



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Palm Sunday 1-2 April 2023**

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TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm

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FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

## **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**

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:** Father John Tollan

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Kevin Hammond, Antonia Battaglia, Dot Papworth, Angelina Italiano, Roc Carafa, Antoine Gueho, Santana Zerella and Teresa Frisina

**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, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Anne Burns, Darren Brock

**Readings this week: Isaiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 27:11-54**

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.



**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—3rd April -9th April 2023**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel  
7:30pm Combined Parishes Rite of Forgiveness, St Anne's Church

**WEDNESDAY**

9.15 am Mass with Grades 5/6, Holy Spirit Church  
6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom followed by Stations of the Cross  
7:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room

**THURSDAY**

10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room  
7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper, Holy Spirit Church

**FRIDAY**

10:30am Stations of the Cross, Holy Spirit Church  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Holy Spirit Church

**SATURDAY**

8:30am Church Set up, Holy Spirit Church  
7:30pm easter Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

**SUNDAY**

EASTER SUNDAY  
9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES** The next yearly thanksgiving envelopes for 2023/24 are available for collection from the back of the Church. As we are slowly becoming a cashless society, we also have convenient Credit Card and Direct Debit facilities which guarantees your regular contribution to the Parish. You may join the program on-line via our website or you can contact the Parish Office and we can arrange everything. Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to our wonderful Parish. It is very much appreciated.

**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

**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.



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**

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

**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—resumes May 2nd). 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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice)



**Volunteers needed**

Our wonderful High Spirits leader Elma, is looking for volunteers to assist with the Religious Education of our children who attend non-Catholic schools. Elma has students ranging in year levels from year 3 to year 7. Classes are on Sunday afternoon from 4-5pm., followed by Mass in the Chapel. Volunteers need to have a current Working With Children check and sign a Safeguarding code of conduct. If you would be willing to lend a hand, please contact Elma via the parish Office ([ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au))



### Combined Parishes Rite of Forgiveness

Tuesday 4 April at 7:30pm, St Anne's Church Park Orchards

Individual Reconciliation will be available to anyone after the service has been completed. All are welcome and encouraged to come.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16th 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.

**On the Journey this week:** On the Journey this week: A program to start the Church's "Great Week" with Palm Sunday reflections from Fr Mark De Battista and Mother Hilda, plus three Holy Week reflections from Darren McDowell, Fr Sean Cullen and Fr Antony Jukes, 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.

### Palm Sunday

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



### POSITIONS VACANT

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

#### Catholic Archdiocese Of Melbourne

Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment

Executive Support Officer

Senior Creatives Officer

#### Catholic Development Fund

Finance, Risk and Administration Officer

#### Parish Positions

Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton

Pastoral Worker – St Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East

Pastoral Worker - St Andrew's Parish Werribee

#### Other Positions

Digital Marketing and Fundraising Contractor - Carmel Impact

Maintenance Officer - Corpus Christi

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

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

**EASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS  
YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**



As always, 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.

For further information contact the Parish House on 7036 9395.

**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

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**  
**Celebrate Holy Week  
and Easter with us**

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**PALM SUNDAY MASSES**  
SATURDAY 1st April – 6.00 pm  
SUNDAY 2nd April – 9.00 am & 5.00 pm

**THURSDAY 6th APRIL**  
7.30 pm – Mass of the Last Supper

**FRIDAY 7th APRIL**  
10.00 am – Stations of the Cross  
3.00 pm – Solemn Celebration  
of the Lord's Passion

**SATURDAY 8th APRIL**  
7.30 pm – Easter Vigil  
(including lighting of the Easter fire)

**SUNDAY 9th APRIL**  
9.00 am – Easter Mass

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

### ***Celebrant:***

***As we commence Holy Week, we place before the Lord our prayers and petitions, confident that He will hear and understand our innermost thoughts.***

### **Reader:**

For everyone in our Parish community; that we may never lose our faith in God's love, but with Christ, faithfully carry the holy cross of our daily commitment, care and love of others especially in times of trouble, uncertainty and difficulty.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For the bereaved in our community, those living with long term illness and those who are housebound; that their faith in the companionship of Christ will comfort them and strengthen their hope in his promise of eternal life.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For anyone who feels abandoned, lonely or in any way estranged from their family, friends or the community; that the grace of Christ's painful, lonely journey to the cross will inspire and strengthen them.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

For all victims of injustice; all political prisoners, those falsely accused or wrongly arrested, imprisoned, refugees and asylum seekers; that they find freedom, justice and peace.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray that the mystery of the death of Jesus will deepen within our hearts. May we be ready to take up the cross in our time especially as we support those who experience injustice throughout the world.

Lord hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Kevin Hammond, Antonia Battaglia, Dot Papworth, Angelina Italiano, Roc Carafa, Antoine Gueho, Santina Zerella and Teresa Frisina.

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

Lord hear us.

***Celebrant: We enter this week of grace where your Son showed His love for us.***

***Help us to return his love by loving and forgiving one another.***

***We ask this through the Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **REFLECTION: Palm Sunday**

*As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.*  
*Matthew 27:32*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.



## FIRST READING

Isaiah 50.4-7

*I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.  
The Lord helped me, therefore I have not been disgraced.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

- 4 "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.  
5 The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.  
6 "I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.  
7 "The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame".

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (R.1)

*R.* My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- 7 All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  
8 "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver; let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" *R.*  
16 For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shrivelled; 17 I can count all my bones. *R.*  
18 They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.  
19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! *R.*  
22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! *R.*

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2.6-11

*Jesus humbled himself. Therefore God highly exalted him.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

- 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,  
8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
9 Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

### GOSPEL (shorter)

Matthew 27.11-54

*The passion of Jesus Christ, the Lord.*

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

“Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said, “You say so.”

12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

13 Then Pilate said to him,

“Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

14 But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge,  
so that the governor was greatly amazed.

15 Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd,  
anyone they wanted.

16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

“Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

18 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

“Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal  
because of a dream about him.”

20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas  
and to have Jesus killed.

21 The governor again said to them,

“Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

And they said, “Barabbas.”

22 Pilate said to them,

“Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

All of them said, “Let him be crucified!”

23 Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?”

But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

24 So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning,  
he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

“I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

26 So he released Barabbas for them;

and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters,  
and they gathered the whole cohort around him.

28 They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

29 and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head.

They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

“Hail, King of the Jews!”

30 They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.

31 After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him.

Then they led him away to crucify him.

32 As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon;  
they compelled this man to carry his cross.

At this point all may join in singing an appropriate acclamation.

33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),  
34 they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.  
35 And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;  
36 then they sat down there and kept watch over him.  
37 Over his head they put the charge against him, which read,  
“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”  
38 Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.  
39 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,  
40 “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!  
If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”  
41 In the same way the chief priests also,  
along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,  
42 “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel;  
let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.  
43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to;  
for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”  
44 The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.  
45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon.  
46 And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,  
“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”  
that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”  
47 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,  
“This man is calling for Elijah.”  
48 At once one of them ran and got a sponge,  
filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.  
49 But the others said,  
“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”  
50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

All may kneel for a period of silence.

51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.  
The earth shook, and the rocks were split.  
52 The tombs also were opened,  
and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.  
53 After his resurrection they came out of the tombs  
and entered the holy city and appeared to many.  
54 Now when the centurion and those with him,  
who were keeping watch over Jesus,  
saw the earthquake and what took place,  
they were terrified and said,  
“Truly this man was God’s Son!”