



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27-28 January 2024

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TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm
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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.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Francesco Raso, Fran O'Dwyer, Peter Willis, Hans Van der Geest, Betty Philp, Truus Teggelove, Rosemary Scheffer, Tom Grant, John Tay, Maria Koh, Anna Holewa, Stuart Holt and John Burns

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

Readings this week: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Maek 1:21-28

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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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 29th January—4th February 2024

MONDAY	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
TUESDAY	SCHOOL RESUMES FOR 2024 7.30 pm RCIA via Zoom
WEDNESDAY	6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8.00-11.00 am Prep Morning Tea, Community Centre
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	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	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel ST VINCENT DE PAUL \$2.00 COLLECTION WEEKEND

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3rd-4th February 2024

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Dominic North-Coombes **9.00 am:** Tina Toomey

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Judy Barber **9.00 am:** Dennis Gridley

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Marita North-Coombes **9.00 am:** Don Schroder

Ministers of Communion: **6.00 pm:** Ron & Jean Smith **9.00 am:** Silvio & Ada Volombello

Tea and Coffee: **9.00 am:** Chris and Vicki Morris

BAPTISM INFORMATION MEETINGS are held every second Tuesday of the month (except January) in the Parish House. Please call the Office on 7036 9395 to register your attendance/interest.
Next meeting: Tuesday 13th February at 7.30 pm, Mary Bresnan Room.

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

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.

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays).
Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries. **Resumes Tuesday 6th February 2024.**

Charismatic Prayer Group Resumes Tuesday 6th February 2024.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY (Continues weekly throughout Holiday Season)

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.

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

Farewell Note from Jacinta..

Dear Holy Spirit parish Community, I'm currently on annual leave until 31st January I will not be returning after leave as this is the end of my contract. Fr Aresenio advised me last year that the parish is not in a financial position to fund a Pastoral Associate .

I would like to thank all those in the parish community for their love, support, and outcomes during my 5 years with you, a special thankyou to Ruth, Jenny, Mary, and Fr John for all your support.

I wish Fr Aresenio and you the parishioners every blessing in the Mission and vision of the church, you are all held in my thoughts and prayers.

Blessings, Jacinta

THANK YOU JACINTA

On behalf of the whole parish we wish to extend sincere thanks to you Jacinta, for the many ways you have contributed to the life of Holy Spirit over the past five years as a member of Parish Staff & PPC and across number of pastoral and sacramental initiatives and ministries. Most notably in the area of Safeguarding for Children and Vulnerable Adults. Your well established protocols and parish guidelines have created a legacy that will continue well into the future, providing awareness and accountability for a safe & happy community environment for all. Thank you so much. We wish you and your family abundant blessings for the next chapter your life. In appreciation, the Parish Pastoral Council.

NB: Parishioners please note that a thank you gift will be provided to Jacinta on your behalf. If you wish to make a \$\$ contribution, please do so in a marked envelope via the collection. There is also a card on the Word table if you would like to add personal wishes.

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

- **Pastoral Worker - Supporting communities of Scoresby and Rowville (St Judes and St Simons)**
- **Pastoral Worker, St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South**
- **Parish Secretary- St Mary's Catholic Church, Greensborough**
- **Pastoral Associate - Mary Mother of the Church, Ivanhoe**
- **Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea**

Other Positions

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 hadmin@cam.org.au

Donated food.

Prior to Christmas for our hamper distribution, we came across many items of food long past "use by date". We had to dispose of the goods.

If you are considering donating, please check dates for "use by or best before". Thank you.

Furniture donations

Vinnies no longer operate a pick up service due to an aging fleet and OH&S issues with drivers & jockeys .

If you have furniture in good condition and wish to donate, you need to arrange the transportation to Vinnies.

Our Kilsyth store will accept the furniture - address is corner of Canterbury & Colchester Rds. Kilsyth

The test for donating furniture is would you donate them to a family member or friend?





Pietà Lenten Program 2024

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024.

Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with Pietà, an exquisite resource containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for devotional reading. In addition, there are longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, and reflections on Christian art, that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.

If you are looking for an opportunity to grow your faith, joining a Lenten Group is highly recommended.

At Holy Spirit Parish there will be Lenten groups running on Wednesday evenings, one in a parishioners' home and the other on Zoom. There is also an opportunity for a daytime group in a parishioner's home on either a Tuesday or Thursday, depending on the number who express interest.

If you would like a copy of this program for individual devotional reading or to join a Holy Spirit Parish Lenten group please contact Maryann by email: maryann_street@bigpond.com or ring the Parish (7036 9395) to register interest.

Chapel Working Bee

In preparation for the return of 5pm mass, let's have a working bee in the chapel and make it bright and shiny, ready for gathering for worship. Planning to tackle a few jobs like cobwebs, window washing, move all the chairs for a thorough vacuum. If you can lend a hand, we'll be there from 10:30am on 3 February.

It's always jam time

(and the fete will roll around before we know it!)

Now is the perfect time for harvesting surplus fruit and making preparation for jamming later in the year. If you are able to obtain summer fruits and prepare and freeze for jam making in the cooler months, please give it some consideration – we will organise some jamming days in the church kitchen soon. If you are keen to get jamming now we would really appreciate that too. We can easily arrange to get some jars over to you. If you would like to talk about jam, please give me a call after business hours on 040 787 3432. Many thanks, Yvette.



NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact

Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or

Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.



Each year, Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme of Project Compassion is **For All Future Generations**. It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact for all future generations.

This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival, and those whose needs at this time are far beyond our own. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference today, for all future generations. Project Compassion boxes and envelopes will be available in the next week or two.

On the Journey this week: On the Journey this week: Fr Simon Apablaza says that the reason Jesus taught them with authority is that his words are not only the expression of thoughts, but the expression of his own life. Mother Hilda has a tip on how to surrender to God's will. Plus, Fr Tony Percy says Jesus of Nazareth is revealing who he is; his words interpret his actions, and his actions confirm his words. A faith testimony from Stewart Brady on how he became involved in the menAlive movement through the efforts of his wife, and the changes it brought to his life, and Fr Mike Delaney says helping someone is a great gift that we can all do, even when we are struggling ourselves. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime

REFLECTION: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

With love and trust in the Lord's goodness and mercy, we bring our prayers to our heavenly Father.

Reader:

We pray that we may seek God first in our lives and love others with the love which God has bestowed upon us.

LORD HEAR US.

For our parish community; that we may share our time and gifts with each other and strengthen the witness to Christ that we offer.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for all teachers and students as they return to school this week. We especially pray for our Prep children and any new families to Holy Spirit. May they be blessed with God's love and grace as they embark on a new year and may their faith grow deeper and stronger both in the classroom and in the home.

LORD HEAR US.

For all who have difficulties in their lives; that the Spirit of Christ may release them from their troubles so that they may live in the freedom of God's children.

LORD HEAR US.

For all who have emotional and mental illness; that God's love will strengthen, heal and sustain them and lead us to greater compassion and understanding of their needs.

LORD HEAR US.

For all who are grieving; that they may experience God's comforting presence and the loving support of others.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Francesco Raso, Fran O'Dwyer, Peter Willis, Hans Van der Geest, Betty Philp, Truus Teggelove, Rosemary Scheffer, Tom Grant, John Tay, Maria Koh, Anna Holewa, Stuart Holt and John Burns.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

LORD HEAR US.

Celebrant:

Lord, we trust that our prayers both spoken and unspoken will be heard with grace and love. May your blessings descend upon us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

15 Moses spoke to the people; he said:

“The Lord your God will raise up for you
a prophet like me from among your own people;
you shall heed such a prophet.

16 This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb
on the day of the assembly when you said:

‘If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more,
or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’

17 “Then the Lord replied to me:

‘They are right in what they have said.

18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you
from among their own people;
I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet,
who shall speak to them everything that I command.

19 ““Anyone who does not heed the words
that the prophet shall speak in my name,
I myself will hold accountable.

20 But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods,
or who presumes to speak in my name
a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—
that prophet shall die.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R. 7c+8a)

R. If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts.

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **R.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. **R.**

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7.17, 32-35++

The unmarried are concerned about the affairs of the Lord.

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

Brothers and sisters,

17 let each of you lead the life
that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you.

32 I want you to be free from anxieties.

The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord,
how to please the Lord;

33 but the married man is anxious about the affairs of the world,
how to please his wife,

34 and his interests are divided.

The unmarried woman and the virgin are concerned about the affairs of the Lord,
so that they may be holy in body and spirit;

but the married woman is concerned about the affairs of the world,
how to please her husband.

35 I say this for your own benefit, not to put any restraint upon you,
but to promote good order and unhindered devotion to the Lord.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Matthew 4.16

Alleluia, alleluia

A people in darkness have seen a great light;
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia

G O S P E L

Mark 1.21-28

They were all amazed: A new teaching—with authority.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

21 The disciples went to Capernaum;
and when the sabbath came,
Jesus entered the synagogue and taught.

22 They were astounded at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority,
and not as the scribes.

23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,

24 and he cried out,
“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us?

I know who you are, the Holy One of God.”

25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying,
“Be silent, and come out of him!”

26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing the man
and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another,
“What is this? A new teaching—with authority!
He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

28 At once Jesus’ fame began to spread
throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.