



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27-28 August 2022**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon**  
**Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche**

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*Holy Spirit Parish*  
*Celebrating 50 years of Faith, Family & Friendship*

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**PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFICE: 70369395**

**Email: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto: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:** Phyllis Dunn

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Maria Denelzen, Paddy Richards, Edda Barro, Neil Thomas, Tom Boal, Keith Shepherd, Paul Camilleri, Maria Frazzetto, Joe Borg, Therese McCarthy, Robert Weir, Shirley Bell, Ray Kelsey, Mick Callaghan, Valentina Negrin, Guido Favretto and Paolo Uliana

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Paul Sanderson, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, John Hogan, Eve Foreman, Michael Brown, Carol Vallance, Sinead Dalton, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler (4yo having surgery), Helen, Justine

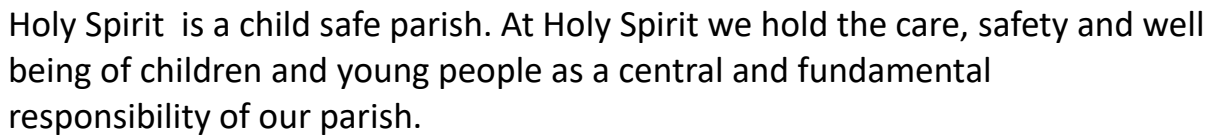
**Readings this week: Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14.1, 7-14**

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





The Word: Please note in order to get the Parish email distributed each week, submissions for the word need to be received by 2pm Thursday. Thank you, Jenny.

## EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—29th August—4th September 2022

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel</b> <b>7.30 pm Fete Committee Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room</b> <b>8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel</b> <b>7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10.00 am Men’s Coffee Morning, Mary Bresnan Room</b> <b>5.45 pm Centering Prayer Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9.15 am Mass followed by Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Spirit Chapel</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9.00 am Reconciliation, Holy Spirit Chapel</b> <b>9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (1st Saturday of month only)</b> <b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME and FATHER’S DAY</b> <b>9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church</b> <b>4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room</b> <b>5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel</b> <b>7.30-9.00 pm ALPHA Meeting via Zoom</b>

## HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3rd-4th September 2022

**Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)**

**Mass Coordinators:**

**6.00 pm:** Sue Wallace                      **9.00 am:** Peter Parle                      **5.00 pm:** Volunteer

**Lectors:**

**6.00 pm:** Bernadette Hally                      **9.00 am:** Paul Dwyer                      **5.00 pm:** Volunteer

**Welcomers:**

**6.00 pm:** Dale Sebire & Maureen Taffe      **9.00 am:** Nola Ryan

### Tea and Coffee:

**9.00 am:** Anna Fantin and Emma D'Aristotle

**Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://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



**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](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.

**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](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or phone 7036 9395 Thank you.

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

As restrictions continue to ease, we are happy to advise that the chapel will be open for private prayer during office hours. Parishioners are also welcome to drop in for a cuppa & chat after morning Masses on Wednesday & Fridays.

**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.

#### **CENTERING PRAYER MEDITATION**

Held fortnightly on a Thursday night at 5.45 pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for 30 minutes. Please contact Kathy on 0425 852 208 for any further information. All are welcome for a very relaxing, peaceful and short meditation.

**CAN YOU HELP?** A lady in our Parish, who does not drive, is seeking a lift to and from Sunday 9am Mass. She lives on Wonga Road, near the roundabout at Warranwood Road. If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish office on 7036 9395 and we will forward her details on to you. It would be a lovely gesture to help out one of our Parishioners who would love to attend Sunday mass but it is just a little too far for her to walk. Thank you

## winter shelter

We have been delighted to be welcoming a number of guests each Friday night for the last few weeks at Holy Spirit. The guests have expressed gratitude for the food, the company (no one much wants to talk to homeless people in the street) and the warm, safe bed.

A huge, big thank you to everyone for supporting the program by volunteering, cooking and providing donations. We couldn't do it without you. It is a really special program to be a part of and we are blessed that it is able to be run at our Parish.

We are very happy to say we now have enough non-perishable foods and our cooking rosters are all filled. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Areas where we could still use help with are: -

Assistance with laundry (we have to wash the all the bed linen once a week, and at this time of year, it is a bit to get through)

-Shopping – anyone interested in buying bread, ham and fruit and dropping it in to the hall kitchen on Friday afternoons?

– we've got some funding, but just need someone with some time.

#### **SOUL INSPIRED - AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING LIFE**

**When: Tuesday 13th September - Thursday 29th September 2022**

**Time: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Phone 9895 8888 for weekend hours**

**Opening: Thursday 15th September 5 pm - 7 pm**

**Artist Talk: Sunday 18 September 2pm – 4pm**

**Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill**

Inspired expressions of our life and the world around us. Born out of COVID seclusions, celebrating resilience and courage in appreciation of our North Ringwood community, as part of the Holy Spirit Parish 50th anniversary.

The idea for this exhibition was to give artists of all ages and abilities an opportunity to exhibit their work as a means of diversion and healing after lockdowns, and to celebrate the courage of artists. The courage to take an idea or concept from your mind and to convey that to an actual work is immense, and we need to celebrate that courage. We offer this exhibition as a celebration of these courageous artists, for your enjoyment, and in the hope that it will inspire our visitors to try the art form they may have thought about and never quite had the courage to commit to.

**We are pleased to invite you all to come and celebrate our artists.**

**Exhibitors:** If you haven't already contacted us re a submission, please do so now – All submissions must be Notified by 30 August. [Helen@konynenburg.com](mailto:Helen@konynenburg.com)

Thank you to all our wonderful artists for supporting this exhibition, and if you are still thinking – Please contact us now.



**Fete raffle tickets** are ready for collection from the back of the Church for those on the fete distribution list. If anyone would like to receive books, there is a sign-up sheet on the table or you can contact the Parish House on 7036 9395 or via email: [holyspiritparish@cam.org.au](mailto:holyspiritparish@cam.org.au) You can also purchase individual tickets from the back of the church. Tickets stubbs and monies can be returned to the clearly marked box. Tickets are great value at just \$2.00 each and there are wonderful prizes on offer:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$1,500 Eastland Voucher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$750 JB HiFi Voucher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500 Bunnings Voucher
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$349 Haier 126L Bar Fridge
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$250 Flower Pot Florist Voucher

We thank you for your support of our community fete.

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch on Wednesday 21st September 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 fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office:

[ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or 70369395 by Friday 16th September.

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



**On the Journey this week.** Fr Stephen Drum says humility is about being willing to put others first. Mother Hilda uses ikebana floral arrangements to explain how God uses space in our heart. Journey Editor, Max Norden, in conversation with Dr Lauren Kadwell about this year's Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice statement. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney says memories of happy times and great events remind us that God wants us to remember the good in every day, and more great music! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime.

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

**Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

- Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time
- World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator
- Account Executive, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund
- Parish Animation Consultant
- Events Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund
- Integration Engineer, Catholic Development Fund

**Parish Positions**

- Bookkeeper - St Peter Apostle Mission Parish
- Senior Pastoral Associate - St Mary's Parish Greensborough
- OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator – Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish
- Parish Manager - St Dominic's Parish
- Parish Secretary - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine
- Pastoral Associate - St. Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen

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 [hradmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hradmin@cam.org.au)

### 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 garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

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

Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or [adam-kaali@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-kaali@hotmail.com)).

### Assertiveness - Trusting Your Own Inner Voice (via Zoom), Tuesday evening 30 Aug 2022, 7pm-9.30pm (AEST).

This reflection event will explore: assertiveness - what it is and what it is not; why being assertive is adult behaviour that builds up everyone's strength and capacity to love; finding within ourselves that voice of God that echoes who I am as good in the eyes of God; what is it that distorts this perception and how that influences my judgement and behaviour; being assertive with God; being with an assertive God.

Led by Chris Chaplin msc (MSCX, Dip Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy, BTheol, Cert Spir Dir (Siloam)).

Cost \$35. Book and pay by 26/8/22 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern VIC, email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 9890 1101.

**'Interludes of Your Making - Spiritual Journaling' (via Zoom), Saturday 10 September 2022, 10am-3pm (AEST).** You are invited to step aside for a personal interlude - a day to be supported as you quietly listen to your heart and allow the Spirit within to lead you gently forward. Through intervals of creative expression and private reflection, individuals can foster new ways of attuning, sensing and articulating inner experiences. Playful use of mixed media expands the contemplative attentiveness. A focused process facilitates a gentle unfolding of self-understanding and meaning. Spiritual journaling will enable participants to notice emerging possibilities, capture otherwise fleeting insights and ponder a path of growth and change. This is a private, companioned journey with no necessity to share. You can enter into your process at your own pace. No art experience is necessary. The outcome will be fresh awareness of your inner self. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.



### Inner Healing & Forgiveness through Meditation on Jesus

(Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul.)

Gospel of John 17:11; "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..."

Retreat begins at 5.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. and concludes at 4.30pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: At 22 Woodvale Road,

Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 0424202191 or Email: [gilbertcarlo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)

## Embrace the Call to Global Mission



Palms Australia

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>](#)





**Saturday 8th  
October  
10am - 5pm**

# **ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBANDS**

**\$50.00**



EXCLUSIVE TO HOLY SPIRIT, ST ANNE'S & ST GERARDS FAMILIES  
NO Wristband sales on the day. Wristband pickup on Fete Day.

**SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER 2022**

**10am - 5pm**

**ALL DAY**

## **RIDE WRISTBAND - ORDER FORM**

**ALL WRISTBANDS**

**\$ 50.00**

Tickets will be available to be purchased through the Tote System  
from now till Thursday 15th of September 2022

All order forms along with any money should be placed in the "FETE  
Letterbox" above the Tote OR Purchased after school outside the  
computer room from 3rd of October 2022 till 7th of October 2022.

On Fete day, tickets will be replaced with a coloured wristband, which can be  
collected after 9.30am from the fete information booth

Simply print out and return the slip below addressed to : Holy Spirit Fete  
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 15th September 2022!!!

**THIS REMITTANCE MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT (CHQ, CASH, CC DETAILS)**

NAME: ..... CLASS: .....

NUMBER OF WRISTBANDS ..... TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ .....

\*\*\* Please make cheques out to Holy Spirit Fete.

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY     CSV:

NAME ON CARD: .....

EMAIL: ..... Please provide email to receive receipt  
of payment



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# YOUTH CAMP AUSTRALIA 2022

## YMCA CAMP MANYUNG

WHEN: FRIDAY 9TH - SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

WHERE: 25/35 SUNNYSIDE RD, MOUNT ELIZA  
VIC 3930

ALL INCLUSIVE CAMP WITH EXCITING  
ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

- GIANT SWING
- TREE ROLLING
- DANCE PARTY NIGHT
- BUSH COOKING
- CAMP FIRE
- MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT
- AND LOTS MORE...

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE CAMP PLEASE  
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO APPLY

[HTTPS://WWW.ORDEROFMALTA.ORG.AU/YOUTH-  
CAMPS/](https://www.orderofmalta.org.au/youth-camps/)

WE WILL NOTIFY ALL SUCCESSFUL  
APPLICANTS



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**YOUTH CAMP**  
 **MELBOURNE SEPT 2022**





*Celebrating*  
**YEARS**  
**50**

**The Parish of St Gerard & St Anne**  
is celebrating (a little late) its 50th Anniversary

**Please Join Us!**

Sunday 11 September 2022  
10.30am Mass Celebration  
and afterwards for High Tea

St Anne's Church  
54 Knees Road Park Orchards VIC 3114

RSVP to St Anne's Parish Office  
Phone: (03) 7064 3922  
Email: [parkorchards@cam.org.au](mailto:parkorchards@cam.org.au)

*Reaching out in Prayer, Hospitality & Action*



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

*We turn to our heavenly Father in prayer, placing before Him our needs and the needs of the world. And so we pray in faith together.*

We pray for the Church; may we always be a living sign of God's goodness to all we meet.

Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For our priests and bishops; that they might always put before your people the example of their lives of generous service. May they always accept and submit to your word.

Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace; that the Holy Spirit will inspire human hearts to turn from violence and seek to work together to defeat the common enemies of disease, ignorance and poverty.

Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who hand on the traditions of our faith; may they share their faith clearly and convincingly and lead others into an experience of God's great love.

Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For the frail and sick of our Parish community; may they be touched by God's goodness in those who care for them.

Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died recently, Phyllis Dunn and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Maria Denelzen, Paddy Richards, Edda Barro, Neil Thomas, Tom Boal, Keith Shepherd, Paul Camilleri, Maria Frezzetto, Joe Borg, Therese McCarthy, Robert Weir, Shirley Bell, Ray Kelsey, Mick Callaghan, Valentina Negrin, Guido Favretto and Paolo Uliana.

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**



## **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14*

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

## FIRST READING

Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29

*Work humbly, and you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.*

A reading from the book of Sirach.

- 17 My child, perform your tasks with humility;  
then you will be loved by those whom God accepts.  
18 The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself;  
so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.  
19 Many are lofty and renowned,  
but to the humble the Lord reveals his secrets.  
20 For great is the might of the Lord;  
but by the humble he is glorified.  
28 When calamity befalls the proud,  
there is no healing, for an evil plant has taken root in them.  
29 The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs,  
and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68.3-4, 5-6a, 9-10 (R.10)

**R.** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

3 Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;  
let them be jubilant with joy. 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
his name is the Lord, be exultant before him. **R.**

5 Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

6 God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity. **R.**

9 Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;  
10 your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a

*You have come to Mount Zion,  
to the dwelling place of the living God.*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

- 18 You have not come to something that can be touched,  
a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,  
19 and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet,  
and a voice whose words made the hearers beg  
that not another word be spoken to them.  
22 But you have come to Mount Zion  
and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,  
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,  
23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,  
and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.

Alleluia

## GOSPEL

Luke 14.1, 7-14

*All who exalt themselves will be humbled,  
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

1 On one occasion

when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees

to eat a meal on the sabbath,

the lawyers and Pharisees were watching him closely.

7 When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honour,  
he told them a parable.

8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet,  
do not sit down at the place of honour,  
in case someone more distinguished than you  
has been invited by your host;

9 and the host who invited both of you  
may come and say to you,  
'Give this person your place,'  
and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

10 "But when you are invited,  
go and sit down at the lowest place,  
so that when your host comes,  
he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher';  
then you will be honoured  
in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,  
and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 Jesus said also to the Pharisee who had invited him,  
"When you give a luncheon or a dinner,  
do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters  
or your relatives or rich neighbours,  
in case they may invite you in return,  
and you would be repaid.

13 But when you give a banquet,  
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,  
for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.