



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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SCAM ALERT!

We have been made aware of yet another email scam.

This time someone claiming to be Fr Arsenio or Fr Shibu.

The email is from 'churchheadofparish@gmail.com' and the content will be along the line of: 'Hi How are you doing?

I need a favour from you, email me as soon as you get this

message. God bless, Fr Arsenio Tuazon'

PLEASE DISREGARD THIS EMAIL AS IT IS A SCAM!

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, ALL MASSES, LITURGIES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Readings and Prayers of Intercession are included in the word.

THE Parish Office will also be closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. The temporary phone number is 0434 224 483 so you won't get the usual message. Please leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Peter Taffe, Kevin Hammond, Eileen Coffey, Arthur Treeby, Dot Papworth, Angelina Pellegrino, Anne Moylan, Jim Mulcahy, Roc Carafa, Antoine Gueho, Santina Zerella, Rick Van Duppen, Maria Mandile

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Ben Lobo, John, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero, Pam Rowe, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Brian Price

We are more than happy to add names to the list of people who are ill and needing prayerful support. However, it is time to refresh our list for prayers. Please contact the Parish office on 9876 3077 to add or reinstate names. Thank you.

Readings this week: Acts 2:42-47; 1Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

Envelopes: \$
 Credit Cards: \$2,498.12
 Direct Debits: \$ 622.23
TOTAL LAST WEEK: \$

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

Envelopes: \$
 Loose collection: \$
TOTAL: \$

THANK YOU to everyone who supports Holy Spirit Parish financially. PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH HOUSE IF YOUR CREDIT CARD IS LOST/STOLEN OR YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER HAS CHANGED.

New envelopes have been distributed to those who contribute via this method. The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. If you would like to drop your envelope into the office, staff will be checking the mail and front entrance daily. (You can slip the envelopes under the front door.)

This may be an opportune time to change over to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions. Should you wish to make this change, please call the parish office on 9876 3077 or 9876 3717.

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.

Holy Spirit Web Site

Recent Updates to www.holyspiritparish.org.au (Refer News / Events in the menu)

A Parish blog re. news and procedures re. our position on COVID-19 is on our home page -

<http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/>

Holy Spirit Parish Updates: Online resources to get us by during the restrictions caused by the pandemic - bit.ly/hspupdates



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

In this time of crisis there will be more calls to our Vinnies Conference to provide assistance to those adversely affected by the COVID19 Pandemic.

If you are in a position to donate any non-perishable goods, a basket will be on the doorstep of the parish house. The donations will be cleared every morning and afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Mass Live Streamed

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to share the news that Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will live-streamed on our **website and YouTube Channel**.

Please go to www.cam.org.au

St Simons Parish Rowville and St John's Mitcham are also livestreaming their weekly masses:

www.stsimonsparish.com.au or www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Collection Notice

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

EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will advise you when we are able to resume.

In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and please continue to support each other, (by phone etc) .

If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)



April 19, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbour, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way

SPIRIT EXTRA -

We have very quickly put together a "Spirit Extra" for your enjoyment. Only available online, we just wanted to show you in one more way during this Corona Virus time, that your parish community is still alive, functioning and caring for you, albeit a little differently. We hope you will find some of the information helpful and assist with getting you through this necessary isolation. If you enjoy it and think worthwhile let us know by emailing: RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au or myself: helen@konynenburg.com with Spirit Extra in the Subject line. Enjoy.

Check out: <http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/Spirit-Extra>

Ad Hoc set up team needed!

Occasionally when a funeral or special Mass is to be held in the church during the week and the chairs have been disassembled, we need to reset the church for the occasion. We are looking for some volunteers who are prepared to come and help with the set up on an ad-hoc basis. It would usually be the evening before the funeral / Mass at a time that suits most volunteers. If you would be prepared to assist with this, could you contact the Parish Office and register with us? We hope this would only be on rare occasions! Thankyou.



3 O'Clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy

You died Jesus, but the source of life
flowed out for the souls and the ocean
of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fountain of Life, immeasurable
Divine Mercy. Cover the whole world and
empty yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water which flowed out
from the heart of Jesus as a fountain of
mercy for us, I trust in You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and the whole world.
(3 times)

Amen

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in You!

FIRST READING

Acts 2.42-47

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who welcomed the message of Peter were baptized
and many were added to the community.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone,
because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

44 All who believed were together and had all things in common;
45 they would sell their possessions and goods
and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple,
they broke bread at home

and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,
47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number
those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118.2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (R.1)

R. Give thanks, for the Lord is good,
God's love is everlasting.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

2 Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

3 Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

4 Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever." R.

13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the Lord helped me.

14 The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

15 There are glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous. R.

22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. R.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1.3-9

God has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead:

4 a birth into an inheritance
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,

5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice,
even if now for a little while
you have had to suffer various trials,
7 so that the genuineness of your faith
—being more precious than gold that,
though perishable, is tested by fire—
may be found to result in praise and glory and honour
when Jesus Christ is revealed.

8 Although you have not seen him, you love him;
and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him
and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 20.29

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

GOSPEL

John 20.19-31

A week later Jesus came and stood among them.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 19 It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead,
the first day of the week,
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met
were locked for fear of the authorities.
Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you."
- 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
- 24 But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.
- 25 So the other disciples told him,
"We have seen the Lord."
But he said to them,
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,
and put my finger in the mark of the nails
and my hand in his side,
I will not believe."
- 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house,
and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut,
Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you."
- 27 Then he said to Thomas,
"Put your finger here and see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it in my side.
Do not doubt but believe."
- 28 Thomas answered him,
"My Lord and my God!"
- 29 Jesus said to him,
"Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."
- 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,
which are not written in this book.
- 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that through believing you may have life in his name.
- The gospel of the Lord.

My dear friends in Christ:

In this day and age, let's have a short and honest reflection on the depth of our own Easter faith and a time to ask the Lord to strengthen our conviction and trust in his word.

How else as Christians are we linked across the centuries with the disciples of the early church if not by an unbreakable bond of faith. The bottom line of that faith is our belief in Christ.

Faith is a struggle, a challenge and a battle and there is nothing comfortable about it.

Living in an environment as the new normal nowadays, it is difficult to see beyond the surface appearances and to sometimes trust totally in God's word.

This 2nd Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Mercy in Latin is Misericordia.

Two words combined- miseriae meaning misery and cor or cordis meaning heart. A Heart in Misery has become a heart that chose to suffer and having compassion with all one's heart.

And it is the nature of God's mercy that His heart extends into our misery and redeems it.

This is the answer to the mystery of human suffering as it relates to redemption.

Mercy signifies that God draws our misery into his own eternal loving heart. Let us never forget the endless mercy of God no matter how intense our trials become.

May our words be "Jesus I trust in You."

Keep smiling and stay safe!

In Christ,

Fr. Arsenio



Prayers of Intercession

We pray for the whole Catholic community; we are an Easter people and we ask God's blessing on the Church.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for a deep and lively faith in the presence of the risen Christ among us. May we live no longer in the darkness of doubt and fear, but alive and enlightened by the light of Christ's love.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all people still struggling in the darkness of suffering and pain, grief and loss; that they may experience the comfort and peace of the Risen Lord's presence with them through the compassion and care of the Christian community.

LORD HEAR US

For all peoples and nations experiencing injustice, poverty and oppression; that the eyes and hearts of the world will be opened to their plight so they find freedom, justice and peace. **LORD HEAR US**

For all who are in need; the poor, the homeless, the housebound, the ill; that they encounter the presence of the Risen Lord in their lives and find hope and healing.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Peter Taffe, Kevin Hammond, Eileen Coffey, Arthur Treeby, Dot Papworth, Angelina Pellegrino, Anne Moylan, Jim Mulcahy, Roc Carafa, Antoine Gueho, Santina Zerella, Rick Van Duppen and Maria Mandile. May they rest in the 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

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress,
the God in whom I trust."

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for his angels stand close by your side,
guarding you always and bearing you gently,
watching over your life.

Those who cling to the Lord live secure in his love;
lifted high those who trust in his name.
Call on the Lord, he will never forsake you.
He will bring you salvation and joy.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,

We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.