



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 14-15 August 2021**

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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](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)

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](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jan Burge (Sue Wallace's mother)

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Phil Meyer, Helen Gibb, John O'Leary, Joan Furness, Marie Rocke, Dorothy Osborne, Alan Nye, Marc Barro, Robert Deller Snr, Anthony North and John Burge

**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:** Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6,10; 1Cor 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

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

### EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 16th-22nd August 2021

MONDAY	Lockdown continues
TUESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom (note Tuesday this week, not Wednesday)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel TBA
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBA
SUNDAY	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.00am Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBA 5.00pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBA 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

### HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st-22nd August 2021

Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)

#### Mass Coordinator:

6.00 pm: Yvette Collins                      9.00 am: Peter Parle                      5.00 pm: Volunteer please

#### Lectors:

6.00 pm: Shirley Graham                      9.00 am: Dennis Gridley                      5.00 pm: Volunteer please

#### Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh and Jean Smith

9.00 am: Don Schroder and Tina Toomey

5.00 pm: Volunteers please

#### Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin

9.00 am: Maryann Street

5.00 pm: Volunteer please

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm:

9.00 am: Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

Garden Maintenance: Ian Stuart

As 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](mailto:ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au)

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or 9876 3077.

## Position Vacant - Part-time General Office Assistant,

Mondays 9am-3pm, with potential for Tuesdays also, at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, located at Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. To assist with social media, Zoom support, administrative and general duties. Job description and applications (by 28 August 2021): contact the Secretary, email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel 9890 1101.



# The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

## The Spirit Magazine

### Contributions for September Issue

**Deadline for contributions 20 August 2021**

Hello everyone

Preparation of the September Edition of "The Spirit" is now underway! We would warmly welcome any submissions you would like to make.

The focus will be Father's day, so anything of that flavour would be wonderful.

Any "good news" stories you've got would also be wonderful – given the unpredictable way we are currently living, what is making a difference for you?

A little piece of news: After many years dedicated service, Helen is retiring from her role as editor of the magazine. She's left some very big boots to fill, but I am going to do my best! Hoping to keep it going to the high standard Helen set. She has been good enough to be mentoring me through the process, so hopefully I get it close to right!

Very much appreciate your support so we can all continue to enjoy a great read.

Please forward your contributions to: [thespirit@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:thespirit@holyspiritparish.org.au)

## SPIRIT EXTRA

Well we thought the Spirit Extra's were finished but, like the rest of the world we underestimated Covid19, and upon hearing we were going back into lockdown on Thursday we thought you might need a distraction.

So here is the link to SPIRIT EXTRA #13, which has been formatted and uploaded to our website thanks to Michael. We hope you enjoy this distraction! [https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit Extra/spirit\\_extra\\_013.pdf](https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit%20Extra/spirit_extra_013.pdf)

## St Vincent de Paul Society WINTER APPEAL

In previous Winter Appeals, we have asked for non perishable foods and blankets, which you have generously provided.

This year our very supportive Parish School have committed to provide 18 baskets of non- perishable foods, so our appeal to the parish is for cash donations.

Our presence in the community to assist people experiencing poverty and disadvantage is steadfast and will continue with your support.

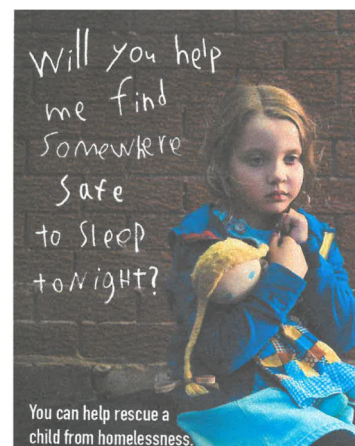
The disadvantaged we assist quite often experience difficulties in paying high utility, medical & pharmaceutical costs, overdue rents and other unforeseen expenses.

We have placed "Vinnies Donation" envelopes on the table in the foyer.

There are 2 options:

- Online at our website: [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) (your donation can be directed to North Ringwood Conference by nominating us in the comments field)
- Over the phone by calling 131812 (again nominate North Ringwood Conference when speaking to the operator)

Your donation will make a difference to the lives of those living in poverty & disadvantage.



### On the Journey this week:

On the Journey this week: Fr John Foley SJ says Mary had a lifelong habit of listening to God's love. The feast of the Assumption salutes this trust and openness in Mary. Mother Hilda says God whispers in our ear every morning as we wake, "have a nice day!" And Fr Dave says Luke's gospel passage about Jesus bringing division is about God's love & love always brings division, because it demands a response, either acceptance or rejection. Plus, more great music!

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### 'Ephphatha? Be Thou Open?', Saturday 28 August 2021, 10am-4pm (AEST) via ZOOM. This reflection event using a journal / creative materials offers you time and sacred space to be

set apart and companioned to explore new ways of attuning and responding to your experiences. You are invited to participate in a self-paced personal journey of sensitively and privately opening your heart to your inner feelings. You will be supported in using various forms of expression to unfold layers of meaning. As a means of valuing and holding your insights, you will be encouraged to capture experiences and reflections in a creative journal of your making. Participants will use their own simple art or creative materials and journal. A suggestion list will be provided to help you choose a few play elements. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy, for Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Parish Secretary, Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore
- Parish Secretary, St Macartan's Catholic Church, Mornington
- Cook, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton
- Marketing Coordinator, St Benedict's Church, Burwood
- Graphic Designer, St Benedict's Church, Burwood
- Senior Relationship Manager, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund, East Melbourne
- Admin Assistant-Before and After School Hours Care Program (SLOSH), Wantirna
- Coordinator-Before and After School Hours Care Program (SLOSH), Wantirna
- Parish Seniors Advocate, St Xavier's Parish, Boxhill

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*



## **SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE.**

The Maroondah City Council each year provides Grants to organizations in the Council Area, to assist in their charitable work.

Our Conference made an application to the Council under The Emergency Relief Grants Scheme and we are delighted that a Grant of \$5,000.00 has been approved.

We are very grateful to the Council for it's consideration and it is a clear demonstration that the Council is firmly committed to the welfare of it's citizens and there is no doubt that the funding will be of significant benefit to the Conference in it's efforts to assist vulnerable people in the Community.

Kevin O'Callaghan.

President



## **Holy Spirit Fete 2021**

Due to the ongoing uncertainty and operational constraints, challenges and risks associated with holding events during the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Holy Spirit Community Fete scheduled for Saturday 9 October at Ringwood North will be cancelled.

Whilst the Fete Committee is disappointed to make the decision to cancel, we felt it important that we provide a level of certainty for all those planning to be involved in the event including stall holders, sponsors, volunteers and the broader community that attend, which in the current climate we cannot guarantee.

**Despite not holding the 2021 fete, the raffle will go ahead and tickets are currently in the process of being distributed. We are also exploring the possibility of holding 'The Silent Auction' and other elements of the fete virtually as way of continuing in part the fete's legacy amongst our community.**

The Holy Spirit Community Fete is one of Victoria's largest community events, attracting almost 12,000 visitors each year supported by over 250 volunteers. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and supportive community who look forward to attending and being involved in our fete.

We understand the cancellation of the event will come as disappointing news to many, however the health and safety of our patrons and volunteers is our priority. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone involved for their understanding and support during these challenging times, and we hope to see you all back in person for the 2022 Holy Spirit Community Fete.

The Holy Spirit Fete Committee





## HOLY SPIRIT RAFFLE

This year, more than ever, we need to sell as many tickets as possible!  
If you would like to buy and/or sell tickets, please contact the parish  
Office 98763077

**\$2.00** per ticket

1st Prize Eastland Voucher .....Value \$1,500

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3rd Prize JB HiFi Voucher .....Value \$750

JB HiFi Gift card to the total value of \$750

4th Prize Haier 126L Bar Fridge .....Value \$349

Donated by Swan Air & Cooling to the total value of \$349

5th Prize Flower Pot Florist Voucher .....Value \$200

Flower Pot Gift Voucher to the total value of \$200



## HOLY SPIRIT FETE SPONSORS 2021

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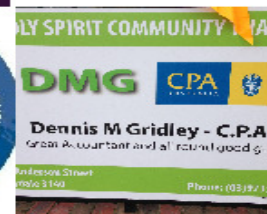
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**Reflection: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

"And Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Luke 1: 46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Let us raise our hearts to God our Father in prayer; confident in His great mercy.*

We pray for the leaders of our Church; that they may lead us to "Live the Gospel" with joy and enthusiasm. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for peace in our world; that all humanity may live in harmony, respecting each person's dignity and striving to understand the many difference in cultures.

**LORD HEAR US**

We pray for our Parish; that we may continue to grow as a community of faith through the sharing of the Eucharist.

**LORD HEAR US**

For the poor and homeless; that they may find food, shelter and acceptance and that our hearts will be open to their truth and dignity.

**LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those members of our Parish who are frail or ill . May your healing power be upon them and give them comfort.

**LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently Jan Burge, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Phil Meyer, Helen Gibb, John O'Leary, Joan Furness, Marie Rocke, Dorothy Osborne, Alan Nye, Marc Barro, Robert Deller Snr., Anthony North and John Burge.

May they rest in the loving arms and 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.**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**



## FIRST READING

Revelation 11.19a; 12.1-6a; 10ab

*A great portent appeared: a woman clothed with the sun  
and with the moon under her feet.*

A reading from the book of Revelation.

19 God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple.

1 A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth.

3 Then another portent appeared in heaven:

a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child,  
so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.  
But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne;

6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God,  
so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Messiah."

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 45.9-10, 11+12c+14, 15+17 (R.9b)++

**R.** The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

9 Daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour;  
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;  
forget your people and your father's house. **R.**

11 The king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;

12 The princess is decked with golden robes;

14 in many-coloured robes she is led to the king;  
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow. **R.**

15 With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

17 I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;  
therefore the peoples will praise you forever. **R.**





## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15.20-26

*Christ has been raised from the dead;  
the first fruits of those who belong to Christ.*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters,

20 Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

21 For since death came through a human being,

the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

23 But each in his own order:

Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father,

after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.

25 For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

**Mary is taken up to heaven,**

**and the angels of God shout for joy.**

Alleluia

## G O S P E L

Luke 1.39-56

*The Mighty One has done great things for me; God has lifted up the lowly.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

39 Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,

40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb.

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

42 and exclaimed with a loud cry,

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.

45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment  
of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

46 And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51 "He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

54 "He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

56 And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

The gospel of the Lord.

## Reflection.

There are times when the monotony of daily living and the grind of dull routine sap all our energy. It results usually in a weakening of our conviction that the Lord is present and at work in our lives. We may even go so far as to doubt the possibility of a hereafter. At such moments we are crying out for the kind of reassurance and comfort that this feast day brings, for in contrast to such despair, Mary's Assumption helps lift our minds and hearts above the gloom situation we are in. It reminds us of our final homecoming by assuring us that there is another dimension to our existence and death has not the final say.

We get a glimpse of Mary as a young woman full of joy, hope and happiness, setting out in haste over the hill country to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Both women had great news to share. Their conversation was an outpouring of joy. Mary experienced happy times but she was not spared any of the trials of a mother rearing her child. There were many things in life she did not understand, much that she found painful to accept and still through all not knowing what lay before her, Mary never took back the Yes she had answered to the angel. Jesus was always the centre of her existence.

Mary, having completed her earthly pilgrimage, was assumed, body and soul into heavenly glory. It was the final crowning grace of her relationship with God. Mary's Assumption reinforces hope in our own future because she points forward to our final homecoming. Where she has gone we hope to follow. This feast is a reminder that the joys of eternal life are what God wishes to share with us all. Our chief concern in the meantime is to become more like Jesus by allowing our lives to be influenced by Mary, who has so much to teach us about her son.

Stay safe and well! -Fr. Arsenio.

