



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, MASSES WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter

Recorded Masses available at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au

The Parish Office will be CLOSED, staff continue to monitor the phone, mail and emails regularly.

Please ring the parish mobile phone 0434 224 483 or Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Barrie Arnott, Daniel Hurley, Josephine Gangi, Margaret Grant, Marea Millburn, Kevin Reitze, Phil O'Sullivan, Mary Keogh, John Adriannse, Cath Versteegen, Luke Bettiol, Lina Slaveiro, Shirley Radford, Paul Saba, Loris Bresnan, Joyce Radau, Mary Quinlan and John Quinlan

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Christopher Woolley

Readings this week: 2 Kings 4.42-44; Eph 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 26th July—1st August 2021

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel TBC
7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom

THURSDAY 6.00 pm Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel TBC
8:00-9:00 pm Choir, Holy Spirit Chapel or ZOOM TBC

FRIDAY 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel TBC

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBC

SUNDAY 9.00am Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBC
5.00pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBC
7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31st July—1st August 2021

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

Mass Coordinator:

6.00 pm: Sue Wallace

9.00 am: Don Schroder

5.00 pm: Volunteer please

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin

9.00 am: Peter Parle

5.00 pm: Volunteer please

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh and Jean Smith

9.00 am: Don Schroder and Tina Toomey

5.00 pm: Volunteers please

Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm: Barry Ward

9.00 am: Maryann Street

5.00 pm: Volunteer please

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm:

9.00 am: Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

Garden Maintenance: Ian Stuart

As we resume our "Covid normal" celebration of Mass, we will be returning to some of our usual practices. Everything we do must be in accordance with the DHHS guidelines, so there will be some changes to the way we operate! **We particularly need volunteers for the 5pm Sunday Mass.**

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au

PARISH DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Thank you.



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

Holy Spirit Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

Dear Parishioners

Due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid restrictions and shutdowns, the planned First Eucharist Masses are currently under review. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they await the outcome.



Parish 50th anniversary.

Next year marks our 50th Anniversary. We would like expressions of interest from any parishioner who would like to join a subcommittee to plan our celebrations in March 2022.

Please contact the parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 9876 3077.

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast her experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



On the Journey this week:

On the Journey this week: Fr Chima Ofor (Broken Bay diocese) says this Gospel illustrates how the ordinary can have effects way out of proportion to its ordinariness. Mother Hilda wants us to give God a foot massage. Michelle Vass explains how to discover God's will for each of us. And Torrien Lau says even in my brokenness I am loved unconditionally by God & only I can exclude myself from that love. Plus, more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

National Vocations Awareness Week –

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Prayers and Congratulations to Fr. Kevin Mogg on his 65th Anniversary of Ordination into Priesthood on 22nd July. We pray for him and give thanks for all of his good works in the name of Christ Jesus.



Collection Notice

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

St Vincent de Paul Society
WINTER APPEAL

In previous Winter Appeals, we have asked for non perishable foods and blankets, which you have generously provided.

This year our very supportive Parish School have committed to provide 18 baskets of non- perishable foods, so our appeal to the parish is for cash donations.

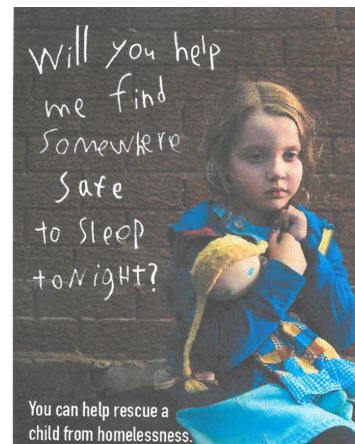
Our presence in the community to assist people experiencing poverty and disadvantage is steadfast and will continue with your support.

The disadvantaged we assist quite often experience difficulties in paying high utility, medical & pharmaceutical costs, overdue rents and other unforeseen expenses.

We have placed "Vinnies Donation" envelopes on the table in the foyer. There are 2 options:

- Online at our website: vinnies.org.au (your donation can be directed to North Ringwood Conference by nominating us in the comments field)
- Over the phone by calling 131812 (again nominate North Ringwood Conference when speaking to the operator)

Your donation will make a difference to the lives of those living in poverty & disadvantage.



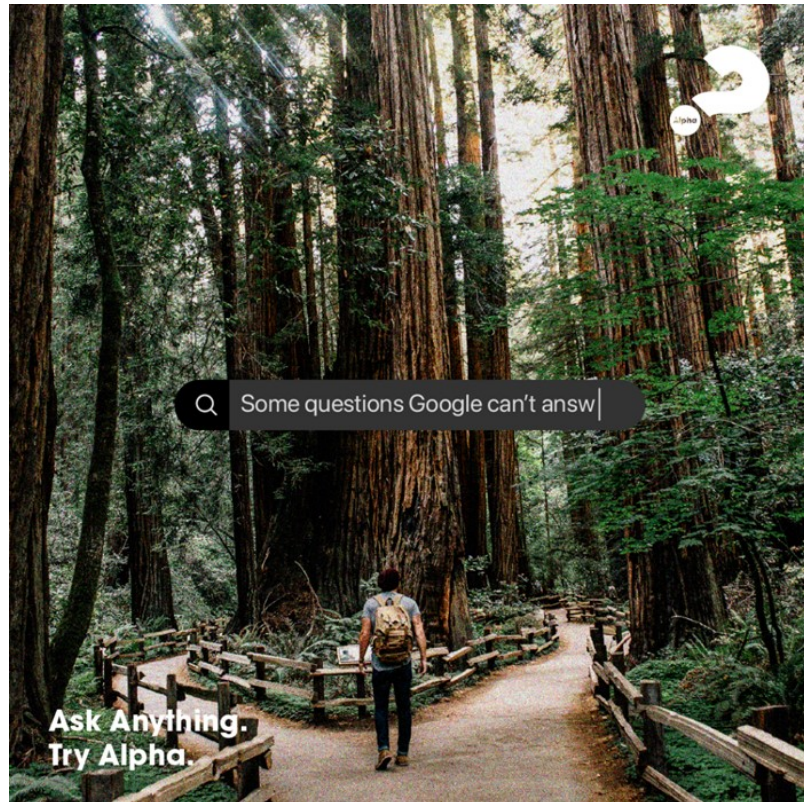
'Spirituality & Screen Images', Saturday 31 July 2021, 12.30pm-5pm at Heart of Life, Malvern. We always acknowledge Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But, Colossians I proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality. The 20th century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television, and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina. Here, we respond to Visio Divina, clips from movies, their challenge. This reflection day is led by well-known movie reviewer Peter Malone msc, at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60 (afternoon tea provided). Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

"Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat – Moments that are Grace" – over five weeks, beginning Tuesday, 3 August and concluding 31 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion on how God might have been present for you. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 28 July

'Discernment Seminar' via Zoom & in-person, 14 x Tuesdays, 9.15am-11am (AEST), 20 Jul - 16 Nov 2021. This seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our lives and in our ministries. Discernment of spirits and discernment of God's will are explored. The series is led by Paul Beirne (MA, MDiv, DMin, PhD, Cert Spir Dir, Supervisor: Australasian Assoc of Supervision), Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$450. Book and pay via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUVX>, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Life can be so busy, we don't have time to take stock. Alpha is a 'timeout' where you can think about the big questions, listen to others, and discuss your own thoughts.

None of us know it all, but together we can seek some answers.



Alpha is a friendly informal opportunity for people of all ages and beliefs to explore the big questions about life, faith and God.

Try Alpha Online

Sunday 1st August 2021, 7:30-8:45pm

via [Zoom](#) – link to be sent directly to those who register via Eventbrite
Further details and registration: <https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/alpha>
Link to short Try Alpha video: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/182479526>



20 July 2021

Dear Colleagues and Church communities,

As we bunker down in lockdown #5, I hope and trust that you are finding unexpected experiences of grace and love in life amidst the frustration and concern that we are all living with.

The Winter Shelter Exec team (Andy Tiver, Jeff Garrioch, Scott Hawkins, Gitta Clayton and I) met on Monday 19 July to discuss the progress and short-term future of Winter Shelter this year. You may be aware that due to a variety of factors we have had a significantly lower number of guests than in previous years.

The team discussed the various reasons for the reduced take up of beds, they include:

- ❑ Government homeless to home program placing people sleeping rough in homes (which we celebrate). <https://fac.dhhs.vic.gov.au/news/homelessness-home-initiative>
- ❑ Lockdown motel accommodation.

Considering these events and the recurring lockdowns, we explored a variety of options for the immediate future of the WS program. Areas we discussed included:

- ❑ Reduced capacity shelter centred around 1 venue.
- ❑ Inviting women to also participate in the program.
- ❑ Utilising a day shelter as an alternative.

Sadly, we were not able to find a viable solution, so with much sadness, I am sharing with you that the Winter Shelter accommodation programme will be suspended immediately and for the remainder of the 2021 period. This is not a decision taken lightly. However due to our desire to keep guest and volunteers safe and value the time and energy of our volunteers, we do not believe the program is viable this year.

We also remain very aware of the real needs of many in our community during this time. Therefore, we will again pivot to providing an alternative service that has been heavily utilised in the past through a meals service. This will be in the form of community meals gathered (when allowed) and continuing to prepare take away meals delivered to those in need.

Gitta will be in contact with volunteers and others who would like to participate in the meals programme.

Would you please communicate this announcement to your church communities and express our disappointment with having to take this step.

Serving our community together,

Rev Andrew Harris (on behalf of the Winter Shelter Executive)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Prayers of Intercession

Loving Father, in gratitude for the many ways in which you nurture and sustain us, we offer these prayers

Loving God, as we enter this time of ongoing discernment, we turn to you with confidence. Open our hearts to where you are calling us, help us to reach out to our neighbours in fruitful dialogue, to reframe our thinking and inspire decisions that bring renewed life. **LORD HEAR US**

For our Holy Father – Pope Francis, our Bishop Peter and all who lead us in faith; may they sustain us in fidelity to Christ and to the Church. **LORD HEAR US**

For our priests, deacons and religious, especially those in our community; may our prayers and support sustain them in fidelity and courage.. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for unity amongst all Christians, that the Spirit of God who has made us one in baptism will draw us into common prayer and service of God's reign. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for the courage to serve others; that we may be open to opportunities to meet their needs and to generously respond to them even if our gifts or time seem too limited. **LORD HEAR US**

We give thanks for all who bring food to our table each day, from the producers to those who prepare our food. May God bless them abundantly and renew the gift of life in them. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for a deeper understanding of the hungers of our hearts; that God will help us recognize our true aspirations and guide us to a fuller life. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Con Canty, Barrie Arnott, David Hurley, Josephine Gangi, Margaret Grant, Marea Millburn, Kevin Reitze, Phil O'Sullivan, Mary Keogh, John Adriannse, Cath Versteegen, Luke Bettiol, Lina Slaveiro, Shirley Radford, Paul Saba, Loris Bresnan, Joyce Radau, Mary Quinlan and John Quinlan. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. **LORD HEAR US**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



FIRST READING

2 Kings 4.42-44

They shall eat and have some left.

A reading from the second book of Kings.

42 A man came bringing food from the first fruits
to Elisha, the man of God:
twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack.
Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."

43 But his servant said,
"How can I set this before a hundred people?"
So Elisha repeated,
"Give it to the people and let them eat,
for thus says the Lord,
"They shall eat and have some left."

44 The servant set it before them,
they ate, and had some left,
according to the word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145.10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (R.16)

R. You open your hand to feed us, Lord;
you answer all our needs.

10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power. **R.**

15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

16 You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing. **R.**

17 The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4.1-6

There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

- 1 I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
- 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
- 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
- 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people

Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 6.1-15

Jesus distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.
- 2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.
- 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.
- 4 Now the Passover festival was near.
- 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"
- 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."
- 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus,
- 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"
- 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.
- 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.
- 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."
- 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.
- 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."
- 15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

The gospel of the Lord.

Loaves & Fishes



Reflection.

The crowd came a long way to hear Jesus and now find themselves in a deserted area without food. Jesus in his compassion inquires about the food supply on hand and finds all that is available is five barley loaves and two fishes in the possession of a boy. He must be shocked when asked to give up all that he has to part with the only food. However his sacrifice is well rewarded when he sees Jesus feed the multitude with the food he provided. What is given to Jesus as a sacrifice is given back by him totally transformed. The crowd is fed, symbolising that Jesus has come to give life to all people.

But the hungry multitude is still with us, crying out for the basic necessities of life. Not many of us have experienced the pangs of real hunger which darkens the mind and forces an honest person to become a thief. Our problem is that we have too much food. The inclination to selfishness is strong. The more we have the more we want.

We can draw inspiration from the generosity of the young boy. It is in our little efforts that God chooses to produce his greatest miracles. Our own barley loaf and fish may be the small amount we set aside as a family for the poor. On its own, the contribution may seem insignificant but multiplied around a caring community it can be a miracle.

Thankfulness for what we have got, can be a beginning. Every day we live in this world is a miracle of God's divine providence, much greater than the feeding of the multitude, but because it happens with such regularity we give it no thought. This story should make us think about thanking God not only for our food but for the many blessings and benefits that come our way and which we take so much for granted. Stay safe and well always.

God bless you all. -Fr. Arsenio

GRATITUDE TURNS
WHAT WE HAVE INTO
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