



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11-12 September 2021

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

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FETE COMMITTEE

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

Recorded Masses available at: 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

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

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PARISH SECRETARIES

Ana Saro

Tuesday & Wednesday

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Kes Urmelis, Olive Hawking, Sandra Salter, Mary Meyer, Bill McCormack, Elsie Flynn, William Gill, Anns Schobben, Maria Tremonti, Leone English, Roberto Saro and Fantina Pezzimenti

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: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 13th-19th September 2021

MONDAY	LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	END OF SCHOOL TERM 3 No mass
SATURDAY	No Mass
SUNDAY	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME No Mass 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th-19th September 2021

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

Mass Coordinator:

6.00 pm: NO MASSES

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Lectors:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Welcomers:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

Garden Maintenance:

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

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
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:

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

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 or 9876 3077.



The September edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available on the parish website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

Once again, many great articles, photos and reflections for you to peruse!

Thanks to our new editor, Yvette for her wonderful efforts in producing her first edition.!!

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND APPEAL

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website.

Donations can be made via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued.

The site is www.cam.org.au/foundation. Please give so those who have served us can be cared for.

On the Journey this week:

Fr Patrick Vaughan and Sam Clear both have reflections on the Gospel. Plus, Mother Hilda reminds us that we can console God, our Father, as he looks with distress on the mess of the world by our little acts of kindness and love. Fr Mike Delaney's story of the profound teaching on prayer he learnt from an old bush farmer and Trish McCarthy about life's fragility. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen any-time and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

'Treasures Our Later Years' (Reflection series via ZOOM),

6 x Wednesdays, 22 September to 27 October 2021, 12.45pm-3pm.

Facilitated by Nicole Rotaru rsm, this series offers participants the opportunity to explore new possibilities that ageing offers daily. It will include input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. Topics covered include: ageing; spirituality; relationships; meaning; gratitude; death. Cost \$180 for the series, or \$30 per session. Bookings and payment via Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation website at www.heartoflife.melbourne

For more information, contact email: secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel: (03) 9890 1101.



Collection Notice

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



Lockdown Light Week 2

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

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Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Podcasts for Christian living: Unity in marriage (part 1)

In this podcast, Catholic counsellors, Dr Bob Schuchts and Jake Khym discuss how marriage is a union of two broken people, and yet when the love of God is invited in, unity is made possible. Listen at

www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving2

Getting to know your Bible: Exploring the Gospels

As Christians, we have four accounts of the life of Jesus, called Gospels. How should we read them?

Getting started: This video by a Franciscan priest looks at how it's possible to understand different Gospel accounts and stories about Jesus. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted2

Going deeper: This year, we are reading Mark's Gospel at Mass. This video provides an introduction into the crafting and structure of the Gospel and the portrait of Jesus presented. View here

www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper2



HOLY SPIRIT RAFFLE

This year, more than ever, we need to sell as many tickets as possible! Tickets have been delivered to those on our list. If you have not received tickets but would like to buy and/or sell tickets, please contact the Parish Office 98763077 and we will organize tickets to be delivered.

In an effort to ensure everyone has a chance to win, please return raffle tickets as soon as they are sold. Currently, you have the option to complete the credit card payment slip in order to make payment or you can now make a bank transfer for payment – how easy!

Once you have either completed the CC slip or transferred the money, simply return the raffle book stubs via post to the parish (or drop in parish letterbox) at 120 Oban Road Ringwood North.

Make sure to note on the slip if you have paid via bank transfer and ensure to include the name the transfer is under and the ticket numbers.

Bank details – BSB: 063-167 Account: 0090 3467

Reference: Surname and Ticket numbers

Any questions or concerns, please call Katherine on 0467 056 685

\$2.00per ticket

1st Prize Eastland Voucher	Value \$1,500
2nd Prize Peak Cycles Voucher	Value \$1,000
3rd Prize JB HiFi Voucher	Value \$750
4th Prize Haier 126L Bar Fridge	Value \$349
5th Prize Flower Pot Florist Voucher	Value \$200



HOLY SPIRIT FETE 2022

Holy Spirit Fete first ran in 1982, nearly 40 years ago, making it one of the largest and longest running fetes, widely regarded as one of the best in the Eastern suburbs.

Our Fete does rely solely upon School & Parish volunteers to run. Many people contribute to make this event so fantastic but without help the Fete be unable to continue.

HELP NEEDED FOR FETE NEXT YEAR



We have had a number of amazing volunteers who have helped run the Fete & Stalls for many years step down.

If you would like to take over one of these roles please contact Katherine & Kerry.


Perhaps get together with a few friends or parents to share the job together!

fete@holyspiritparish.org.au

STALL OWNERS

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1. Pre Loved Clothing
 2. Silent Auction
 3. Poffertjes
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS



The Fete Committee needs new members for 2022
for the Fete to be able to continue.

Some of these roles will be shared

Without new volunteers in these roles the 2022 Fete cannot proceed.

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1. Secretary
 2. Treasurer
 3. Bookkeeper
 4. Stalls Manager
 5. Food Safety Officer
 6. Food Co Ordinator
 7. Operations Assistant
 8. Events Co-ordinator
 9. Social Media Manager



**THANK YOU TO THE
AMAZING 2021 FETE
VOLUNTEERS!**



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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

www.catholicreligious.org.au/resources | www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.

We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

PRAYER

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most
vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children
and adults at risk
who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have
been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those
whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by
those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find
understanding and support,
so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now
upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace
and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God
forever and ever.

Amen

Reflection: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

Prayers of Intercession

In the company of Jesus, our leader, we come to set before God our needs and those of all the world.

We pray that the bishops and priests of the Church will be good and faithful shepherds, guiding their people with compassion and integrity.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for the grace to be peacemakers; may we be kind and considerate to each other and show compassion by doing good.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all who carry the cross daily; for those with health problems and those who care for them; for the unemployed and the uneducated; for those who have made poor choices in life; that they may know God's presence with them and be enlightened by the Spirit's wisdom and courage.

LORD HEAR US

We pray that those in positions of leadership will prove themselves worthy of trust and will act in the best interests of those they serve.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those victims of abuse that they may find healing and hope through the ministry of Christ and His Church.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Kes Urmelis, Olive Hawking, Sandra Salter, Mary Meyer, Bill McCormack, Elsie Flynn, William Gill, Anns Schobben, Maria Tremonti, Leone English, Roberto Saro and Fantina Pezzimenti.

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

Isaiah 50.5-9

To those who struck me I gave my back.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

5 “The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

7 “The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

8 he who vindicates me is near.

“Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

9 It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (R.9)

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. **R.**

3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

4 Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!” **R.**

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

6 The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. **R.**

8 For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

9 I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2.14-18

Faith, if it has no works, is dead.

A reading from the letter of James.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

15 If brothers or sisters are without clothing and lack daily food,

16 and one of you says to them,

“Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,”

and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

18 But someone will say,

“You have faith and I have works.”

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

**My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.**

Alleluia

G O S P E L

Mark 8.27-35

You are the Messiah.

The Son of Man must undergo great suffering.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi;
and on the way he asked his disciples,
“Who do people say that I am?”

28 And they answered him,

“John the Baptist; and others, Elijah;
and still others, one of the prophets.”

29 Jesus asked them,

“But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”

30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them

that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But turning and looking at his disciples,

he rebuked Peter and said,

“Get behind me, Satan!

For you are setting your mind not on divine things
but on human things.”

34 Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

“If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

35 For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION

The age old problem of why people suffer has puzzled us down the centuries and has never been satisfactorily resolved. Nobody wants to suffer. We prefer to avoid the hard things in life. All of us are very much people of this world in the way we crave for pleasure and comfort. Like Peter, he spoke for everyone when he objected to what Christ said about suffering, rejection and death for it ran in contrary to his expectations as it does to ours.

In a world gone wrong sooner or later, we are all involved in suffering. It may take in different forms. Jesus never explained why we have to suffer nor did he rid the world of suffering. What he did was to give suffering meaning and value by filling it with his presence. In his life he showed us the proper approach to suffering and how to put the crosses that come our way to good use. Our Lord suffered so much himself that he has sympathy for us in the trials that come into our pilgrimage. He encourages us to shoulder our crosses and follow in his footsteps. The only sure promise we have is that every cross, no matter how burdensome and difficult, if united with Christ's cross becomes meaningful and a source of salvation for ourselves and each other. Crosses become our ladders that lead to heaven. Jesus makes it clear that there is a high cost involved in being one of his people. Suffering is the blood and tears of life. The cross is not an invitation to lead a miserable life but is a call to hope in the face of those sufferings which are the normal part of human life. We must accept that God's ways of doing things can run contrary to our expectations. His teaching is for real life and real life can be difficult.

Please do stay well and safe. God bless you all. -Fr. Arsenio

