



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

22nd SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time, 28-29 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

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

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Neip (Maria) Denelzen, Paddy Richards, Edda Barro and Neil Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Tom Boal, Keith Shepherd, Paul Camilleri, Maria Frazzetto, Joe Borg, Therese McCarthy, Robert Weir, Shirley Bell, Ray Kesley, Mick Callaghan, Valentina Negrin, Guido Favretto and Paolo Uliana

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: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 30th August—5th September 2021

MONDAY	LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (TBC)
SATURDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (TBC) - First Saturday of month only 6.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church (TBC)
SUNDAY	23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church (TBC) 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church (TBC) 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4th-5th September 2021 (only if Lockdown ends)

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

Mass Coordinator:

6.00 pm: Dominic North-Coombes **9.00 am:** Silvio Volombello **5.00 pm:** Volunteer pls

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Vin Dwyer **9.00 am:** David Heath **5.00 pm:** Volunteer pls

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Shirley Graham and Marita North-Coombes

9.00 am: Sally Weekes and Nola Ryan

5.00 pm: Volunteers pls

Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm: Ron/Jean Smith **9.00 am:** Silvio/Ada Volombello

5.00 pm: Volunteers pls

Tea & Coffee: **6.00 pm:** **9.00 am:** Edna Danelutti and Anna Fantin

Garden Maintenance: Dale Sebire and Jacek Holewa

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.

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 #14, 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

On the Journey this week:

Dr Sandie Cornish explains this year's social justice statement. Fr Mark De Battista says the gospel calls for ruthless honesty with ourselves and the willingness to see the truth about ourselves as it really is. Plus, Mother Hilda on our true heritage & identity with God, our Father and Trish McCarthy about simplicity, being intentional, and compassionate. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



'Pondering Grief' (Reflection event via ZOOM), Saturday 4 September 2021, 10am-3.30pm (AEST). Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$60. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQNX>. For more information, contact Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, 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>



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 VoucherValue \$1,500

Eastland Gift Voucher to the total value of \$1,500

2nd Prize Peak Cycles VoucherValue \$1,000

For all your cycling needs - Peak Cycles Voucher to the total value of \$1,000

3rd Prize JB HiFi VoucherValue \$750

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

4th Prize Haier 126L Bar FridgeValue \$349

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

5th Prize Flower Pot Florist VoucherValue \$200

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

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

- **Parish Secretary, Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore**
- **Cook, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton**
- **Parish Seniors Advocate, St Xavier's Parish, Boxhill**
- **Safeguarding Officer (Western Region), Professional Standards Unit**
- **Finance Officer, Catholic Development Fund (CDF) - Part Time**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



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.

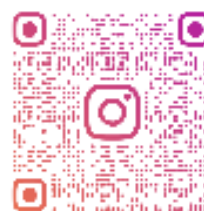
Some of these roles will be shared

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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Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

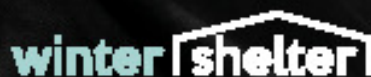
As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.



Maroondah Winter Shelter – Advocacy for the Homeless Group presents:

A Forum on Housing Policy and Solutions

- Too many Australians are without a place to call home.
- There is an urgent need for affordable housing.
- How can governments and the community sector best respond?

Where:	North Ringwood Uniting Church (NRUC) 14 Dickson Cres, Ringwood North VIC 3134	In this time of Covid it is important that you prebook for this event by Sunday, 5 September. Please use: https://nruc.org.au/homelessnessforum or Phone: 9876 5625 and leave your name and number and indicate your intention to attend.
Date:	Monday, 6 September 2021	
Time:	7:30pm to 9:00pm (7:15pm registration)	

Speakers:



Dustin Halse, MP, State Member for Ringwood.

Before entering politics, Dustin worked as a retail assistant, school care program coordinator, sports coach, trade union official, and university lecturer and fellow in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.



Michael Sukkar, MP, Federal Member for Deakin, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing.

Michael was raised and educated in Ringwood. After university he worked as a tax consultant and lawyer.



Bronwyn Pike, CEO of Uniting Vic.Tas.

Bronwyn has extensive experience across the public, private and community services sectors. She has a long history of advocating for social change, equality and the disadvantaged.

Our Emcee will be **Rev Andy Tiver**. Time will be made available for audience questions. If the prevailing restrictions allow a light supper will be provided after the event.

For further information, please contact:

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Jenny Smith
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Robyn Kilpatrick
0411 331 934

Reflection: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

Prayers of Intercession

We turn to our heavenly Father in prayer, placing before Him our needs and the needs of the world.

We pray for the Church; may we always be a living sign of God's goodness to all we meet.

LORD HEAR US

For our priests and bishops; that they might always put before your people the example of their lives of generous service. May they always accept and submit to your word.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for peace; that the Holy Spirit will inspire human hearts to turn from violence and seek to work together to defeat the common enemies of disease, ignorance and poverty.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all who hand on the traditions of our faith; may they share their faith clearly and convincingly and lead others into an experience of God's great love.

LORD HEAR US

For all deacons, guardians of the service in the Church, that their faithful service to the Word, altar and to the poor may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

LORD HEAR US.

For the frail and sick; may they be touched by God's goodness in those who care for them.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently Maria Denelzen, Paddy Richards, Edda Barro and Neil Thomas and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Tom Boal, Keith Shepherd, Paul Camilleri, Maria Frazzetto, Joe Borg, Therese McCarthy, Robert Weir, Shirley Bell, Ray Kelsey, Mick Callaghan, Valentina Negrin, Guido Favretto and Paolo Uliana. 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

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8

You must not add anything to what I command you.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said:

1 “So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

6 “You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’

7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him?

8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15.1b-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5 (R.1)

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1 O Lord, who may dwell on your holy hill?

2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

3 who do not slander with their tongue. **R.**

Those who do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;

4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord. **R.**

Those who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

5 who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 1.17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word, not merely hearers.

A reading from the letter of James.

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18 In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

21 Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation

Alleluia

G O S P E L

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

- 1 When the Pharisees and some of the scribes
who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus,
2 they noticed that some of his disciples
were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.
3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews,
do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands,
thus observing the tradition of the elders;
4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it;
and there are also many other traditions that they observe,
the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.
5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him,
“Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders,
but eat with defiled hands?”
6 Jesus said to them,
“Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,
‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;
7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’
8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”
14 Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them,
“Listen to me, all of you, and understand:
15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile,
but the things that come out are what defile.
21 “For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come:
fornication, theft, murder, adultery,
22 avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.
23 “All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Reflection.

The majority of Pharisees who clashed with Jesus over what constituted true worship with God, believe it or not, were the best of people. They devoted their lives completely to guiding souls to God. It would be easy to simply dismiss them as a group of pious hypocrites. We should assume their sincerity in being shocked the way Jesus departed from Jewish tradition. To make matters worse he told them they had missed the whole point of religion, which was to worship God with a sincere heart. Because they have made external observance the supreme test of goodness, their religion had sunk to the level of mere lip service. Their worship was worthless as an empty shell nothing more than a pack of pious practises.

Our Lord is pointing out something he wants us to notice. His words to the Pharisees are a challenge and they apply to us also. Jesus is appealing to us to be on our guard against merely external compliance with ritual. If we are to keep our worship of God in true focus, we must call attention to what we are doing. God looks to the heart, and to our innermost thoughts as well as our outward actions. We are to be continually searching out what God wants of us, purifying the way we live, and practising our religion. But wearing a religious medal, having or clasping religious articles do not necessarily make us good Christians. Joined hands are no substitute for sincere prayer, coming from the heart. It is very easy to depart from God's will and appear religious at the same time. To be more than devoted Christians, the love of God must flow into our daily lives and into our homes.

Hoping everyone is staying safe and being healthy! -Fr. Arsenio.



FROM THE
INSIDE
OUT