



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Holy Family, 30-31 December 2023

Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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MASS TIMES:

Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

1st Saturday of the month 9:15am (not January)

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Office Hours:

TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm

WED 1.30pm to 3.45pm

THURS 11.30am to 3.45pm

FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

Masses:

Tuesdays 9am St Gerard's Warrandyte

Sundays 10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @ St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: June and Leo Taffe, Vincent Ryan, Antonio Menegol, Gerry Hill, Marie Brown and Dot Bresnan

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Helen, Justine, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Kerry McIntyre, Lyn Read, Heather Doy, Evelyn Reinecke, Melanie Saba, Arthur McConnell, Penny Mifsud, Patricia Higgins, Sharon Cass, Kellie Nagle

Readings this week: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40

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 - 1st-7th January 2024

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| MONDAY | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—REOPENS TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2024 |
| TUESDAY | |
| WEDNESDAY | 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom |
| THURSDAY | |
| FRIDAY | 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel |
| SATURDAY | 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church |
| SUNDAY | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church NO 5.00 pm Mass - resumes Sunday 4th February 2024 |

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 6th-7th January 2024

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Jacek Holewa

9.00 am: Peter Parle

5.00 pm: Resumes 4th February 2024

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Judy Barber

9.00 am: Ted Ryan

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Dale Sebire

9.00 am: Shelah Batson

Ministers of Communion: **6.00 pm:** Ron and Jean Smith

9.00 am: Don and Jocelyn

Tea and Coffee: **9.00 am:** Bill and Trish Lanigan

Arrangements in January.

Please note: the office will be closed until Tuesday 9th January. All phone messages and emails to the parish office will be monitored and responded to as quickly as possible. Fr Arsenio will be taking a short break during January. Fr John will celebrate the weekend Masses. Wednesday morning Masses will not be celebrated during January. Friday morning Masses (9:15am) continue throughout the holiday season and January.

SUNDAY 5PM MASS IN THE CHAPEL Sunday 5pm masses will resume after the Christmas/New Year holiday period on Sunday 4th February 2024.

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.

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays). Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries. **Resumes Tuesday 6th February 2024.**

Charismatic Prayer Group Resumes Tuesday 6th February 2024.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY (Continues weekly throughout Holiday Season)

Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm—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.

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THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in bringing our Christmas Celebrations to fruition.

Nothing could have been achieved without all those who volunteered to help and those who joined the Celebrations. In particular, thank you to Fr Arsenio and Fr John Dupuche.

CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP. Next weekend (Feast of the Epiphany) after the 9am Mass, the Christmas decorations, Nativity Scene etc. need to be packed away. Help is always appreciated, so if you can lend a hand for 30 minutes or so after Mass we would be very grateful!
The Liturgy Team.

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says the Holy Family as a model for us and for all families. Mother Hil-da says make God's day by calling him by name today. Fr Tony Percy calls us to the mysteries of love and life that's celebrated in this feast. Fr Chris Sarkis reflects upon the fundamental aspects of family life, and Fr John Corrigan says the feast of the Holy Innocents reminds us that each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

Dear Friends in Christ. Let us pray and give thanks to the God and Father of the whole human family. May we welcome and follow our brother and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who grew in wisdom and grace in the love and care of his devoted parents, Mary and Joseph.

Reader:

We pray that all fathers, mothers and children may ever seek to grow together as a family in their love for God and for each other.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for the healing of strained and broken family relationships; that they may learn to understand, accept and forgive each other and find new hope and life through reconciliation and peace.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for the unborn, the new born and children whose lives are at risk through poverty, violence of war and social conflict or neglect; may the coming of the Christ-Child move the hearts of all peoples and nations to protect and nurture the precious lives of all children.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for all immigrants, refugees and people forced to live away from their home countries; may God guide and sustain them, help them to find the support of new communities and friends and lead them to safety and security.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for all those people who are separated from their families because of ill-health, employment or community service; that they will be protected from all harm and soon be reunited with their loved ones.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: June and Leo Taffe, Vincent Ryan, Antonio Menegol, Gerry Hill, Marie Brown and Dot Bresnan.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

LORD HEAR US.

Celebrant:

Lord, may God's Christmas message of peace become a reality in our minds and hearts and fill our homes and families with joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5,15-16; 21.1-7++
Your very own issue shall be your heir.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹ The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."
² But Abram said,
"O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"
³ And Abram said,
"You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."
⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him,
"This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."
⁵ The Lord brought Abraham outside and said,
"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them."
Then he said to him,
"So shall your descendants be."
⁶ And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
³ God said to him,
⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations."
¹⁵ God said to Abraham,
"As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.
¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her.
I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."
¹ The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised.
² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.
³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.
⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
⁶ Now Sarah said,
"God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me."
⁷ And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 105.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (R. 7a+8a)

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. **R.**
³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. **R.**
⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. **R.**
He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19
The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

11 By faith Sarah herself, though barren, received power to conceive, even when she was too old, because she considered God, who had made the promise, to be faithful.

12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

17 By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac.

He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son,

18 of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.”

19 Abraham considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 2.22, 25-27, 34-35, 39-40++

The child grew, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,

to do for him what was customary under the law,

34 Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary,

“This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

39 When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



The gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.