



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Mary, Mother of God, 31 December 2022—1 January 2023

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Happy New Year!

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Vin Ryan, Murray Bouchier, Sylvia Schuki-Mueller, Natasha Reid, John Hogan, Marie Brown, Joan Baxter, Antonio Menegol and Gerry Hill

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Eve Foreman, Carol Vallance, Sinead Dalton, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler (4yo having surgery), Helen, Justine, Thomas Lee (new born baby seriously ill), Peter Higgins, Jim Quinlan

Readings this week: Numbers 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

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

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.



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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—2nd-8th January 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom (continues throughout the holiday season)

THURSDAY

FRIDAY 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (continues throughout the holiday season)

SATURDAY 6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 9.00 am Mass only—St Vincent de Paul \$2.00 collection weekend
NOTE : NO 5.00 pm Mass during the holidays (resumes 5th February)

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 7th-8th January 2023

Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan **9.00 am:** Bernadette Loughron **5.00 pm: NO MASS**

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio **9.00 am:** Peter Parle **5.00 pm: NO MASS**

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Dale Sebire and Maureen Taffe **9.00 am:** Shelah Batson

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

January Office & Mass arrangements.

The Parish Office will be unattended from 4pm Friday 23 December 2022 until 9am Tuesday 10 January 2023. Phone messages and emails will be monitored during this time. Fr Arsenio will be on leave during January. Fr John will be celebrating Masses on Friday mornings at 9:15 in the Chapel, Saturday evenings at 6pm and Sunday morning at 9am in the Church. Sunday 5pm Mass will resume on Sunday 5 February 2023.

May you all enjoy a peace filled and happy Christmas and New Year.



The December issue of the Spirit Magazine is now available. Pick up a copy from the Church or view it on line via the Holy Spirit website. www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

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

Parish Database Update Please remember to advise the parish staff of any changes to phone and email details so we can update our database via email to Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or phone 7036 9395
Thank you.

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2023

Daily Mass Book 2023 are now available to purchase from the Parish House. (\$30 each)
Please see Ruth or Jenny to get a copy.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: acornelio@connecteast.com.au for inclusion weekly.

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

On New Years Day, Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin. This celebration is the octave of Christmas. An octave is an eight day extension of the feast. In the modern Roman Calendar, only Christmas and Easter have an octave. It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". This title was given to Mary at the Council of Ephesus in 431AD. The council taught, however, that the humanity and divinity of Jesus could not be separated and that they exist in one person, with the momentous implication that we can rightly give Mary the title of Mother of God. Mothers bring life, a gift from God, into the world. Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration. Without her role, Jesus would not have been able to die for the sins of humans, thus giving them a second chance at redemption. This feast is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church.



On the Journey this week: On the Journey this week: The Gospel reflection by Larry Broding. Mother Hilda's story of the old man and his empty armchair. Plus, an extra Christmas season reflection from Darren McDowell, Fr Mike Delaney's office sign – "Expectations Not Assumptions" – to remind himself that assuming things will happen because they did in the past or in a previous experience does not guarantee they will happen this time, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

Journeying Together with Sr Nathalie Becquart

As our local Church in Melbourne walks the path of Take the Way of the Gospel, the universal Church is on her journey of synodality (Synod 2021–2024—For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission). These journeys are connected, and they invite us to walk together, listening to the Holy Spirit & to each other.

Tuesday 31 January 2023 10am–12 noon

Catholic Leadership Centre 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Free Event

Registration is essential via www.trybooking.com/CFARB or via the QR code below.

Registration closes Friday 27 January 2023. For enquiries, contact proclaim@cam.org.au or **9926 5761**.

Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land creatively blends **live music, media and sacred art** for an **evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny**. Join Christopher West and team as they offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Choose from:

Tuesday 24 January 2023, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park

Wednesday 25 January 2023, St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong

Schedule: 6pm - food for purchase, 7pm start, 9.30pm finish

Open to all. *All children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult.* Tickets: \$25 general, \$10 concession/student, free for children 10 and under. Register: www.trybooking.com/CETXQ

Join our Heart of Life Team:

Is Social Media Your Thing? Applications are invited for an individual to look after our social media content and assist in sharing news about Heart of Life and its programs. We seek a person who enjoys social media and can help to engage with our community to spark what may begin or continue the 'opening' process of being on earth the heart of God. The role is part-time – approx. one day per week - and is a volunteer role, at least initially. Please apply by 31/12/22 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

General Admin Assistant Applications are invited to support the growing team at Heart of Life where we are dedicated to supporting those who wish to deepen their spiritual journey. The position is part-time - one day per week (Mondays) during school terms - involving general office duties and providing some support with Zoom. It is a volunteer role with petrol/transport expenses paid. Please apply by 6/1/23 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

Position descriptions for the above and more information available from info@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890 1101. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Mary, Mother of God

Celebrant: *We pray for God's help in our human journey.*

Reader:

For the Church: that she may copy Mary's innocence, purity and love. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For human society: that it may turn its back on violence and cruelty. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For those who are sick or in need: that they may know Mary's loving care for them. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all new parents and those awaiting the birth of a child; that they may welcome with joy God's action in their lives and nurture the gift of life entrusted to their care. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the victims of war and terrorism: that their suffering may come to an end through a peaceful resolution to the war and compassionate treatment from world leaders. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for Pope emeritus Benedict: Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in sorrow, and serenity amid the trials of this world; and guide your Church, built on the rock of Peter, with the power of your Spirit as we continue on the path that leads to you. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For God's blessing on the New Year: that God will fill the coming days with health of body, mind, and spirit; renew the gifts of the Spirit within us so that we may build up the Christian community, and inspire us with new ways to end evil and promote the good of all. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Vin Ryan, Murray Bouchier, Sylvia Schuki-Mueller, Natasha Reid, John Hogan, Marie Brown, Joan Baxter, Antonio Menegol and Gerry Hill. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father. Help us to live our lives in obedience to God's call just as Mary did. May we live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings that God has given us. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

FIRST READING

Numbers 6.22-27

They shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

A reading from the book of Numbers.

22 The Lord spoke to Moses:

23 “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
‘Thus you shall bless the Israelites:

You shall say to them,

24 ““The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.’

27 “So they shall put my name on the Israelites,
and I will bless them.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R.1a)

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

2 that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. **R.**

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R.**

6 The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

7 May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 4.4-7

When the time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

4 When the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law,

5 in order to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as children.

6 And because you are children,
God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,
“Abba! Father!”

7 So you are no longer a slave but a child,
and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now God speaks to us through the Son
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 2.16-21

*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.
After eight days he was named Jesus.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

When the angels had left them
the shepherds said to one another,
“Let us go now to Bethlehem
and see this thing that has taken place,
which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 So they went with haste
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.

17 When they saw this,
they made known what had been told them about this child;

18 and all who heard it were amazed
at what the shepherds told them. ã

19 But Mary treasured all these words
and pondered them in her heart.

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
as it had been told them.

21 After eight days had passed,
it was time to circumcise the child;
and he was called Jesus,
the name given by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb.

The gospel of the Lord.

