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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

11 July: St. Benedict
13 July: St. Henry
14 July: St. Camillus de Lellis
15 July: St. Bonaventure

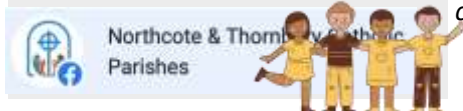
Recently Deceased

Gibran Taouk; John Collier; Cettina Gallo

Anniversaries

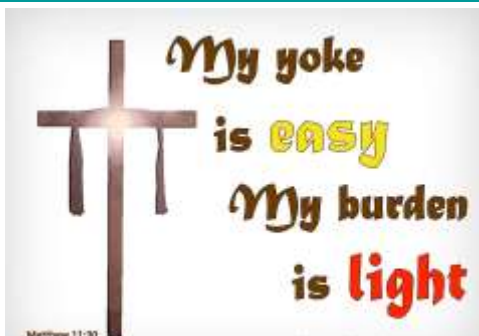
Tony Hanna Mhaya; Claudio Zuliani; Wahiba Estephan Rahme; Maria Sukkar Abboud; Labiba Sukkar Hache; Riccardo Moretti; Gianni Fruscalso; Angela and Antonio Butera; Joseph Ljubetic; Maria Rosa Italiano; Grazia Mafrici; Concetto Campisi

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14 Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

8/9 July 2023



Some good advice given to me 'Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.'

I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace. Now all this

'come and rest a while' talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality.

Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens.

They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ.

No wonder they held so strongly to the words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.' And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it.

Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus. In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace.

Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

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

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144

**R: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

**R: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9. 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you.

In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

My brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children.

Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.

Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's readings:**15 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:10-11

Ps: 64

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13: 1-23 or 13:1-9

Prima lettura Zc 9,9-10

Dal libro del profeta Zaccarìa

Così dice il Signore:

«Esulta grandemente, figlia di Sion,
giubila, figlia di Gerusalemme!

Ecco, a te viene il tuo re.

Egli è giusto e vittorioso, umile, cavalca un asino,
un puledro figlio d'asina.Farà sparire il carro da guerra da Èfraim e il cavallo
da Gerusalemme, l'arco di guerra sarà spezzato,
annuncerà la pace alle nazioni, il suo dominio sarà
da mare a mare e dal Fiume fino ai confini della
terra».

Parola di Dio

Tutti: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**Salmo responsoriale** Sal 144**R: Benedirò il tuo nome per sempre, Signore.**1. O Dio, mio re, voglio esaltarti
e benedire il tuo nome in eterno e per sempre.Ti voglio benedire ogni giorno,
lodare il tuo nome in eterno e per sempre.2. Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore,
lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.
Buono è il Signore verso tutti,
la sua tenerezza si espande su tutte le creature.3. Ti lodino, Signore, tutte le tue opere
e ti benedicano i tuoi fedeli.
Dicano la gloria del tuo regno
e parlino della tua potenza.4. Fedele è il Signore in tutte le sue parole
e buono in tutte le sue opere.
Il Signore sostiene quelli che vacillano
e rialza chiunque è caduto.**R: Benedirò il tuo nome per sempre, Signore.****Seconda lettura:** Rm 8,9.11-13

Dalla lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Romani

Fratelli, voi non siete sotto il dominio della carne, ma dello
Spirito, dal momento che lo Spirito di Dio abita in voi. Se
qualcuno non ha lo Spirito di Cristo, non gli appartiene.E se lo Spirito di Dio, che ha risuscitato Gesù dai morti,
abita in voi, colui che ha risuscitato Cristo dai morti darà la
vita anche ai vostri corpi mortali per mezzo del suo Spirito
che abita in voi.Così dunque, fratelli, noi siamo debitori non verso la
carne, per vivere secondo i desideri carnali, perché, se
vivate secondo la carne, morirete. Se, invece, mediante lo
Spirito fate morire le opere del corpo, vivrete.

Parola di Dio

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

Ti rendo lode, Padre,
Signore del cielo e della terra,
perché ai piccoli hai rivelato i misteri del Regno.
Alleluia.**Vangelo** Mt 11,25-30

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo Gesù disse:

«Ti rendo lode, Padre, Signore del cielo e della terra,
perché hai nascosto queste cose ai sapienti e ai dotti e le
hai rivelate ai piccoli. Sì, o Padre, perché così hai deciso
nella tua benevolenza. Tutto è stato dato a me dal Padre
mio; nessuno conosce il Figlio se non il Padre, e nessuno
conosce il Padre se non il Figlio e colui al quale il Figlio
vorrà rivelarlo.Venite a me, voi tutti che siete stanchi e oppressi, e io vi
darò ristoro. Prendete il mio giogo sopra di voi e imparate
da me, che sono mite e umile di cuore, e troverete ristoro
per la vostra vita. Il mio giogo infatti è dolce e il mio peso
leggero».

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 at **12.30pm**
- 2 Sunday of the month - Holy Spirit at **9.30am**
- 3 Sunday of the month – St. Anthony's at **11am**
- 4 Sunday of the month– St. Joseph's at **11am**

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

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.



Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community

Matthew and Angela present **Leila Daisy Twomey** for her baptism. at Holy Spirit on Sunday.

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

Fr Shabin on behalf of the organising committee

would like to thank all those who assisted in ensuring the 70th anniversary celebrations at Holy

Spirit were so successful. The Liturgy, music, flowers, banner, AV installation, those who prepared the

historical display and the luncheon. It was a wonderful occasion. We would like to thank all those who generously gave to the AV installation over \$9,000 was raised. Thank you.



Lina Rubino and her committee would like to thank all those who attended St Anthony of Padua's feast day luncheon. The food, music and company were wonderful. From various raffles and donations since the beginning of the year they have raised an amount of \$1,655.00.

Planned Giving June 2023

ST ANTHONY'S/HOLY SPIRIT \$5445.55

ST JOSEPH \$3013

ST MARY'S \$3083

Total Given: \$11,541.55



ONE JOURNEY TOGETHER

This year, Australians will be asked to cast a vote on the proposed alteration to the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Like all Australians, Catholics have an important role to play in the upcoming Referendum. The tradition of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) well-equips Catholics to make informed decisions based on their own faith and moral positions. With CST Principles in mind and in partnership with Caritas Australia and a number of other Catholic organisations, a website to host a range of resources to help you decide for or against acknowledging the world's oldest continuing cultures in our Constitution. **Our hope is that, however we vote, we take this One Journey, Together. Learn more at www.indigenousvoice.church.**



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