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL** Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows :

'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Next week's readings:**

**14 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zec 9:9-10

Ps: 144

Rom 8:9,11-13

Mt 11:25-30

**Prima lettura** 2Re 4,8-11.14-16

Dal secondo libro dei Re

Un giorno Eliseo passava per Sunem, ove c'era un'illustre donna, che lo tratteneva a mangiare. In seguito, tutte le volte che passava, si fermava a mangiare da lei.

Ella disse al marito: «Io so che è un uomo di Dio, un santo, colui che passa sempre da noi. Facciamo una piccola stanza superiore, in muratura, mettiamoci un letto, un tavolo, una sedia e un candeliere; così, venendo da noi, vi si potrà ritirare».

Un giorno che passò di lì, si ritirò nella stanza superiore e si coricò. Eliseo [disse a Giezi, suo servo]: «Che cosa si può fare per lei?». Giezi disse: «Purtroppo lei non ha un figlio e suo marito è vecchio». Eliseo disse: «Chiamala!». La chiamò; ella si fermò sulla porta. Allora disse: «L'anno prossimo, in questa stessa stagione, tu stringerai un figlio fra le tue braccia». Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio****Salmo Responsoriale** Sal 88**R: Canterò per sempre l'amore del Signore.**

1. Canterò in eterno l'amore del Signore, di generazione in generazione farò conoscere con la mia bocca la tua fedeltà, perché ho detto: «È un amore edificato per sempre; nel cielo rendi stabile la tua fedeltà».
2. Beato il popolo che ti sa acclamare: camminerà, Signore, alla luce del tuo volto; esulta tutto il giorno nel tuo nome, si esalta nella tua giustizia.
3. Perché tu sei lo splendore della tua forza e con il tuo favore innalzi la nostra fronte. Perché del Signore è il nostro scudo, il nostro re, del Santo d'Israele.

**R: Canterò per sempre l'amore del Signore.****Seconda lettura:** Rm 6,3-4.8-11

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, non sapete che quanti siamo stati battezzati in Cristo Gesù, siamo stati battezzati nella sua morte? Per mezzo del battesimo dunque siamo stati sepolti insieme a lui nella morte affinché, come Cristo fu risuscitato dai morti per mezzo della gloria del Padre, così anche noi possiamo camminare in una vita nuova.

Ma se siamo morti con Cristo, crediamo che anche vivremo con lui, sapendo che Cristo, risorto dai morti, non muore più; la morte non ha più potere su di lui. Infatti egli morì, e morì per il peccato una volta per tutte; ora invece vive, e vive per Dio. Così anche voi consideratevi morti al peccato, ma viventi per Dio, in Cristo Gesù.

Parola di Dio

**Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio****Canto al Vangelo.** (Cf 1 Pt 2, 9)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Voi siete stirpe eletta, sacerdozio regale, nazione santa; proclamate le opere ammirevoli di colui che vi ha chiamato dalle tenebre alla sua luce meravigliosa. Alleluia.

**Vangelo** Mt 10,37-42

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi apostoli:

«Chi ama padre o madre più di me non è degno di me; chi ama figlio o figlia più di me non è degno di me; chi non prende la propria croce e non mi segue, non è degno di me.

Chi avrà tenuto per sé la propria vita, la perderà, e chi avrà perduto la propria vita per causa mia, la troverà.

Chi accoglie voi accoglie me, e chi accoglie me accoglie colui che mi ha mandato.

Chi accoglie un profeta perché è un profeta, avrà la ricompensa del profeta, e chi accoglie un giusto perché è un giusto, avrà la ricompensa del giusto.

Chi avrà dato da bere anche un solo bicchiere d'acqua fresca a uno di questi piccoli perché è un discepolo, in verità io vi dico: non perderà la sua ricompensa».

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](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-Fakhri via Parish Office.

## Parish Notices



**Masses of Anointing of the Sick this week:**

**Wednesday 5 July 9.15am St. Mary's**

**Thursday 6 July 9.15am Holy Spirit**

**Friday 7 July 9.15am St. Anthony's**

## ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP

**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.

## NAIDOC Week. Get to know more through the website

<https://www.naidoc.org.au>

### Continued from the front page:

Nearly all of my ministry to the Aboriginal people of my Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes starts with hospitality. I get 'Welcomed to Country'. If I am assessed as a friend and not a foe, I get into conversations in the street, then I can get invited into a person's front yard for a yarn, and then later on, I might be invited to talk on the verandah, and if I am privileged, I get invited into the home. The receiver of the hospitality must respect and acknowledge the hospitality that is given. Then trust is established, and with trust comes encounter, and in some cases, the Holy Spirit works through me, the gift of new life in Baptism is asked and received, and a life is changed. I think all of us in the Church could learn a lot from the culture of hospitality of our First Nations Peoples in helping bring people closer to God. Respect, patience, building trust, protecting those in our care, invitation and welcome are all facets of hospitality and, as such, are very important in bringing about an encounter with God.

## Sacrament of Baptism



We welcome into the Christian Community at St Mary's on Sunday, Charlie Weston and Parker Henley Ellis.

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



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

**Fr Shabin is on holidays from 3 July to**

**2 August, we wish him a lovely break.....**



### How can you contribute to our parishes

This QR code is unique to St Anthony, Alington 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

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**Presbytery Accounts:** St Mary's & St Joseph's BSB 083 347 Account 857260792

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

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**Thank you for your continued support.**