



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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## **PARISH EMAIL**

**This week, Jacinta sent an email to all those on our data base for whom we had email addresses. The email is from [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au).**

**It is signed off "Blessings and peace to All, Jacinta."**

**Jacinta would like to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you did not receive an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know.**

**This is a great opportunity to update our data base!**

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, ALL MASSES, LITURGIES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Readings, Reflections and Prayers of Intercession are included in the word.**

**THE Parish Office will also be closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. The temporary phone number is 0434 224 483 so you won't get the usual message. Please leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.**

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Anderson, Anne Otten

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Margaret Lynas, Mary Chandler, Naomi Ainsworth, John Teggelove, Mark Kovarik, Les Mogg, Nick Dodd, Jack Cridland, Ava Eastwood, Judy Redfern, Tom Boal, Lorraine Price, Geraldine Salter, Ruth Adriannse, Pauline Galvin, Antonia Italiano and Sydney Linnell

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:**

Ben Lobo, John, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero, Pam Rowe, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis Sean Hill, Brian Price

We are more than happy to add names to the list of people who are ill and needing prayerful support. However, it is time to refresh our list for prayers. Please contact the Parish office on 9876 3077 to add or reinstate names. Thank you.

**Readings this week: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10**

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

**HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:**

Envelopes: \$  
 Credit Cards: \$2,498.12  
 Direct Debits: \$ 622.23  
**TOTAL LAST WEEK:** \$

**PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:**

Envelopes: \$  
 Loose collection: \$  
**TOTAL:** \$

THANK YOU to everyone who supports Holy Spirit Parish financially. PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH HOUSE IF YOUR CREDIT CARD IS LOST/STOLEN OR YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER HAS CHANGED.

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. If you would like to drop your envelope into the office, please ring to arrange a drop off or pick up time.

This may be an opportune time to change over to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions. Should you wish to make this change, please call the parish office on **0434 224 483**

**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.

**Holy Spirit Web Site**

Recent Updates to [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au) (Refer News / Events in the menu)

A Parish blog re. news and procedures re. our position on COVID-19 is on our home page -

<http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/>

Holy Spirit Parish Updates: Online resources to get us by during the restrictions caused by the pandemic - [bit.ly/hspupdates](http://bit.ly/hspupdates)

**VIDEO MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI**

The following link will take you to a short message from Archbishop Peter Comensoli to our faith community: <https://bit.ly/MessagefromAPAC>

This speaks particularly to our families during this difficult time.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE



# St Vincent de Paul Society

*good works*

In this time of crisis there will be more calls to our Vinnies Conference to provide assistance to those adversely affected by the COVID19 Pandemic.

If you are in a position to donate any non-perishable goods, a basket will be on the doorstep of the parish house. The donations will be cleared every morning and afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

**Weekly Mass Live Streamed**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to share the news that Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will live-streamed on our **website and YouTube Channel**.

**Please go to [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au)**

St Simons Parish Rowville and St John's Mitcham are also livestreaming their weekly masses: [www.stsimonsparish.com.au](http://www.stsimonsparish.com.au) or [www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au](http://www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au)

**Collection Notice**

For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

## EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will advise you when we are able to resume.

In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and please continue to support each other, (by phone etc). If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)



### 4th Sunday of Easter

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

*Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives. (Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020)*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers and presence reflect the gaze of love from the Lord to help them discover their vocation.

### SPIRIT EXTRA -

We have very quickly put together a "Spirit Extra" for your enjoyment. Only available online, we just wanted to show you in one more way during this Corona Virus time, that your parish community is still alive, functioning and caring for you, albeit a little differently. We hope you will find some of the information helpful and assist with getting you through this necessary isolation. If you enjoy it and think worthwhile let us know by emailing: [RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au](mailto:RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au) or myself: [helen@konynenburg.com](mailto:helen@konynenburg.com) with Spirit Extra in the Subject line. Enjoy.

Check out: <http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/Spirit-Extra>

### Ad Hoc set up team needed!

Occasionally when a funeral or special Mass is to be held in the church during the week and the chairs have been disassembled, we need to reset the church for the occasion. We are looking for some volunteers who are prepared to come and help with the set up on an ad-hoc basis. It would usually be the evening before the funeral / Mass at a time that suits most volunteers. If you would be prepared to assist with this, could you contact the Parish Office and register with us? We hope this would only be on rare occasions! Thankyou.

### RCIA resumes

It is with great excitement that we share the news that the weekly RCIA program has resumed online. We gathered together from our homes into a group session over the internet. What an amazing world we live in!

It was so lovely to catch up with one another and hear all of everyone's news and coping skills that comes with isolation. Andrew and Sam are so looking forward to reception into the Catholic Church as soon as the authorities give us the "all clear" to meet with our community once again at the table of The Lord.

Please keep Andrew and Sam in your thoughts and prayers.

From Tina and Lawry.

### SCAM ALERT!

We have been made aware of yet another email scam. This time someone claiming to be Fr Arsenio or Fr Shibu.

The email is from 'churchheadofparish@gmail.com' and the content will be along the line of:

'Hi ..... How are you doing? I need a favour from you, email me as soon as you get this message. God bless, Fr Arsenio Tuazon'

**PLEASE DISREGARD THIS EMAIL AS IT IS A SCAM!**

### PROJECT COMPASSION:

For those of you who have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes waiting to be returned to the parish, please hold onto them until we are given permission to reopen. Donations can be made directly online if you would prefer to use that option. Please go to [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800024413.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

 **Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

## SINGER URGES SUPPORT TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S MOST MARGINALISED DURING COVID-19

Australian singer, songwriter and musician, Gary Pinto will lead a free online concert on Saturday, May 9 for Project Compassion, bringing Australian and international music stars direct from their loungeroom to yours. Gary is urging thousands of school children, teachers, churches and families across Australia during this challenging time, to stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to COVID-19 globally, during Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

The lineup will be announced over the coming weeks, but Australian stars, Diesel, Matt Gresham, Carmen Smith, Nashville-based Bobby Lee Stamper and many others are expected to be among those generously putting on the show.

Gary is an ARIA award-winning and multi-platinum selling record artist and a musical mentor to the stars.

Whilst each of us is facing our own challenges, this year Caritas Australia is asking the Australian community to Go Further, Together and continue their amazing support in raising much-needed funds for vulnerable communities in these challenging times.

Last year thanks to all our supporters, including thousands of schools and communities across Australia, Caritas reached 1.52 million people directly. Each year Caritas Australia holds its annual fundraising and awareness campaign during the six weeks of Lent, to raise money for emergency and long-term development programs that transform lives.

Gary, who before the lockdown has been working on The Voice, has mentored many of Australia's recording artists. He has also worked as X Factor Australia's Vocal Director for the past six years, as well as on Dancing with the Stars.

Gary wrote his poignant song "Walk with me" for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion before COVID-19 became a global crisis. It focusses on walking in solidarity with those most marginalised and celebrating the dignity of every person globally. You can find a link to the song at <https://bit.ly/walk-with-me-snippet>

Gary like all of us is currently isolated with his family and says music is a powerful tool for changing lives. At present, families, students and communities are supporting Project Compassion online. There are some great ways to fundraise while at home. Go to [lent.caritas.org.au](https://lent.caritas.org.au) for some great ideas to set up your fundraising page or call 1800 024 413 to donate or set up your page.

"I know it feels like an incredibly anxious time for everyone, but I remain joyful and hopeful. I think we can all use our talents and abilities to 'Go Further, Together and think more outwardly,'" Gary says. "Imagine how marginalised communities are feeling - given that many are without housing, experiencing food and water shortages and a lack of health support like we have in Australia."

"Now is the time to put our faith in humanity into action. Together we can sing, together we can raise money and together we can walk alongside each other and in doing so be transformed in our own lives."

Caritas Australia's CEO, Kirsty Robertson has highlighted that if the virus hits places like the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, or conflict-torn communities in the Middle East, the impact will be catastrophic.

Caritas Australia, the Catholic church's international aid and development agency and part of one of the largest humanitarian networks in the world. The agency through our international network has already been supporting marginalised communities through its existing humanitarian and long-term development programs, in disaster preparedness and promoting awareness of health and sanitation in this crisis.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

# LOUNGEROOM SESSIONS

*with Gary Pinto*

**WALK  
WITH  
ME**

**SAT 9TH MAY**  
**COMING TO YOUR  
LOUNGEROOM**

[Caritas.org.au/loungeroomsessions](http://Caritas.org.au/loungeroomsessions)



## Winter Shelter 2020

Many people have told me how disappointed they were when we had to cancel this year's Winter Shelter program.

Although we can't have a sleep in, WS will be providing take away meals and a showering service both designed to comply with today's safety precautions.

WS has started providing simple home cooked hot meals served in take away containers from a venue in Croydon. The Vive Café near the Croydon transport hub serves meals to people-in-need 5 days a week.

Winter Shelter has taken on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 till 6:30pm. Each week this service requires 4-6 cooks providing 6 meals each (like a pasta bake) in takeaway containers which WS will supply, 2 drivers who collect the containers keeping them hot in Eski's until delivered to the café and 2-3 volunteers to put out the food and marshal the clients. Observing proper distancing, people enter the café from a specific door, one at a time and exit from another door.

At this time we have volunteers to cover this service until July but more will be needed after July.

The showering service is provided from the change rooms in the Cooper Smith Pavilion, East Ringwood near the corner of Mt Dandenong Rd and Dublin Rd. WS will open the change rooms for 2 hrs on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. This is a Maroondah City Council site and the Council is providing the cleaning staff, towels and laundering of the towels.

After each shower is used it will be professionally cleaned before it can be used again. There are 4 showers available. WS is providing 2 male and 2 female volunteers for marshalling of the clients. It may also be possible to provide other support services at this time but nothing is firm yet.

So Winter Shelter, as best it can, is trying to support our local people-in-need in these crazy times and of course it can't happen without volunteers and funding. Of course all process adhere to the protocols established to prevent the spread of the Corona virus and have the blessing of the Maroondah City Council.

However there is no filtering of the clients as we would do for sleep overs so please be aware.

It is also recommended for their own protection, that those over 70 should not volunteer at this time. Sorry about that. But there is hope. If we can get past this isolation we hope to perhaps still do a proper Winter Shelter later in the year, God willing.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me via email [svolomb1@gmail.com](mailto:svolomb1@gmail.com). If interested in volunteering for Winter Shelter 2020 and you have previously served, please use the attached form. Otherwise if you are interested in volunteering for the first time or you wish to donate please submit via the web site [www.wintershelter.org.au](http://www.wintershelter.org.au).



# **Winter Shelter 2020**

If you are able to assist please return this form as soon as possible to [boswalds1@gmail.com](mailto:boswalds1@gmail.com)

Name:-

I was a 2019 Winter Shelter volunteer ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to assist with cooking pasta bake meals for Winter Shelter 2020

☐ Yes ☐ No

How often? ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly

I am able to donate some tinned food, etc to be used

☐ Yes please specify

☐ No

My Address:- (so we can organise groups in the same area which will make it easier for volunteer drivers when picking up meals)

Phone:-

Thank you, we will be in touch as soon as we can.  
Gitta and Beth

## 49 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- When the days of Pentecost had come.  
14 Peter, standing with the eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed the crowd.  
36 "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty  
that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,  
this Jesus whom you crucified."  
37 Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart  
and said to Peter and to the other apostles,  
"Brothers, what should we do?"  
39 Peter said to them,  
"Repent, and be baptized every one of you  
in the name of Jesus Christ  
so that your sins may be forgiven;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
39 For the promise is for you, for your children,  
and for all who are far away,  
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."  
40 And he testified with many other arguments  
and exhorted them, saying,  
"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."  
41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized,  
and that day about three thousand persons  
were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 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 Peter 2.20b-25

You were going astray, but now you have returned  
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters:

- 20 If you endure when you do right and suffer for it,  
you have God's approval.  
21 For to this you have been called,  
because Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example,  
so that you should follow in his steps.  
22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."  
23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse;  
when he suffered, he did not threaten;  
but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.  
24 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds you have been healed.  
25 For you were going astray like sheep,  
but now you have returned  
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10.14

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.  
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

## GOSPEL

John 10.1-10

I am the gate for the sheep.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

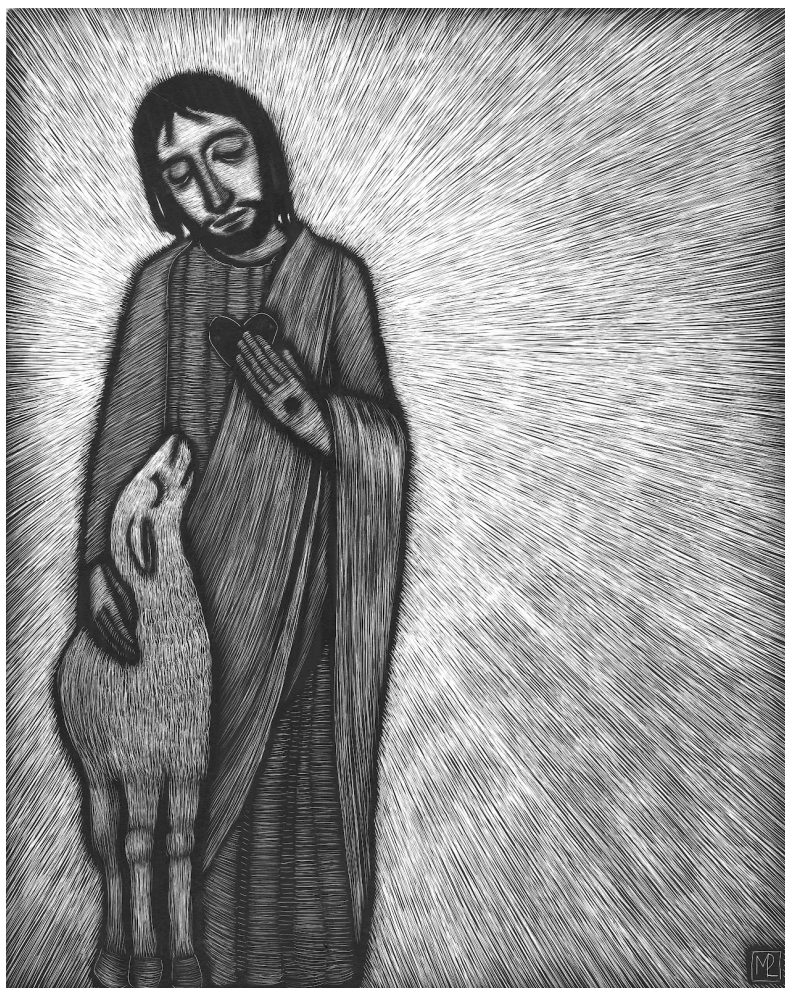
- 1 "Very truly, I tell you,  
anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate  
but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.  
2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.  
3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him,  
and the sheep hear his voice.  
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.  
4 When he has brought out all his own,  
he goes ahead of them,  
and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.  
5 They will not follow a stranger,  
but they will run from him  
because they do not know the voice of strangers."  
6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them,  
but they did not understand what he was saying to them.  
7 So again Jesus said to them,  
"Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.  
8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits;  
but the sheep did not listen to them.  
9 I am the gate.  
Whoever enters by me will be saved,  
and will come in and go out and find pasture.  
10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The gospel of the Lord.

## Reflection.

The most appealing image of all and one that stands out is the figure of Christ as the good shepherd. In describing himself as the Good Shepherd he is painting a beautiful picture of his loving care for the human family while emphasising how precious we are in the eyes of God. Each of us has a special place in his heart as he calls us by name and cares for us individually. He is our guardian and guide, constantly calling us home when we are inclined to stray. His everlasting love never gives up on us and keeps knocking at the door of our hearts waiting until we open. Above all if we cling to him we will not be lost because he will never let us down. This is also a reminder that our calling is to be shepherds after the heart of God, making Christ's presence effectively in our families and communities when we respond to the deepest needs of people under our care. We can be the touch of human love for those who have no friends, the strength for those who are helpless and the healer in times of hurt. The caring acts of God are performed in hands that serve. Christ is dependent on you and me to be shepherds of his flock in a caring and loving act of others. We can be a little bit of Christ in our own homes and do our best to cooperate with his invitation of being a shepherd.

God bless us all! –Fr. Arsenio



### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is the gate. Let us make our prayers through Him to the Father.*

For the Shepherds of our Church; our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishops and pastors. May they reflect a Father's love and care for all whom they serve.

**LORD HEAR US**

For our world at this time; that Christ the Good Shepherd may bring hope, strength and healing to all who suffer.

**LORD HEAR US**

For our Church; that the Good Shepherd may heal those in pain and strengthen those in service.

**LORD HEAR US**

For vocations to the Priesthood and consecrated life from our parish community.

**LORD HEAR US**

For our seminarians and all those in formation to priesthood and consecrated life; that our prayers may support them in their vocations.

**LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently, especially Margaret Anderson and Anne Otten, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Margaret Lynas, Mary Chandler, Naomi Ainsworth, John Teggelove, Mark Kovarik, Les Mogg, Nick Dodd, Jack Cridland, Ava Eastwood, Judy Redfern, Tom Boal, Lorraine Price, Geraldine Salter, Ruth Adriannse, Pauline Galvin, Antonia Italiano and Sydney Linnell. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**LORD HEAR US**

*Loving Father, Your Son came to lead us to you. Hear the prayers we make in his name, confident of your care for us at all times, but especially now. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### **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.**

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of our God,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress,  
the God in whom I trust."

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,  
for his angels stand close by your side,  
guarding you always and bearing you gently,  
watching over your life.

Those who cling to the Lord live secure in his love;  
lifted high those who trust in his name.  
Call on the Lord, he will never forsake you.  
He will bring you salvation and joy.

### **A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Most Merciful and Triune God,

We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.