



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



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PARISH EMAIL

This week, Jacinta sent an email to all those on our data base for whom we had email addresses. The email is from Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au and includes an introduction to Fr Arsenio. It is signed off "Blessings and peace to All, Jacinta."

Jacinta would like to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you did not receive an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, ALL MASSES, LITURGIES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Readings, Reflections and Prayers of Intercession are included in the word.

THE Parish Office will also be closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. The temporary phone number is 0434 224 483 so you won't get the usual message. Please leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Bowden, Karen Waugh, Leading Snr Constable Lynette Taylor, Constable Glen Humphris, Snr Constable Kevin King, Constable Josh Prestney

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Leo Blyth, Betty Tay, John Tay, Maria Koh, Teresa Chong, Ann Savage, Shirley Callaghan, Thelma Clarke & Caroline Salden

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Ben Lobo, John, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero, Pam Rowe, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis Sean Hill, Brian Price

We are more than happy to add names to the list of people who are ill and needing prayerful support. However, it is time to refresh our list for prayers. Please contact the Parish office on 9876 3077 to add or reinstate names. Thank you.

Readings this week: Acts 2:42-47; 1Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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

HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

Envelopes: \$
 Credit Cards: \$2,498.12
 Direct Debits: \$ 622.23
TOTAL LAST WEEK: \$

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

Envelopes: \$
 Loose collection: \$
TOTAL: \$

THANK YOU to everyone who supports Holy Spirit Parish financially. PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH HOUSE IF YOUR CREDIT CARD IS LOST/STOLEN OR YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER HAS CHANGED.

New envelopes have been distributed to those who contribute via this method . The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. If you would like to drop your envelope into the office, staff will be checking the mail and front entrance daily. (You can slip the envelopes under the front door.)

This may be an opportune time to change over to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions. Should you wish to make this change, please call the parish office on 9876 3077 or 9876 3717.

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.

Holy Spirit Web Site

Recent Updates to www.holyspiritparish.org.au (Refer News / Events in the menu)

A Parish blog re. news and procedures re. our position on COVID-19 is on our home page -

<http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/>

Holy Spirit Parish Updates: Online resources to get us by during the restrictions caused by the pandemic - bit.ly/hspupdates



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

In this time of crisis there will be more calls to our Vinnies Conference to provided assistance to those adversely affected by the COVID19 Pandemic.

If you are in a position to donate any non-perishable goods, a basket will be on the doorstep of the parish house. The donations will be cleared every morning and afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Mass Live Streamed

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to share the news that Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will live-streamed on our **website and YouTube Channel**.

Please go to www.cam.org.au

St Simons Parish Rowville and St John's Mitcham are also livestreaming their weekly masses:

www.stsimonsparish.com.au or www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Collection Notice

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

EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will advise you when we are able to resume.

In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and please continue to support each other, (by phone etc) .

If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)



3rd Sunday of Easter

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

SPIRIT EXTRA -

We have very quickly put together a "Spirit Extra" for your enjoyment. Only available online, we just wanted to show you in one more way during this Corona Virus time, that your parish community is still alive, functioning and caring for you, albeit a little differently. We hope you will find some of the information helpful and assist with getting you through this necessary isolation. If you enjoy it and think worthwhile let us know by emailing: RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au or myself: helen@konynenburg.com with Spirit Extra in the Subject line. Enjoy.

Check out: <http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/Spirit-Extra>

Ad Hoc set up team needed!

Occasionally when a funeral or special Mass is to be held in the church during the week and the chairs have been disassembled, we need to reset the church for the occasion. We are looking for some volunteers who are prepared to come and help with the set up on an ad-hoc basis. It would usually be the evening before the funeral / Mass at a time that suits most volunteers. If you would be prepared to assist with this, could you contact the Parish Office and register with us? We hope this would only be on rare occasions! Thankyou.

RCIA resumes

It is with great excitement that we share the news that the weekly RCIA program has resumed online. We gathered together from our homes into a group session over the internet. What an amazing world we live in !

It was so lovely to catch up with one another and hear all of everyone's news and coping skills that comes with isolation. Andrew and Sam are so looking forward to reception into the Catholic Church as soon as the authorities give us the "all clear" to meet with our community once again at the table of The Lord.

Please keep Andrew and Sam in your thoughts and prayers.

From Tina and Lawry.

SCAM ALERT!

We have been made aware of yet another email scam. This time someone claiming to be Fr Arsenio or Fr Shibu.

The email is from 'churchheadofparish@gmail.com' and the content will be along the line of :

'Hi How are you doing? I need a favour from you, email me as soon as you get this message. God bless, Fr Arsenio Tuazon'

PLEASE DISREGARD THIS EMAIL AS IT IS A SCAM!

PROJECT COMPASSION:

For those of you who have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes waiting to be returned to the parish, please hold onto them until we are given permission to reopen. Donations can be made directly online if you would prefer to use that option. Please go to www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800024413.

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AUSTRALIA

Winter Shelter 2020

Many people have told me how disappointed they were when we had to cancel this year's Winter Shelter program.

Although we can't have a sleep in, WS will be providing take away meals and a showering service both designed to comply with today's safety precautions.

WS has started providing simple home cooked hot meals served in take away containers from a venue in Croydon. The Vive Café near the Croydon transport hub serves meals to people-in-need 5 days a week.

Winter Shelter has taken on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 till 6:30pm. Each week this service requires 4-6 cooks providing 6 meals each (like a pasta bake) in takeaway containers which WS will supply, 2 drivers who collect the containers keeping them hot in Eski's until delivered to the café and 2-3 volunteers to put out the food and marshal the clients. Observing proper distancing, people enter the café from a specific door, one at a time and exit from another door.

At this time we have volunteers to cover this service until July but more will be needed after July.

The showering service is provided from the change rooms in the Cooper Smith Pavilion, East Ringwood near the corner of Mt Dandenong Rd and Dublin Rd. WS will open the change rooms for 2 hrs on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. This is a Maroondah City Council site and the Council is providing the cleaning staff, towels and laundering of the towels.

After each shower is used it will be professionally cleaned before it can be used again. There are 4 showers available. WS is providing 2 male and 2 female volunteers for marshalling of the clients. It may also be possible to provide other support services at this time but nothing is firm yet.

So Winter Shelter, as best it can, is trying to support our local people-in-need in these crazy times and of course it can't happen without volunteers and funding. Of course all process adhere to the protocols established to prevent the spread of the Corona virus and have the blessing of the Maroondah City Council.

However there is no filtering of the clients as we would do for sleep overs so please be aware.

It is also recommended for their own protection, that those over 70 should not volunteer at this time. Sorry about that. But there is hope. If we can get past this isolation we hope to perhaps still do a proper Winter Shelter later in the year, God willing.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me via email svolomb1@gmail.com. If interested in volunteering for Winter Shelter 2020 and you have previously served, please use the attached form. Otherwise if you are interested in volunteering for the first time or you wish to donate please submit via the web site www.wintershelter.org.au.



Winter Shelter 2020

If you are able to assist please return this form as soon as possible to boswalds1@gmail.com

Name:-

I was a 2019 Winter Shelter volunteer ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to assist with cooking pasta bake meals for Winter Shelter 2020

☐ Yes ☐ No

How often? ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly

I am able to donate some tinned food, etc to be used

☐ Yes please specify

☐ No

My Address:- (so we can organise groups in the same area which will make it easier for volunteer drivers when picking up meals)

Phone:-

Thank you, we will be in touch as soon as we can.
Gitta and Beth

FIRST READING

Acts 2.14, 22b-28

It was impossible for Christ to be held in the power of death.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 14 On the day of Pentecost,
Peter, standing with the eleven,
raised his voice and addressed the crowd,
"People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem,
let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
22 Jesus of Nazareth,
a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs
that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—
23 this man, handed over to you
according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,
you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.
24 "But God raised him up, having freed him from death,
because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.
25 For David says concerning him,
'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
28 You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'"

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (R.11)

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. **R.**
7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R.**
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit. **R.**
11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1.17-21

You were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ,
the Lamb without defect or blemish.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

- 17 If you invoke as Father
the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds,
live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.
18 You know that you were ransomed
from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors,
not with perishable things like silver or gold,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.
20 Christ was destined before the foundation of the world,
but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.
21 Through him you have come to trust in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 24.32

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

The disciples recognized the Lord when he broke bread with them.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

- 13 On the first day of the week,
two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus,
about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem,
14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.
15 While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself came near and went with them,
16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
17 And Jesus said to them,
"What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"
They stood still, looking sad.
18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,
"Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem
who does not know the things
that have taken place there in these days?"
19 Jesus asked them, "What things?"
They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people,
20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over
to be condemned to death and crucified him.
21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.
Yes, and besides all this,
it is now the third day since these things took place.
22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.
They were at the tomb early this morning,
23 and when they did not find his body there,
they came back
and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels
who said that Jesus was alive.
24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb
and found it just as the women had said;
but they did not see Jesus."
25 Then Jesus said to them,
"Oh, how foolish you are,
and how slow of heart
to believe all that the prophets have declared!
26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things
and then enter into his glory?"
27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,
Jesus interpreted to them
the things about himself in all the scriptures.
28 As they came near the village to which they were going,
Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on.
29 But they urged him strongly, saying,
"Stay with us, because it is almost evening
and the day is now nearly over."
So Jesus went in to stay with them.
30 When he was at the table with them,
he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus;
and he vanished from their sight.
32 The two disciples said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?"
33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem;
and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.
34 These were saying,
"The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"
35 Then the two disciples told what had happened on the road,
and how the Lord had been made known to them
in the breaking of the bread.
The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection.

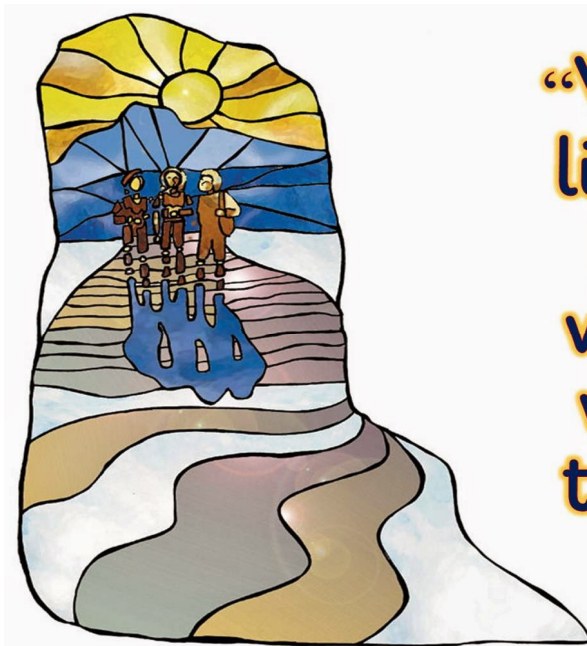
The story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus points at us and sheds light on our own situation in times of trial. With Jesus' death, the disciples' whole world had collapsed. Their distress is ours in many ways and their sadness sounds familiar to our ears. How many times have we walked the road to Emmaus? The troubles and worries of life can crowd our minds and we lose our sense of direction to the point of despair. All the time we forget that Jesus is walking with us, at our side ready and anxious to help us if only we would turn to him.

This is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of recognising the Lord's presence in our lives.

One way we do this is by growing closer to him through daily prayer and scripture reading.

Rest assured he will throw light on every moment of joy and show that every bit of suffering has a purpose.

Keep smiling and stay safe! -Fr. Arsenio



“Wasn't it
like a fire
burning
within us
when he
talked to
us”



Poppy Poppy



Poppy poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy poppy what should we
know?

That peace on earth should
grow, grow, grow.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for the Church throughout the world; may Christians enjoy an unquenchable hope in God's providence and mercy.

LORD HEAR US

We pray that the comforting words of the Risen Lord may burn in our hearts so that we may bring the good news of his love to all people still struggling in the darkness of suffering, pain, grief and loss.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all Catholics struggling with doubts and confusion about their faith and what is happening in today's world; may they discover Christ's presence in their lives.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for a deeper appreciation of our Eucharist; that we may be strengthened and renewed every day as we celebrate God's love through word and prayer.

LORD HEAR US

God of love and liberty, we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy. It was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for our world; that peace and harmony may prevail and that all people, regardless of race or faith be treated with respect and dignity.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently, especially Michael Bowden and Leading Snr Constable Lynette Taylor, Constable Glen Humphris, Snr Constable Kevin King, Constable Josh Prestney, so tragically killed on Wednesday evening, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Leo Blyth, Betty Tay, John Tay, Maria Koh, Teresa Chong, Ann Savage, Shirley Callaghan, Thelma Clarke and Caroline Salden. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

LORD HEAR US



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.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress,
the God in whom I trust."

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for his angels stand close by your side,
guarding you always and bearing you gently,
watching over your life.

Those who cling to the Lord live secure in his love;
lifted high those who trust in his name.
Call on the Lord, he will never forsake you.
He will bring you salvation and joy.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.