

The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, 25-26 November 2023

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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.

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST- RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Marie Cridland, Rosa Audini, Fiore D'Assisi, Rose Barnao, Anne O'Callaghan, Veronica Kelsey, Tony Flynn, Norm Howlett, Bill Cahill and Bill Manson

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

Readings this week: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The feast of Christ the King is a relatively new one in the church calendar. It was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI after the world had experienced the horrors of the First World War and been shocked at the brutality and destruction of the conflict between so-called civilised Christian nations. The royal house of Russia had been murdered, and kingdoms toppled in the aftermath of war. The role of the Church in social and cultural life was diminishing, and there was a greater separation of Church and state. This feast sought to confront growing secularism head on and confirm that the ultimate authority was not a nation or military might but the authority of Christ as universal King. Coming as it does on the final Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, this feast proclaims that Christ presides over the whole of history and that all time and all ages belong to him

(CCC, §450). Source: The Summit

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

Please pray for the following during the month of November:

Con Canty, Lilian & Raymond Pathe, Colleen & Leo Grasby, Deceased members of the Canty family, Christine Knights, Anna Cholewa, Michael Cholewa, John Bzostek, Dolek Bzostek, Maryna Bzostek, Zbeysio Janigacz, Kazek Janigacz, Marisa Janigacz, Relatives & Friends of the Scicluna Family, Relatives & Friends of the Camilleri Family, Liam Collins, Lesley Linnell, Sydney Linnell, Lola Austen, Alberto Klancic, Amedeo Matassa, Relatives & Friends of the D'Assisi family, Relatives & Friends of the Stranges family, Relatives & Friends of the Esposito family, Relatives & Friends of the Cinque family, Relatives & Friends of the Morrison family, Relatives & Friends of the Ryan family, Amleto Boncristiano, John Stuart, Elva Stuart, John Tay, Betty Tay, Maria Koh, Theresa Chong, Late parents of Malcolm & Patricia Westwood and their siblings who have gone to rest. David, Erin & Percy Stewart,, Jeremy, Rosemary & Ivan Scheffer, June, Leo & Peter Taffe, Len & Patricia O'Sullivan, Jan & Ted McAuliffe, Keith Delzoppo, Helen Hannay, Joanne Nolan, Peter Higgins, Gerry Lambe, Damien Hill, Dan Holland, Tim Holland, Eli Sutton, Chris Ross, Sylvia Punjer, Sylvia Rowe, Roger Clarke, Ian Palmer, Berry Scott, Ken McCormack, Jack & Marie Cridland, Brian Hegarty, Antoni & Stefania Wierzbicki, Feliks & Olga Gawel, Jozef Farbotko, Teresa Panek, Peter Lesic, Family & Friends of the Smith family, Mary & Thomas Rooney, Florence & Joe McKeown, Barry Rooney, Ann McVeigh, Tom Rooney, Catherine & Michael Quaile, Pat McKeown, Wilfredo Osabel, Yolanda Osabel, Ronelio Gelig, Donna Carreon, Reynaldo Osabel, Felix Osabel, Vincent Osabel, Romulo Ladanan, Lee Wei Quan, Carneta Baterna, Jesus Argawanon, John and Anthony North, Lucy Koh, Bill Frangeskakis, Vladas, Elena & Kes Urmelis, Maria Menezes, Simon Bonnici, Family & Friends of the Borg & Bonnici families, Family & Friends of the Nordio & Benedet families, Family & friends of the Quinlan family, Peter Higgins, Doreen Dineen, Harry Dineen, Violet Denulo, Violet Lindau, Roland Jacinto, Jane Jacinto, Marie Jacinto, Michael Jacinto, Belinda Rodrigues, Diana Gonsalves, Joseph Gonsalves, Felix Pinto, Catherine Vaz, Suzie Mascranes, Gladstone Numes, Grenwill Numes, Departed souls of Jacinto family, Family and friends of the Volombello, Soccio and Folino families, Ellen, James & Patrick English, Marge & Mick Neate, John & May Mooney, Family & Friends of the Heskett family, Julius Bernard Lobo, Bertram Auwardt, Christobel Auwardt, Carmen Roberts, Herbert Roberts, Johan Woutersz, Sandra O'Toole, Robbie & Sheila Lourensz, Romano & Christina Lobo, Caren Roberts, Carille & Tyrone Petrinelli, Ann & Lester Petrinelli, Jack Elford, Stan Fisher

All parishioners are invited to a Mass of Anointing followed by light lunch &

Carol singing on **Friday 1st December** at 11am in the Church. This will be a pupil free day, so there will be ample parking onsite for anyone attending the Mass.

Please note that 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day.

For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Wednesday 29th November.



LORD, My God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Psalm 30:2

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 27th November—3rd December 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY 9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel

8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom

THURSDAY 10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room

7.30 pm Choir Practice, Holy Spirit Church

FRIDAY NO SCHOOL—PUPIL FREE DAY

NO 9.15 am Mass

11.00 am Anointing Mass followed by lunch, Holy Spirit Church

SATURDAY 8:30am Church Set Up for Advent incl. Nativity ALL WELCOME to assist!

9.00 am Reconciliation

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (First Saturday of the month only)

6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2nd-3rd December 2023

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Mary Ryan **9.00 am:** Bernadette Loughron **5.00 pm:** Volunteers

<u>Lectors:</u>

6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin **9.00 am:** Ted Ryan

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Dale Sebire **9.00 am:** Nola Ryan

Ministers of Communion: 6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin & Etta 9.00 am: Don & Jocelyn

Tea and Coffee: 9.00 am: Bill & Trish Lanigan

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

<u>Parish Database Update</u> 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.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

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.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. If interested, contact Jacek on 0490 884 914 or Ann on 0437 127 326.

<u>Tuesday Meditation</u> Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays). Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

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



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAILY REFELCTIONS 2023.

"The Sign" is an 80 page booklet containing short, spiritually rich, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024). It also features beautiful religious artworks from the masters, with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.

Copies of the booklet are available for parishioners for personal reflection. A donation for the booklet would be appreciated.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available for purchase from the Church foyer. Beautiful calendars as always and would make an ideal Christmas gift. The calendars are \$10.00 each and there is a box on the table where you can deposit the money. Proceeds go to support the work of the St Columban Mission Society.

Christmas Volunteers needed!

The Liturgy Team are looking for volunteers for all Christmas Masses, setting up the Nativity etc. Sign up sheets are on the table at the rear of the church. Please consider how you can help and sign up for a wonderful experience. As the old saying goes "many hands make light work". We are always looking for new people to join the Liturgy committee, so this may be a good time to consider joining the team! Contact the Parish Office on 70369395 or email ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au if you have any questions.

Let peace flow like a river! Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land



Caritas Australia is holding a service of solidarity. Please feel free to register and come along. Please invite anyone whom you think might appreciate joining in.

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer, and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said:

'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'

Please join us: Monday 27 November, 4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT.

Everyone is welcome.

Please register in advance for this webinar: https://caritas.zoom.us/.../reg.../WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to join the webinar.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza since 7 October has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict.

The human toll has been devastating with more than 7,000 deaths across Israel and Gaza. Over 5,700 Palestinians have been killed so far, nearly half of them are children, while more than 15,000 people have been injured in Gaza. Over 1.4 million people (60% of the population) have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

Caritas Australia is working with our partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS), providing emergency shelter for over 1,200 people and cash support to over 7,100 families so far. We are also assisting with household items, including mattresses, blankets and other materials and support for food assistance and water, sanitation and hygiene.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413



On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says that we're celebrating something that is yet to come, that Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Mother Hilda has a story of a dud toaster acting like God. Fr Tony Percy on doing a spiritual audit and being judged on whether we recognized Christ in people, especially in the needy, Fr Dave Callaghan says we get stuck in the wilderness because we doubt the promise that God has made to us, and Fr Mike Delaney on the God of big dreams. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime



CHRISTMAS 2023 HAMPERS & CHILDRENS GIFT WISH TREE

Thank you to the parishioners and school community - we have fully subscribed to all the hampers & gifts. If you wish to make a donation towards the " Christmas Dinner Appeal " to make a contribution to a family's Christmas Dinner ,please take an envelope from the table at the back of the Church and place in collection bags



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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Discipleship Specialist University Discipleship, Melbourne
- Creatives Officer, Parental Leave Contract
- Deputy Director, Proclaim Office for Mission renewal

Catholic Development Fund

Manager, CDF Pay Support

Parish Positions

- Finance Administrator St Simon's Parish, Rowville
- Pastoral Worker St Judes and St Simons Parish, Scoresby and Rowville
- Parish Coordinator St Joseph's Parish, Malvern, Holy Eucharist & St Mary's Parish, Malvern East & St Roch's Parish, Glen Iris
- Parish Secretary Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Sunbury

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hradmin@cam.org.au

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is also the day on which, in 1947, Our Blessed Mother gave us the "Hour of Grace'.

Our Lady asked that every year at noon on December 8th, the 'Hour of Grace for the World" be celebrated.

At Holy Spirit, The Hour of Grace will be held in the Chapel from noon—1pm. All are most welcome to join.



On Saturday 25 November, three deacons—Rev Thomas Christie, Rev Peter Nguyen and Rev Tien Tran—will receive the sacrament of Holy Orders at St Patrick's Cathedral. Jean-Sébastien Géry will also be ordained to the transitional diaconate, the final step before priesthood. Please keep these young men in your prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

God gave Christ an eternal kingship. Let us pray that one day we might be judged worthy to share in his glory.

Reader:

Lord, we pray for the Church and especially for those in positions of authority among God's people; may they give witness to the love of Christ by serving those who are least among us with dignity and charity. **LORD HEAR US**.

For the leaders of nations and governments; that God's truth may shape their policies and actions. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray that peoples of all nations be found worthy to inherit the kingdom God has prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

LORD HEAR US.

For each of us gathered here; that by our care of the poor and needy, we may come to share in Christ's eternal glory.

LORD HEAR US.

Lord, we give thanks for the many people in our parish community who generously give their time & talent to help us proclaim our faith. Bless them and give them all the inspiration to continue serving your kingdom.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for a world torn apart by conflict; that people of good will may increase Christ's rule in places of struggle and need.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently, those remembered in the November Intentions and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Marie Cridland, Rosa Audini, Fiore D'Assisi, Rose Barnao, Anne O'Callaghan, Veronica Kelsey, Tony Flynn, Norm Howlett, Bill Cahill and Bill Manson. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

LORD HEAR US.

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, God and Father, for giving us all good things. Hear these our prayers that we might one day share in your everlasting glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17

As for you, my flock, I shall judge between one sheep and another.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

11 Thus says the Lord God:

"I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep,

so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

15 "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God.

16 "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed my sheep with justice.

17 "As for you, my flock," thus says the Lord God:

"I shall judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R.1)

- **R.** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul. R.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. R.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. *R*.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. *R.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28

Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father,
so that God may be all in all.

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

- 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 he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
- 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
- 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our father;

blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 25.31-46

The Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory, and he will separate people one from another.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory,

and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

- 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
- 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
- 34 "Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

35 for I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

36 I was naked and you gave me clothing,

I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him,

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food,

or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

- 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?
- 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
- 40 And the king will answer them,

'Truly I tell you,

just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

41 "Then he will say to those at his left hand,

'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food,

I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not give me clothing,

sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

44 "Then they also will answer,

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

45 Then he will answer them,

'Truly I tell you,

just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.