



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25-26 September 2021

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Migrant and Refugee Sunday

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PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, NO MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS, SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING UNTIL CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ARE EASED.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter

Recorded Masses available at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au

The Parish Office will be CLOSED, staff continue to monitor the phone, mail and emails regularly.

Please ring the parish on 9876 3077 or Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Bill Walker, John Snaidero, Marjorie Edgell, Betty Tay, Brian and Joy Quirk, Maria Police, Anne Brophy, Harry Lambert, Bryce Davies, Silvano Nisi, Susan Molyneux, Betty Willis, Genevieve Hurtell and Robert Schell

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Christopher Woolley

Readings this week: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9: 38-43,45,47-48

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 20th–26th September 2021

MONDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TILL TUESDAY 5th OCTOBER—LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

When we resume our “Covid normal” celebration of Mass, we will be returning to some of our usual practices. Everything we do must be in accordance with the DHHS guidelines, so there will be some changes to the way we operate! **We particularly need volunteers for the 5pm Sunday Mass.**
If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au



The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

The September edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available on the parish website:
www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

Once again, many great articles, photos and reflections for you to peruse!

Thanks to our new editor, Yvette for her wonderful efforts in producing her first edition.!!

PARISH DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Thank you.



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

Holy Spirit Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- “News, Events”: ref menu
- “How we stay connected”, online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

Collection Notice

For information on the Parish’s policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to:
<https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice>

Holy Spirit Parish Vision

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

Dear Parishioners

Due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid restrictions and shutdowns, the planned First Eucharist Masses are currently under review. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they await the outcome.



Parish 50th anniversary.

Next year marks our 50th Anniversary. We would like expressions of interest from any parishioner who would like to join a subcommittee to plan our celebrations in March 2022.

Please contact the parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 9876 3077.

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

Get Ready to Fly!

Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor.

Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence.

Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

To be prepared for a 2022 placement **enquire by Friday October 29.**

Visit palms.org.au Email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine on 02 9560 5333

On the Journey this week:

Lana Turvey Collins explains the Plenary Council week from 3 to 9 October. Fr Bernard Gordon says in the gospel reflection that Jesus' large-heartedness & generosity challenges us to do and be the same. Plus, Mother Hilda on how God is just like a beaming ne dad and Fr Mike Delaney observes we often prejudge people before we actually experience their capabilities Plus, more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

Lockdown Light—week four

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Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Podcasts for Christian living: Parents of the Saints—How Did They Do It?

In this podcast, Jason Evert speaks with Patrick O'Hearn about his new book 'Parents of the Saints: The Hidden Heroes Behind Our Favourite Saints', offering key insights into the families of popular saints.

Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4

Getting to know your Bible: Praying with Scripture

Getting Started: In this short video, Fr James Martin SJ introduces us Lectio Divina—a way of praying with the Bible that helps us listen to God. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4

Going Deeper: Pray as You Go is an online prayer tool that provides a guided contemplation of each day's Gospel passage. Set aside 10-15 minutes, find a comfy space and visit

www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4



HOLY SPIRIT RAFFLE-TIME TO RETURN TICKETS

This year, more than ever, we need to sell as many tickets as possible! Tickets have been delivered to those on our list. If you have not received tickets but would like to buy and/or sell tickets, please contact the Parish Office 98763077 and we will organize tickets to be delivered.

In an effort to ensure everyone has a chance to win, please return raffle tickets as soon as they are sold. Currently, you have the option to complete the credit card payment slip in order to make payment or you can now make a bank transfer for payment – how easy!

Once you have either completed the CC slip or transferred the money, simply return the raffle book stubs via post to the parish (or drop in parish letterbox) at 120 Oban Road Ringwood North.

Make sure to note on the slip if you have paid via bank transfer and ensure to include the name the transfer is under and the ticket numbers.

Bank details – BSB: 063-167 Account: 0090 3467

Reference: Surname and Ticket numbers

Any questions or concerns, please call Katherine on 0467 056 685

\$2.00per ticket

1st Prize Eastland Voucher	Value \$1,500
2nd Prize Peak Cycles Voucher	Value \$1,000
3rd Prize JB HiFi Voucher	Value \$750
4th Prize Haier 126L Bar Fridge	Value \$349
5th Prize Flower Pot Florist Voucher	Value \$200



HOLY SPIRIT FETE 2022

Holy Spirit Fete first ran in 1982, nearly 40 years ago, making it one of the largest and longest running fetes, widely regarded as one of the best in the Eastern suburbs.

Our Fete does rely solely upon School & Parish volunteers to run. Many people contribute to make this event so fantastic but without help the Fete be unable to continue.

HELP NEEDED FOR FETE NEXT YEAR



We have had a number of amazing volunteers who have helped run the Fete & Stalls for many years step down.

If you would like to take over one of these roles please contact Katherine & Kerry.


Perhaps get together with a few friends or parents to share the job together!

fete@holyspiritparish.org.au

STALL OWNERS

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1. Pre Loved Clothing
 2. Silent Auction
 3. Poffertjes


COMMITTEE MEMBERS



The Fete Committee needs new members for 2022
for the Fete to be able to continue.

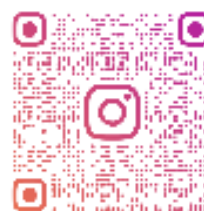
Some of these roles will be shared

Without new volunteers in these roles the 2022 Fete cannot proceed.

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1. Secretary
 2. Treasurer
 3. Bookkeeper
 4. Stalls Manager
 5. Food Safety Officer
 6. Food Co Ordinator
 7. Operations Assistant
 8. Events Co-ordinator
 9. Social Media Manager



**THANK YOU TO THE
AMAZING 2021 FETE
VOLUNTEERS!**



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St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

Migrant and Refugee Sunday - St Vincent de Paul Society Social Justice and Advocacy Asylum Seekers & Refugees Portfolio

On this year's Migrant and Refugee Sunday Pope Francis has chosen the theme: *Towards an ever wider "we"*. He refers to our world as "crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism" and that "... the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as *others*: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries".

The Vincentian Refugee Network (VRN) has joined with *Catholics for Refugees* and a number of other Catholic agencies to support "150 days of Action for People Seeking Refuge", a campaign initiated by the Josephite Justice Network in Sydney. The campaign was launched in May and leads up to Migrant & Refugee Sunday on September 26. Its focus has been to call on the Government "to remove temporary protection visas and provide a permanent and safe resettlement pathway for all refugees and those who arrive here seeking protection." This campaign is especially relevant for refugees and asylum seekers, such as those from Afghanistan, who cannot settle and plan their lives, as their visa status presumes they will be 'sent back' when their country is no longer deemed dangerous for them. The 150 day campaign was to culminate in a 'Day of Lamentation and Call to Action' on Migrant and Refugee Sunday. While many plans for in-person vigils and gatherings have been cancelled, we are all invited to join together in a virtual 'Call to Lamentation and Commitment' on 26 September at 7 pm (via zoom). The link to register <https://bit.ly/Calltolamentation>

Focus on Afghanistan

We are all aware of the precarious situation in Afghanistan, especially for ethnic and religious minorities and women. In Australia, there are more than 5000 Afghans living on temporary protection or bridging visas, many with families still in Afghanistan and without any hope of reunion or certainty for their own future. The Vincentian Refugee Network, with other members of CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum) is calling for an increased humanitarian intake from Afghanistan and guarantee of permanent residency to visa holders. Together with CAPSA the VRN is also assisting in the work of *Christians United for Afghanistan* and the Afghan Australian Advocacy Network to call on politicians to urgently review current policy, to increase the intake of people fleeing persecution in Afghanistan, and to provide permanent protection and enable family reunion for Afghan refugees currently in Australia on temporary visas.

See [Action for Afghanistan - CAPSA](#) .
[Christians United for Afghanistan](#)

Mary Jo Fortuna

Social Justice & Advocacy Committee representative on Vincentian Refugee Network.

Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021



'Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Reflection 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p.12)



Prayers of Intercession

God draws us to the life beyond this present world and to ultimate peace and happiness. With confidence, we present these our intercessions.

For our Church; inspired by Pope Francis may we be faithful to the catholic and inclusive vision of God's diverse family. Let us pray together in hope.

GRACIOUS GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the leaders of the world; may they widen their tents to embrace all who are suffering and all who seek a safe place of shelter. Let us pray together in hope.

GRACIOUS GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those who live on the peripheries of our societies; may we become real friends with our neighbours and mutually share our gifts with each other. Let us pray together in hope.

GRACIOUS GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For our local communities; may we discover an ever-wider "we" as we think no longer in terms of "them" and "those" but only "us". Let us pray together in hope.

GRACIOUS GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the lost or excluded, the rejected or discarded; may they know the Good News of Jesus Christ through our efforts to encounter each other and to build communion in diversity. Let us pray together in hope.

GRACIOUS GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those who have died recently, especially while in transit or living far from their loved ones and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Bill Walker, John Snaidero, Marjorie Edgell, Betty Tay, Brian and Joy Quirk, Maria Police, Anne Brophy, Harry Lambert, Bryce Davies, Silvano Nisi, Susan Molyneux, Betty Willis, Genevieve Hurtell and Robert Schell. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. **GRACIOUS GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



FIRST READING

Numbers 11.16a,17c,25-29

Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!

A reading from the book of Numbers.

16 The Lord said to Moses,
"Gather for me seventy of the elders of the people,
17 and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you
so that you do not bear it all by yourself."
25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud,
took some of the spirit that was on Moses
and put it on the seventy elders.
When the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied.
But they did not do so again.
26 Two men remained in the camp,
one named Eldad, and the other named Medad,
and the spirit rested on them;
they were among those registered,
but they had not gone out to the tent,
and so they prophesied in the camp.
27 A young man ran and told Moses,
"Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."
28 Joshua son of Nun,
the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said,
"My lord Moses, stop them!"
29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the Lord's people were prophets,
and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 19.7, 9, 11-12, 13 (R.8a)

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple. **R.**

9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **R.**

11 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can detect unmindful errors? Clear me from hidden faults. **R.**

13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 5.1-6
Your riches have rotted.

A reading from the letter of James.

- 1 Come now, you rich people,
weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you.
2 Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten.
3 Your gold and silver have rusted,
and their rust will be evidence against you,
and it will eat your flesh like fire.
You have laid up treasure for the last days.
4 Listen!
The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields,
which you kept back by fraud, cry out,
and the cries of the harvesters
have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.
5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure;
you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.
6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous one,
who does not resist you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia

Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia

G O S P E L

Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48
*Whoever is not against us is for us.
If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

- After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, 38 John said to him,
“Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name,
and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”
39 But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name
will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.
40 Whoever is not against us is for us.
41 “For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink
because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.
42 “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me,
it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck
and you were thrown into the sea.
43 “If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off;
it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell,
to the unquenchable fire.
45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off;
it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.
47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out;
it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye
than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,
48 where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection.

The apostles witnessed an outsider casting out demons in the name of Jesus. They resented, were jealous and felt threatened because he was doing their work and was not part of their group. He had no right to be using the name of the saviour. John made a complaint in the hope of having this unlicensed preacher silenced. But Jesus refused to stop the man from doing good work in his name. Jesus made it clear that all good comes from God the Father and that doing charitable work was not the exclusive right of his followers. His spirit is at work beyond the confines of established religion. Though in our best will, we can all have the type of thinking and misguided view that only the church can contain truth and only its members can perform spiritual works. It is a temptation we all have. We are inclined to turn the church on herself and deny that great works can be achieved outside her influence. We forget that an action can be good and godly without being performed by a christian. Goodness in the world comes from God. Even within the church there is the temptation to form our select groupings, to promote the club mentality which is basically about being in and keeping other people out. We have all witnessed unhealthy rivalry. It seems groups are very worthwhile but sometimes tactics are edifying, giving the impression that goodness is a closed shop in their name and not in the name of Christ.

The gospel tells us that any person of goodwill doing their best to follow Christ's footsteps graces the world. Every good work contributes towards the battle against evil. Remember that God's action is not limited to any class of people. He may be sending his message to us in the most unexpected occasion. Goodness is where we find it.

Stay safe and well! God bless you all. -Fr. Arsenio

