



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Domenico Italiano (Mary Barnao's father), Pauline Curlis (Tina Toomey's sister) and the many thousands of victims of the Turkish/Syrian earthquake, and the New Zealand floods and earthquake. Domenico's funeral will be held at Holy Spirit on Tuesday 21st February. Rosary at 10.30 am followed by Mass at 11.00 am.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Edelgard Feher, Ern Thomas, Margaret Dwyer, Peter Sammut, Tony Otten, Steven Rigo and Katherine Thomas

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Peter Higgins, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett

Readings this week: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matt 5:38-48

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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—20th-26th February 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel
8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel

WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY—PROJECT COMPASSION BEGINS

9.15 am Mass with school children, Holy Spirit Church
7.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church
7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom

THURSDAY

10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room
7:30pm Choir Holy Spirit Church

FRIDAY

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
10.00 am Ladies Morning Tea, Mary Bresnan Room

SATURDAY

6.00pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church
5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25th-26th February 2023

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

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Dominic North-Coombes

9.00 am: Don Schroder

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Monica Howgate

9.00 am: Don Schroder

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Dale Sebire

9.00 am: Shelah Batson

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Anna Fantin and Emma D'Aristotle



The March 2022 Spirit Magazine is now being prepared. We would love any contributions you would like to share: photos from a community activity, back to school or first day stories or photos, achievements of our students and Alumni, articles you think worth sharing or a favourite digital resource.

Please send your inputs to thespirit@holyspiritparish.org.au by 24 March. Thank you very much, Yvette.

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.

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2023

Daily Mass Book 2023 are now available to purchase from the Parish House. (\$30 each)
Please see Ruth or Jenny to get a copy.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm—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

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.

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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023 TAIWAN

10am Friday March 3rd Holy Spirit Chapel

Followed by Morning Tea in the Mary Bresnan Room

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. The theme in 2023 is God's promise in the letter to the Ephesians, which is an invitation to active listening, which is the ground of our prayers. Following the example of the letter (Ephesians 1:15-19), where the author praises the church for their faith in Jesus and love toward all the saints, the worship service contextualizes the witness of the saints with the stories from Taiwan.

All parishioners are invited to a Mass of Anointing followed by light lunch on Friday 31st March at 11am in the Church.

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 22nd March.

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



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

We believe that regular participation in these practices — like exercise we do for our physical health — improves our spiritual well-being, by stripping away all that is unnecessary and becoming more mindful of how God is working in our lives.

Challenge yourself this year, and go beyond the usual practice of "giving up" something.

Now is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life and to grow in it.

Not sure where to start? Here are some suggestions:

- Participate in a Lenten reflection Program, either through our parish groups or on line;
- Try a daily act of kindness
- Try a new "Spiritual practice" i.e. Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Daily Mass, Meditation
- Spend some time each day in quiet reflection on your life and how you are deepening your relationship with God. Ask God about this and listen for the whisper of the Spirit in response.
- Do you spend too much on clothes or dinners? Pick an expense that you'll "fast" from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to a charity
- Pray for somebody. As you're walking, travelling, or waiting somewhere, pick out a person who appears to be in need and pray for that person. In the words of philosopher Philo of Alexandria: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle."
- Volunteer to participate in the Easter Liturgies - it is always great to have new ideas and you will get to share your faith in a very practical way

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR KEVIN MOGG

As we approach the 1st anniversary of Fr. Kevin's passing to Our Lord, we would like to offer an open invitation to all to attend a Memorial Mass on Monday 27th February at 11.30 am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. One of Father Kevin's close priest friends, Fr. Kevin Bourke, will celebrate Mass for us and we will go out afterwards to the Ringwood Club to share a meal together. As Fr. Kevin Mogg was all about gathering around the table and breaking break together, we thought this would be an appropriate way to remember him. If you are free, please come along.

There is a sheet on the table in the foyer of the church for you to register your attendance.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Tina Toomey on 0418 552 013. Many thanks.

HOLY SPIRIT LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

We have purchased the beautiful Wollongong Lenten discussion booklet titled "Triumph" where each group will look at Gospels from Year A along with reflections and group discussions. We are fortunate to have three group times to offer:

Wednesday evenings via Zoom with Maryann Street, 7.45-9.00pm

Wednesday 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of March

Thursday evenings with Judy Barber in her home, 7.45-9.15pm

Thursday 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of March

Sunday late afternoon with Yvette Collins in the Parish House, 6.30-7.45pm

Sunday 26th February, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th of March and 2nd April



Each group will run for 6 weeks.

For those who would like to join in these Lenten discussions groups, there are sign-up sheets in the foyer of the church or call the Parish Office on 7036 9395 to register your interest.

LADIES MORNING COFFEE

Welcoming all ladies in the Holy Spirit Community to join us for a coffee morning in the Parish House on Friday 24th February at 10am after the 9:15am mass.

As this is our first meeting for the year I'm sure there will be a lot of chitter chatter to catch up on after coming back from our holidays.

Please don't hesitate to bring along a friend or invite any new parishioner you may know of. We are a friendly group of women full of laughter & fun and would love to have your company.

Any queries please contact Maureen Taffe on 0422508637 or maurentaffe@hotmail.com

On the Journey this week: In the Gospel reflection Fr Mark De Battista says use the word "complete" and you'll get the Gospel's full meaning. Mother Hilda says make it easy for people to be who God wants them to be. Plus, we commence the Triumph Lenten series with Fr Antony Jukes and Fr Chris Sarkis and their reflections on alms giving, prayer and fasting, Fr Mike Delaney and Dcn Josh Clayton tell us their highlights from the Divine Renovation 2023 Conference, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT 'S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



PLEASE DONATE NOW

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster.

MCF DGR ACCOUNT

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BSB: 062784

Account: 100011493

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For a receipt please email mcf@melkite.org.au or contact on (02) 9750 5514

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Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Human Resource Partner
- Retail Shop Assistant – St Patricks Cathedral Shop
- Wellbeing Manager

Parish Positions

- Parish Bookkeeper – St Andrew's Parish, Werribee
- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew's Parish, Werribee
- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbena
- Parish Secretary – Parishes of Frankston

Other Positions

- Secretary/Finance Administrator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Pastoral Care and Hospitality Lead – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Stewardship Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Evangelisation Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Cook – Oblate Community

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

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

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

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS

LENT 2023

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it;*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy...*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements...*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social...*

In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** -for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
 - (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
 - (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.
- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
 - The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
 - Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 22 February 2023 and Trinity Sunday, 4 June 2023 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
 - The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.
All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2023 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS – On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.



Father Joe Caddy AM
VICAR GENERAL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

With confidence in God's compassion and love, we bring these our prayers to the Lord.

Reader:

For our Church leaders; that God's people may continue to bear witness to the values of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For our Holy Spirit Parish Family. Please bless us all and help us to support each other in the same way you love and help us.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the ability to understand that God's wisdom is greater than ours. May our support for Project Compassion enable us to join Mary in saying yes to God's plan of justice for the whole human family.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Loving God. We pray for peace on earth and that our world leaders may follow the example of the saints who worked for peace and love.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our teachers in this new school year who display such patience and compassion every day. Please guide them, bless them and keep them strong in their enthusiasm for learning and teaching.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who may become sick through bitterness, hatred or deep grudges; may they turn to ask for God's gracious healing power.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently Domenico Italiano, Pauline Curlis and the many thousands of victims of the Turkish Syrian earthquake and the New Zealand floods and earthquake. We also pray for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Edelgard Feher, Ern Thomas, Margaret Dwyer, Peter Sammut, Tony Otten, Steven Rigo and Katherine Thomas.

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

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

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 on all for whom we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

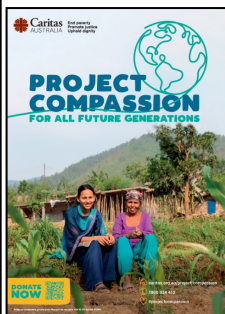
But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

ASH WEDNESDAY 2023

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 22nd February 2023. Masses for parishioners will be celebrated at 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Church with the school students and 7pm.

We have an abundance of ashes, so there is no need to bring your palms or olive branches from last year.



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Caritas Australia is the Catholic agency for international aid and development, working to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to marginalised communities throughout the world.

Mission in Flight (ministry) want to start or keep a ministry going in your church, youth group or bible study or any ministry. Learn from those who have kept their groups going for more than 15 years. Suitable for also beginners & advance.

Weekend 25-26 February

The event starts at 10am on Saturday and concludes at 4pm on Sunday.

St Joseph's Parish Chelsea

For more info www.trybooking.com/CFPZX 0413398528



Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education at the

Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer

Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO
Chancellor of University of Divinity

Date: Sunday 5th March 2023 at 3.30pm
Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Our Lady of Sion College
1065 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Our first Talk and Tour for 2023 is nearly upon us and we are also promoting our upcoming Open Day, the biggest tour event on our school calendar. Details for both events are as follows:

- **Talk and Tour:** Monday 27 February, 9:30am – 11:00am
- **2023 College Open Day:** Tuesday 21 March, 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Bookings are now open on our website. sion.catholic.edu.au

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

1 The Lord spoke to Moses:

2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel
and say to them:

'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

17 "'You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin;
you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself.

18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people,
but you shall love your neighbour as yourself:
I am the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13 (R.8)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

3 It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3.16-23

*All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ,
and Christ belongs to God.*

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

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person.

For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

18 Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age,
you should become fools so that you may become wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

For it is written,

"He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

20 and again,

"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

21 So let no one boast about human leaders.

For all things are yours –

22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas,
or the world or life or death, or the present or the future –
all belong to you,

23 and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 5.38-48

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

On the mountain, Jesus continued to teach his disciples.

38 "You have heard that it was said,
'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

39 But I say to you,
Do not resist an evildoer.

But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek,
turn the other also;

40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat,
give your cloak as well;

41 and if anyone forces you to go one mile,
go also the second mile.

42 Give to everyone who begs from you,
and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

43 "You have heard that it was said,
'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.'

44 But I say to you,
Love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you,
45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven;
for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

46 "For if you love those who love you,
what reward do you have?

Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters,
what more are you doing than others?

Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The gospel of the Lord.