



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, 2-3 April 2022

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Celebrating 50 years of Faith, Family & Friendship

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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

PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395

Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

Please contact us via the new phone number or email if you have any enquiries.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Kevin Hammond, Eileen Coffey, Arthur Treeby, Dot Papworth, Angelina Pellegrino, Anne Moylan, Jim Mulcahy, Roc Carafa, Antoine Gueho, Santana Zerella, Rick van Duppen, Teresa Frisina and Maria Mandile

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, John Hogan, Christopher Woolley, Eve Foreman, Neville Benedict

Readings this week: Isaiah 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

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

Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24th APRIL - HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

This year Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in the Holy Spirit Chapel from 2:00 - 4:30pm.

Confessions will be heard from 2:00pm.

Adoration and Rosary will continue until 3pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm followed by Mass at 3:15pm. NB: No 5pm Mass that day. All are welcome.

Vinnie's bin

Please note the Vinnie's donation bin has been permanently removed. Donations can be taken to the Vinnie's shop on Maroondah Highway.

SPIRIT MAGAZINE MARCH 2022

The March edition of the Spirit magazine is now available for you to take home or read online via the parish website: MASTER_Holy_Spirit_Mag_MARCH_2022_VERSION_2.indd (holyspiritparish.org.au)
Hope you enjoy it.

Parish Database Update 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 Thank you.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Numbers are limited, so please register with Jacek or Ann to join in for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. Enquiries: Jacek 9870 7625 Ann 0437 127 326

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

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

On the Journey this week: A powerful story of justice and mercy with reflections on the gospel from Fr Anthony Jukes and Mother Hilda. Plus, The Bush Deacon on why we don't like to invite people to share our faith. Plus, a Lenten Connection with ken Bryant, Sam Clear meditating on Jesus' passion, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

EASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

We are preparing some very special liturgies for each of our Easter Services so that everyone will experience and understand the significance of Easter. For this to happen, especially for the large number of people who join us to celebrate Easter, we need many more members of our parish to help at each of the Masses.

We want everyone to feel welcome, to feel that they belong to an active, vibrant community, and to return home feeling they have experienced something truly moving and meaningful. Please consider volunteering in some capacity at one of the services, by adding your name onto one of the lists at the back of the church. Please note: Under Archdiocesan guidelines, our volunteers need to have a Working With Children Check and be fully vaccinated.

For further information contact the Parish House on 9876 3717.

Areas where you can help include:

- Special Ministers
- Offertory Procession
- Readers
- Collectors
- Altar Servers (particularly Holy Thursday & Good Friday)
- Welcomers
- Clean-up/reset team after each Mass –
- We particularly need people to help set up for Palm Sunday as the palms need to be collected and put up on the Saturday morning.

Please consider offering to help make our Easter Services this year truly moving and meaningful celebrations. Add your name to the sign up sheets or contact the parish Office on 7036 9395

The Liturgy Team

Easter Services at Holy Spirit are:

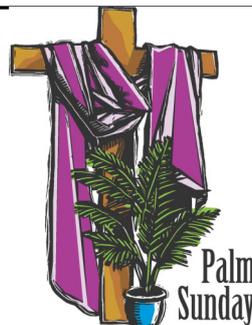
Palm Sunday, 9/10 April:	Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am & 5pm
Tuesday, 12 April:	Rite of Forgiveness, 7:30pm
Holy Thursday, 14 April:	Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30pm
Good Friday, 15 April:	Stations of the Cross, 10am Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm
Holy Saturday, 16 April:	Easter Vigil: 7:30pm
Easter Sunday, 17 April:	Easter Mass time: 9:00am NB: No 5pm Mass.



'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book & pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

PALM SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2022

Palm Sunday Masses will commence with blessing of palm & olive branches on the lawn at the top of the stairs and a procession into the Church. Whilst we will have palm & olive branches available at each Mass, we encourage parishioners to bring branches if they can.



Combined Parishes Rite of Forgiveness

Tuesday 12 April at 7:30pm, Holy Spirit Church.
Individual Reconciliation will be available to anyone after the service has been completed. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week

Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who prepared the children for this Sacrament and to all parishioners for keeping the children in their thoughts and prayers.



Barry Kearney has made the photos he took last weekend available to parishioners via his website. Go to barryphotos.com, click on the Portfolio tab, then Holy Spirit then use the password Holyspirit22. The gallery of photos will then come up. Photos can be downloaded for free using the shopping cart (bottom right of page). Thanks to Barry for his support of our special event!

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch on Wednesday 18th May at 11am in the Church.
Please note: 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day.

For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please either fill in the RSVP slip attached, fill in the sign up sheet or contact the Parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Friday 13th May.



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

Mass of Anointing Wednesday 18th May 11am.

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Number attending: _____

Dietary requirements: _____



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Homily from Archbishop Comensoli on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary Mass:

It is worth remembering *why* Jesus told the parable of the Prodigal Son. As Luke records it, Jesus wanted to spend his time with sinners and tax collectors - hardly a wholesome group of people.

For their part, they wanted to be with Jesus and to hear what he had to say. This was a mutual coming together - sinners with the Sinless One; Saviour with the saved.

This friendship group reveals something very significant: it reveals in Jesus, that to take the way of God is to take the way of forgiveness. The Pharisees and scribes, who grumbled about the unsavoury people Jesus befriended, struggled to accept this as the proper way of God.

The parable reveals why Jesus thought otherwise: the way of God is the way of a loving father who forgives and welcomes both the selfish and reckless son and the sullen and mean son.

We all like the story of the Prodigal Son, for we can readily see in ourselves moments of recklessness and selfishness, and we all have a need to be forgiven.

But perhaps we are less ready to see ourselves as sullen and mean-spirited, and compared to those who are unforgiving. To be honest, most of us, me included, have something of both 'tax collector' and 'Pharisee' about us; both younger and older son.

Our heavenly father, for his part, simply forgives and welcomes his children. They belong to Him— we belong to Him - so He will always find a home for them, and for us.

When Jesus died on the cross for all sinners, in obedience to his Father, he did not first determine which of his sisters and brothers he needed to include. There was no prior separation of the worthy from the unworthy. He died for all.

And if Jesus would do that, then of course he would eat with anyone who wanted to be with him.

Pope Francis recently said; *"Dear sister, dear brother, if your sins frighten you, if your past worries you, if your wounds do not heal, if your constant failings dishearten you and you seem to have lost hope, do not be afraid. God knows your weakness and is greater than your mistakes."*

The way of God - the way of Jesus - is the way of forgiveness. Each one of us is invited into, and back into, God's household. He wants us with him, and wants to be with us. He looks out for our loss, so that we can be found. He offers his life, to overcome our death.

To paraphrase St Paul, *'Christ has reconciled the world to himself, not holding our faults against us; and he has entrusted to us the news that we are reconciled.'* Christ takes the shame of our past away from us, to welcome us home in him. May we do the same.

As you gather to celebrate this golden jubilee of Holy Spirit parish, perhaps you might want to recall - with warmth and hope - how the reconciling love of the Spirit of Jesus has graced you over these past 50 years. You are the sons and daughters of the Father in this local community, and, like a family that lives for each other, love most evidently comes by way of forgiveness.

God has called you into his household here in Ringwood North; may this be a home where you may be welcomed with joy. Happy Anniversary!

YOUR DONATION CAN HELP!



Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Ukraine has called for support and assistance as it continues to support the country's most vulnerable as the crisis escalates.

Millions of Ukrainians are now living through air raids and attacks, on top of three million people already in need of humanitarian assistance after eight long years of conflict in eastern Ukraine.

In addition to the needs of displaced families, children in Ukrainian residential institutions – particularly those in close proximity to the front line and nearby shelling – are at risk of physical harm and immense trauma.

Caritas Ukraine is one of the few agencies who are directly on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

"The events which began [on 24th February] will inevitably lead to a colossal humanitarian catastrophe. It is impossible to believe that in the 21st century in the centre of Europe people have to wake up at 5 am from explosions and the sound of air raid sirens." said Tetiana Stawnychy, President of Caritas Ukraine, from her base in Kyiv.

Ukraine is a country already suffering. After eight years of conflict, violence and insecurity have loomed large in the lives of Ukrainians. Over one million people were already displaced and a staggering three million already relied on humanitarian assistance. This escalation in conflict will have dire consequences for all Ukrainians, particularly the most vulnerable.

As the situation continues to worsen, the need for humanitarian support has also increased, furthering the restriction of people's movements, disrupting essential public services including water, power, transport and banking, and damaging vital infrastructure and homes.

"Over the years there has been extensive damage to water, gas and electricity infrastructure. We are especially worried about the reports of attacks on water facilities – there is already a water shortage and this will only make things worse," said Ms Robertson.

Humanitarian priorities include basic food and hygiene kits, access to clean drinking water and fuel to vulnerable households to survive the cold weather condition.

Caritas Australia is working closely with our partner Caritas Ukraine to provide much-needed support in the form of food security, water, sanitation and hygiene and emergency shelter.

Caritas Ukraine is also working to provide transportation and accommodation to displaced families, as well as setting up Child Friendly Spaces for children to heal from trauma.

Your urgent support today will provide immediate assistance to vulnerable communities impacted by this crisis. Please donate now to make a real difference to the lives of people in Ukraine.

To donate, please go to: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/>

The funds raised through this appeal will be used to provide immediate and longer-term humanitarian assistance to communities affected by crises in Ukraine



Winter Shelter Community Meals Program Update

At this stage we **still require more volunteers to fill the gaps in the rosters** to cook meals for Friday nights in Ringwood, to provide baked goods on Wednesday or Friday nights

Please read the details below to see how you can assist or maybe have a friend, neighbour, family member or colleague you know of who may be interested in cooking or baking for Winter Shelter providing meals for those in need in our local community.

If you are able to assist please go online (links below) and find a date to suit you and fill in that slot, that would be very much appreciated.

Your involvement will be much appreciated. We are expecting to provide 50 to 60 meals per night.

Each cook needs to:

- * Select a suitable time on the online roster to cook
- * Provide 6 to 8 meals from each cook in single serve containers.
- * Containers are provided if needed, or available from North Ringwood Uniting Church any week before you are rostered to cook, or let us know and we can drop them around to you. If you are happy to buy your own, you can do that too!
- * The meals need to be fresh (not frozen), but not necessarily hot.
- Complete the online food handling course. If you haven't completed the course here is the link:
- <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/then> email a copy of the certificate to boswalds1@gmail.com.

If you feel you have capacity to prepare more than 6 to 8 meals, please just fill in multiple slots. One vegetarian meal a week would be appreciated. Others are providing soup, bread, fruit and dessert, so you don't need to supply those.

- Meals can be dropped off on Fridays to North Ringwood Uniting Church 14 Dickson Cres, Ringwood North between 3:30 and 4:30pm. We'll then transport the meals to Urban Life for distribution, or you can deliver your meals directly to:

Urban Life (143 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, opposite the clock tower) between 4:30 and 5pm.

When selecting a date on the roster please include your email address and phone number just in case we need to contact you. Also to help our drivers, when you sign up, as well as indicating what you are cooking, please specify where you will be dropping off ('NRUC' for North Ringwood Uniting Church or 'UL' for Urban Life) in the 'What I Plan to Bring' column.

If you have any queries, please contact either Rosemary Uren 0437 242 018 or Gitta Clayton 0451 744 453

If you have any issues with delivery/pickup of food, please call Marty on 0418 579 044.

Please fill in your preference on the online rosters - links below

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #1](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #2](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #3](#)

Bakers - anyone interested in providing home baked goods on Fridays (weekly) and/or Wednesdays (fortnightly). It is easiest if small quantities of baked goodies are placed into labelled zip locked bags or small containers (e.g. chocolate slice, ANZAC biscuits, banana muffin, vanilla cupcakes, slices of nut loaf, etc).

Our guests really appreciate these treats!

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Please fill in your preference on the online rosters - links below

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 1](#)

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 2](#)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

We now pray to our loving God for our own needs and those of the whole world.

We gather today as God's faithful to pray for Pope Francis, that he may be the shepherd that God has called him to be. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

For our church leaders; may their knowledge and understanding of God's word continue to evolve so they can pass this onto others. Lord, hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

For those who feel oppressed or not accepted within our society. May we follow Jesus' example and learn to embrace and value each other's differences. Lord, hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the children of our community; as they go through physical and emotional change may they always confide in Jesus and allow him to guide them through uncertain times. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that all women may be respected and encouraged to take their rightful place in society. We pray also that all people will have access to clean water and safe houses. May we act for justice in concrete ways, such as through Project Compassion. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Kevin Hammond, Eileen Coffey, Arthur Treeby, Dot Papworth, Angelina Pellegrino, Anne Moylan, Jim Mulcahy, Roc Carafa, Antoine Gueho, Santina Zerella, Rick van Duppen, Teresa Frisina and Maria Mandile. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

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



REFLECTION 5th Sunday of Lent

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43.16-21

I am about to do a new thing: I will give drink to my chosen people.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 16 Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6 (R.3)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R.**
Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. **R.**
4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev.
5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. **R.**
6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3.8-14

*I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish,
so that I may attain Christ.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

- 8 I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish,
9 in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,
but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.
10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection
and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,
11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;
but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own;
but this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal
for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

With all your heart turn to me, says the Lord,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 8.1-11

Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.

A reading from the gospel according to John.

- 1 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
- 2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple.
All the people came to him
and he sat down and began to teach them.
- 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman
who had been caught in adultery;
and making her stand before the people,
- 4 they said to Jesus,
“Teacher, this woman was caught
in the very act of committing adultery.
5 In the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women.
Now what do you say?”
- 6 They said this to test Jesus,
so that they might have some charge to bring against him.
Jesus bent down
and wrote with his finger on the ground.
- 7 When the scribes and Pharisees kept on questioning him,
Jesus straightened up and said to them,
“Let anyone among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.”
- 8 And once again Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground.
- 9 When the scribes and Pharisees heard what Jesus had said,
they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders;
and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.
- 10 Jesus straightened up and said to her,
“Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?”
- 11 She said, “No one, sir.”
And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.
Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

The gospel of the Lord.



“Neither do I condemn you”