

4th Sunday of Advent 17-18 December 2022



‘COME LORD, SON OF DAVID, SON OF GOD’

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the betrothed of Joseph,
a son of David.

Matt 1:18-24

‘PREPARING WITH JOY FOR CHRIST’S COMING’

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and it always has a theme of looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times.

This week we can bring the mystery of Christ’s coming into our lives by using the Advent wreath and candle lighting ritual again, In your prayer, give honour to Mary and Joseph for the way they cooperated with God’s plan. Highlight the significance of the name ‘Emmanuel’ that Jesus is truly “God with us”



Advent and Christmas are times of waiting, preparation and celebration. God is coming to us as Jesus; as the Messiah that was promised. Jesus is with us today, with His spirit in love.

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Try to be intuitive to God’s voice this week.

What is being communicated to you at this time in your life?

The Mary Candle

Today we honour Mary’s role in our Salvation:

She gave Jesus to the world.

Among our many Advent traditions is that of the Mary Candle

- A white candle tied with blue ribbon - ,

which stands witness to Mary’s many months of expectancy and hope.

In your home you might also light a Mary Candle as an added reminder of your hope in Jesus, the light of the world.

MARY’S PLACE IN OUR HERITAGE:

Pregnancy and birth are among the most common experiences of life - yet almost every pregnancy is extraordinary. We think of our Mothers who are expecting, and today too, of many Mothers who have lost their babies.

Like all mothers, Mary experienced the hope and expectation of her new child along with great physical and lifestyle changes. She was also on the threshold of a unique relationship with her God.

WHAT DOES MARY MEAN FOR US?

Firstly, Mary was human. She accepted God’s call, but she still struggled with the meaning of much that she experienced. It is clear that faithfulness does not mean an easy path, free of doubt and struggle. Such example is relevant today in a world of many changes and challenges.

Secondly, it is also an appropriate time to acclaim the place of the feminine in our Church, as Mary exemplifies; the place of care and constant support, the willingness to remain faithful in times of trauma as well as times of joy. In a world that is thankfully growing in the recognition of the place of the feminine, we of the Church can look to Mary’s response as a source of inspiration.

Today, as we gather on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the fourth of the Candles, remembering how God’s love was manifest to the world through the generosity and courage of the Virgin Mary.

Maranatha! Maranatha!

Come Lord Jesus Come



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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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

Please contact us via the new phone number or email if you have any enquiries.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Father Joseph Patrick Hynan PE

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Michael Sully, Josie O'Sullivan, Augusto Cimino, Justin and David Crowe, Wilhelmina Dykstra, Peter Marangos, Brien Tierney, Maria Toffolo, Terri Windridge, Wendy Pearl and Pat Cahill

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Eve Foreman, Carol Vallance, Sinead Dalton, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler (4yo having surgery), Helen, Justine, Thomas Lee (new born baby seriously ill)

Readings this week: Isaiah 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-24

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.

January Office & Mass arrangements.

The Parish Office will be unattended from 4pm Friday 23 December 2022 until 9am Tuesday 10 January 2023. Phone messages and emails will be monitored during this time. Fr Arsenio will be on leave during January. Fr John will be celebrating Masses on Friday mornings at 9:15 in the Chapel, Saturday evenings at 6pm and Sunday morning at 9am in the Church. The last 5pm Mass for 2022 will be this weekend—Sunday 18 December and will resume on Sunday 5 February. May you all enjoy a peace filled and happy Christmas and New Year.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—19th—25th December 2022

MONDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TILL TUESDAY 31st JANUARY 2023
TUESDAY	7.00 pm Combined Parishes Reconciliation Service, Holy Spirit Church
WEDNESDAY	9.15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (last Wednesday mass until Feb 2023) 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom (continues throughout the holiday season)
THURSDAY	7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (continues throughout the holiday season)
SATURDAY	CHRISTMAS EVE—HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH 5.00 pm Children's Mass 7.30 pm Mass 10.30 pm Mass
SUNDAY	CHRISTMAS DAY—HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH 9.00 am Mass only NOTE : NO 5.00 pm Mass during the holidays (resumes 5th February)

**BUY A MEAL APPEAL**

Appeal envelopes will be available this weekend. If you are unable to make up a Christmas Hamper, this is an opportunity to help make a family's Christmas that much happier!

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers and gifts

We wish to thank parishioners, school community and friends who provided hampers and gifts for this year's distribution.

Also we wish to thank parishioners who provided cash for the "Buy a Christmas Dinner Appeal".

We delivered approximately 80 hampers and many Christmas gifts to very appreciative recipients in our community. The hampers and gifts ensure the recipients will have a happier and enjoyable Christmas they would not otherwise have.

Many thanks again to our very generous parish community.

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.

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
Thank you.

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



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.

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", please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

DRUM ROLL!!

We are so excited to announce that the 40th anniversary of the Holy Spirit Fete 2022 raised a massive \$78,174.40!!!

A huge thank you to all the committee members, our amazing sponsors, the volunteers, teachers, P&F and our wonderful school and local community for your amazing support.

The money has already been distributed and we can't wait until 2023 to smash this year's record!

Remember to continue to support our sponsors over the coming months!

Belle Godfrey
Sponsorship & Marketing
Manager

Thank you so much!



H O L Y S P I R I T F E T E 2 0 2 2

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Join our Heart of Life Team:

Is Social Media Your Thing? Applications are invited for an individual to look after our social media content and assist in sharing news about Heart of Life and its programs. We seek a person who enjoys social media and can help to engage with our community to spark what may begin or continue the 'opening' process of being on earth the heart of God. The role is part-time – approx. one day per week - and is a volunteer role, at least initially. Please apply by 31/12/22 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

General Admin Assistant Applications are invited to support the growing team at Heart of Life where we are dedicated to supporting those who wish to deepen their spiritual journey. The position is part-time - one day per week (Mondays) during school terms - involving general office duties and providing some support with Zoom. It is a volunteer role with petrol/transport expenses paid. Please apply by 6/1/23 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

Position descriptions for the above and more information available from info@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890 1101. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern

**COMBINED PARISHES PENITENTIAL SERVICE
& INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**
7pm Tuesday 20th December, Holy Spirit Church
ALL WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO COME!



Christmas Volunteers needed!

We need volunteers for all Christmas Masses, particularly 10:30PM Christmas Eve. If you can help please add your name to the sign up sheets at the back of the Church, or contact the Parish Office 70369395 or Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au As the old saying goes “many hands make light work”. We are always looking for new people to join the Liturgy committee, so this may be a good time to consider how you can help!

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available for purchase from the table at the back of the Church at \$10.00 each. As always, these are beautiful calendars and would make a lovely Christmas present. Proceeds go to support the wonderful work of St Columban’s Mission Society.

On the Journey this week: Fr Chris Sarkis’ Gospel reflection – we too are called to say “yes” to God’s will in our lives. Mother Hilda on letting God take up residence in your grief or loss. Plus, extra Advent reflections from Sr Magdalen Mather and Sr Anastasia Reeves, and Fr Mike Delaney on the expectations we have for each day and how they impact what is happening in our life, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or 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

- Front-End Developer

Catholic Development Fund

- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee
- Pastoral Worker – St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen
- Cleaner – St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully
- Parish Bookkeeper – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee
- Parish Secretary – St Christopher’s Parish, Syndal
- Youth Pastoral Worker - St Christopher’s Parish, Syndal

Other Positions

- Cook – Oblate of Mary Immaculate

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

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

Christmas Calendar

Sunday 18 December	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 20 December	7pm Combined parish Reconciliation Service
Saturday 24 December	Christmas Eve Masses: 5pm; 7:30pm; 10:30pm
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day Mass 9am



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Parish of Ivanhoe has a couple of vacancies for its Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 11th – 28th April 2023. If you are interested please visit our Parish Website www.melbocatholic.org/ivanhoe and click on the News Page or phone Fr. Bill Edebohl 0427 879 733

NJ Noel Jones

Proudly supports

Christmas Blessings to all in our community

You are welcome to join us in our Christmas celebrations

Christmas Eve

5.00pm, 7.30pm & 10.30pm

Christmas Day: 9.00am

Please come early and join in carol singing before masses begin.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

CELEBRANT:

Dear Friends in Christ. During this time of Advent, may we be ready to recognize and welcome the Lord, who leads us out of any darkness in our lives into the glorious light of God's Kingdom of justice, peace and joy.

We pray that we may never lose faith in God's loving presence with us, no matter what the circumstances of our life may be.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that we may ever be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be a welcoming sign to others of God's loving presence in their lives.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

That we may be people of faith like Mary and Joseph, withholding any hasty judgements about ourselves and others and trusting that, in due course, the grace of God will unfold in our lives.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all new parents and those awaiting the birth of a child; that they may welcome with joy God's action in their lives and nurture the gift of life entrusted to their care.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the bereaved who mourn the loss of family members and friends at this time; may they be comforted in their sadness and experience healing and peace through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the loving care of others.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently, Father Joseph Patrick Hynan PE and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Michael Sully, Josie O'Sullivan, Augusto Cimino, Justin and David Crowe, Wilhelmina Dykstra, Peter Marangos, Brian Tierney, Maria Toffolo, Terri Windridge, Wendy Pearl and Pat Cahill.

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

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT:

Loving God. Your saving grace embraces all people in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and brother. Hear these our prayers that we make to You through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4th Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7.10-14

Look, the virgin is with child.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

10 The Lord spoke to Ahaz,
11 "Ask a sign of the Lord your God;
let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven."
12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask,
and I will not put the Lord to the test."
13 Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David!
Is it too little for you to weary mortals,
that you weary my God also?
14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R.7c+10b)

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. **1** The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it; **2** for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the river. **R.**

3 Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?
4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false. **R.**
5 They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.
6 Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 1.1-7

Jesus Christ, descended from David, was declared to be the Son of God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ,
called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
2 which God promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures:
3 the gospel concerning his Son,
who was descended from David according to the flesh
4 and was declared to be Son of God with power
according to the spirit of holiness
by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.
5 Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship
to bring about the obedience of faith
among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,
6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.
7 To all God's beloved in Rome,
who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 1.18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

18 The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.
When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man
and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace,
planned to dismiss her quietly.

20 But just when he had resolved to do this,
an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,
for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will bear a son,
and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place
to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us."

24 When Joseph awoke from sleep,
he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him;
he took her as his wife.

The gospel of the Lord.

