



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

## The Baptism of Our Lord 8-9 January 2022

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## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PHONE NUMBER**

Please note we have transitioned to the NBN

phone number of **70369395** permanently.

Please delete the old numbers from your phone directories. They are now disconnected.

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. We also look forward to the time when all people can join together in various locations, and for the many activities that truly unite us fully as communities.

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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter)

Recorded Masses available at: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources](http://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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

**PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395**

**Email: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)**

Please contact us if you have any enquiries. Please note: The office will be unattended until Tuesday 11 January 2022, however, phone messages and emails will still be monitored.

### **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Bob O'Sullivan, Joe Erjavec, Hilda del Core, Peter Stafford, Ray Bates, Wally Ellul, Geraldine Hortin, Elizabeth Sinclair and Rosa Marraffa

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Kerry O'Leary, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Enio Bordignon, John Hogan, Toni Collins

**Readings this week: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11; Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7; Luke 3.15-16, 21-22**

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

FIRST 2022 ST VINCENT DE PAUL \$2.00 COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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Weekend Masses will be celebrated on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9am.

**QR check will be required. NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

As Fr Arsenio will be on leave, Weekday Masses will not be celebrated during January.

You will need to bring your mobile phone to all masses to use the QR code system. If you do not have a phone, or your phone does not work with the QR system, there will be a welcomer on duty to assist.

Please arrive early to ensure you register and are seated well before Father is ready to commence Mass.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated under guidelines, which have been approved by Archbishop Comensoli.

**Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.**

The restrictions are as follows:

- **QR check in on arrival.**
- **Masks must be worn for those aged 8+.**
- **Sanitize your hands on arrival.**
- **Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.**

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

For those who might like to read the Archdiocesan Guidelines for parishes, they can be found on the CAM website: [melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines](https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines)

#### 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 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: [ambrose\\_cornelio@hotmail.com](mailto:ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com) for inclusion weekly.

#### **Charismatic Prayer Group**

Please note that Tuesday evening's Charismatic Prayer Group which is held in the Chapel 8-9.30 pm will resume next year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista on why Jesus needed to be baptised. Mother Hilda is thankful that God's memory is not like ours. Michelle Vass on the spirituality of humble, precious and pure water. Plus, Sr Monica Barlow RSJ on the lesson of 2021 that carries into 2022, Fr Dave Callaghan, Trish McCarthy, and more great music! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



# Holy Spirit Parish 50th anniversary



Come and Celebrate 50 Years of Spirit  
Sunday 27 March 2022  
11:00 AM Celebration Mass  
BYO lunch

It is a time to enjoy viewing photos and videos of  
times past and reminisce on the good times!  
And most importantly catch up with old friends  
and meet new ones.



## Holy Spirit Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Spread the Word

Our parish – our community - will be fifty years old next year 2022. We are planning a celebration on Sunday 27 March 2022. We want this to be a wonderful, joyous coming together of all those who are, or have been a part of this wonderful community.

For now, we would like you to spread the word about this upcoming event when you catch up with old friends or past parishioners during this festive season. Also, let them know that we will be seeking people's stories, anecdotes, remembrances of special occasions, photos etc, and to start thinking about them.

We would like everyone to contribute, including those who may not have held any official role, or been part of any of the parish groups - those go-to people who always said yes when asked to assist.

We will advise details of where contributions can be sent to later.

Please get in touch with us on [hsparish50@gmail.com](mailto:hsparish50@gmail.com) if you would like to assist with planning, or if you have any questions.

*Holy Spirit Parish Anniversary Team*

## Holy Spirit 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Conversation Cards

Cards are available now to write today and place in the return box, or to take home for other family and friends that you will be catching up with over the Christmas season.

If you can't do cards, email your stories: [hs50@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:hs50@holyspiritparish.org.au), write or post to the Parish House. We can scan most things.

What to write? Any, or all, of the list below, and anything else you can think of!

Approximate dates of your time in parish, any office held, or group you belonged to. Memories of good times or bad. Your funniest memory, the people you remember and why? What does/has Holy Spirit mean to you?

Thank you for helping to make this celebration a joyous memory of our past for our future parishioners.



## PRAYING With CHILDREN SUNDAY LITURGY

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### Something to Think About

Have you ever seen someone being baptised? It is a joyful occasion when a person is welcomed into the Church. It is a celebration of God's great love for us!

### The Story

Jesus came to John asking to be baptised. John was surprised and said, "You're the one who should be baptising me and you're asking me to baptise you?!" Eventually John agreed and baptised Jesus in the Jordan River. As Jesus came up out of the water all the people saw something incredible. They saw the Holy Spirit come down on Jesus in the form of a dove. Everyone heard the voice of God saying to Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." When he heard this, John knew without a doubt that Jesus was the Messiah whom God had promised to send.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

*Dear Friends in Christ. How many are God's works, how rich are God's mercies. Let us humbly bring our needs to the Creator of heaven and earth.*

We pray for the Church that all who are reborn in baptism will confidently work for God's kingdom and bear witness to God's love for all. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For those who have lost their way in life and faith in God and in humanity. We pray that the Holy Spirit will come upon them with power to restore them and raise them up. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For those who live in exile especially refugees and asylum seekers. Even though their homes may be far away, may they know the nearness of God's loving presence. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For our priests and bishops; we pray that through their lives and ministry your whole Church might continue to be a living sign of your healing and liberating presence among us. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, reflect on the call given to us at our baptism. As baptized Christians we are called to spread the "Good News" and grow in holiness. Let us pray for the young members of our families, our congregations and our secondary schools; that they will live out this call in a radical way and respond to whatever the Lord calls them to, perhaps consecrated life or priesthood. Lord hear us.

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:  
Bob O'Sullivan, Joe Erjavec, Hilda del Core, Peter Stafford, Ray Bates, Wally Ellul, Geraldine Hortin, Elizabeth Sinclair and Rosa Marraffa. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

**LORD 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**



## **REFLECTION The Baptism of Our Lord**

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (LUKE 3:16)*

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



## FIRST READING

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.  
3 A voice cries out:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.  
5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."  
9 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"  
10 See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.  
11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 104.1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27+28, 29-30 (R.1)

**R.** O bless the Lord, my soul!

- 1 O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty,  
2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

- 3 You set the beams of your dwelling place on the waters,  
you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,  
4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. **R.**

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great. **R.**

- 27 Living things all look to you to give them their food in due season;  
28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand,  
they are filled with good things. **R.**

- 29 When you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.  
30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

*God saved us through the water of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

11 The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,  
12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions,  
and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,  
13 while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory  
of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
14 He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity  
and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.  
4 For when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared,  
5 he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,  
but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.  
6 This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
7 so that, having been justified by his grace,  
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire  
Alleluia

## GOSPEL

Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

*When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened  
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

15 As the people were filled with expectation,  
and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,  
whether he might be the Messiah,

16 John answered all of them by saying,  
"I baptize you with water;  
but one who is more powerful than I is coming;  
I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

21 Now when all the people were baptized,  
and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
the heaven was opened,

22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my Son, the Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.



January 12, 2019 8:30 am Holy Eucharist and 10:30 am Holy Eucharist and Baptisms