



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 18-19 July 2020

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EMAIL

Jacinta will continue to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you have not received an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know at Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au. Alternatively, please ring the parish mobile 0434 224 483 to advise us of your email address.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

PLEASE NOTE:

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

THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which will be available from the parish web site: www.holyspiritparish.org.au

Recorded Masses (click on the You Tube icon), important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters will also be available on the website.

THE Parish Office will also be closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. Please ring the Parish Mobile number: 0434 224 483 and leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible. Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack Philp (Peter's Father)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Steven Bennett, Christopher Cameron, Elena Urmelis, Gavin Brown, Guisepppe Di Gregorio, Roger Ulehla, Shannon Risson, Giovanna Gottardo, Carmel Clarke, Bob Egan and Bert Mahoney

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, Valerie Mason

Readings this week: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19; Romans 8.26-27; Matthew 13.24-43

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

HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

Envelopes: \$
 Credit Cards: \$
 Direct Debits: \$
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.

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, please ring to arrange a drop off or pick up time.

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 **0434 224 483**

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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Collection Notice

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

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

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "Covid 19 News and Updates" (much of which is drawn from Jacinta's weekly email): ref home page & menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page
- >>>> We have changed our web address on Friday 03/07/2020. Refer the attached page for more info <<<<

VINNIES COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL

Not only have the people who usually rely on our assistance been disproportionately affected, but there will be many more thousands who have lost their jobs and finding themselves suffering from financial strain and struggling to keep a roof over their heads or even food on the table. Due to very strict numbers at weekend Masses, where we traditionally held the Winter Appeal, we are making the transition to digital as there will be no cash collections. Parishioners wanting to donate can do so by :-
 Phone by calling 13 18 12 and nominate North Ringwood Conference or
 Online at vinnies.org.au and nominate North Ringwood in the "comments" field.
 Donations over \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.
 Thank you in advance for your support of the Winter Appeal

**Vinnies
changes
lives
everyday.**

Show your support and
give to our annual appeal

EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Corona-virus 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)



You're Invited to an Alpha Celebration Evening



A group of people, who have just finished the Alpha course, would like
YOUR company at their Celebration Evening!

You are invited to join via Zoom to hear about their experience of Alpha and watch a
video entitled:

“Is there more to life than this?”

Time & Location

Wednesday 22nd July 2020, 7:45pm - 9:30pm

Via Zoom – link to be sent directly to those who register.

RSVP by July 21st: by email to alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au or sending a text
message to Maryann (0429 876 434) or Kerry (0407 764 302).

If you have not used Zoom before, or would like more information, please call
Maryann (0429 876 434).

Our Parish Website has moved

We are now at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

As the heading says we have moved our web site. We are no longer at www.cam... Instead you can find us at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au.

There have been some useful changes which are best explained by reading these notes in conjunction with the image of our home page (next page).

1. The web site can now be searched. This is perhaps the best of the improvements. If you're looking for something and can't remember where it's placed start here.
2. If you are on a small form factor device (smart phone or table) you will see the "hamburger" in the top left corner. Click this to see the menu (3)
3. The Menu
 - a. The menu now sports "Covid 19". This is the full list of announcements we have made since the restrictions took place – mostly these come from Jacinta's weekly update. We also have the most recent two on the home page ("Covid 19 Updates" - refer 6). Previously we had the most recent one on the home page and the rest on another page that was a bit less obvious to find and much harder to maintain. This change is mostly of benefit to me ;)
 - b. "News, Events" has been revamped. It used to be a menu list of articles which were difficult to navigate and appreciate what they might contain. Now it is a series of summaries each with an associated image and details should you wish to "click-in". This means a more manageable interface and better user experience.
 - c. Contact Us can now fit on our menu. Previously it was only available by the phone icon in the top right corner which is not the first place many people would look.
4. The rotating banners are as they were – a number of standard (e.g. current Mass season which clicks through to mass times) and newly featured items (e.g. click through the Choir image to see and hear our Choir in action) each of which allows the user to click-through to the content.
5. "Holy Spirit Parish Online – How we stay connected" is as it was – a place to click through to see a list of online resources such as weekly streamed masses and Zoom meeting updates, etc.
6. Covid 19 Updates. As explained in 3a, this is the most recent two announcements and you can "click here for more updates on Covid 19".
7. Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish. This too is unchanged and our Welcome message to the world.
8. Reflections. This is as it was, a reflection from our Parish Priest. However, a significant recent change is that a new reflection is added reliably each week. It doesn't matter how sophisticated the web site is if it has no interesting content. Now we have something valuable to share regularly. Thanks Father Arsenio! (Click "More Reflections..." to previous ones).
9. Tweets by @Pontifex is Pope Francis' Twitter Feed. This is as it was. It automatically updates daily. I have no interest in Twitter myself, but I feel that this feed is worthy of our time.
10. At Today's Readings you can find today's Bible readings courtesy of Melbourne Catholic (Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne).
11. The 8 Icons at the bottom of every page are technically the same. They are a quick way to navigate to main sections of the site. With the change I have taken the opportunity to give "Spirit Extra!" its own button (Helen can lay claim to this new small piece of "screen real estate" next to her "Spirit Magazine") .
12. The Footer is unchanged. It too shows at the bottom of every page and tells people who and where we are and also has links to the legal type documents that is required of us.

winter shelter

JULY 2020 NEWS



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WINTER SHELTER 2020

Hello Winter Shelter Volunteers.

We are fortunate to have over 300 volunteers registered to help in our Winter Shelter program but as you know, this year has been very different and we have not been able to place everyone into volunteering roles. Because of Covid19 we haven't encouraged our senior aged volunteers to come out of home to participate in our rostered "on ground" programs. Instead many of you are cooking or baking at home and this is an enormous help, thank you. Our current programs require volunteers from late afternoons and this also limits some volunteers availability because many are working. Over May and June we distributed more than 1200 meals made by our volunteers and including some donated by RACV and Fairshare. We have been busy!

However, we do still need your help. If you are not already volunteering or would like to do more, here are some ways to help:

- we really need warm socks and underwear for men (new)
- we need toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap
- we would love your home baked slices, biscuits for our Wednesday, Sunday or Mondays (please package individually or in small quantities)
- donations of fresh fruit, and individual small bottles of water for Wednesday, Sunday or Mondays (please deliver them to any of the venues we are distributing meals from - or check with us)
- Volunteers for the Shower program in East Ringwood on Tuesdays 1.00pm-3pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm. It is an easy role and really just means being there with another volunteer to supervise the use of the facility.
- Cooking 8 serves of meals for Wednesday nights (we can pick up)

If you can assist with any of these requests please let us know.

CONTAINERS for VOLUNTEER COOKS

Please let us or your volunteer driver know ASAP, if you need more containers to put your cooked meals into.

YOU CAN ALSO HELP

Ringwood Church of Christ is preparing to start a takeaway lunch program.

They need volunteers. If you are available here are the details:

Ringwood Church of Christ are recommencing a take away soup lunch on Thursdays from July 16 as part of our Nourish program – Physically Distant but Socially Connected. As with many of our voluntary programs among our churches, many of our team are in the at risk groups and unable to help for the time being. We would welcome additional soup makers – this can be on the day in our kitchen, at home and delivered or frozen and delivered on Wednesdays between 10am and 12 noon.

Contact Andrea Salmon on: 0408 795 014 if you would like further information.

Thank you everyone,

Gitta & Beth

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FIRST READING

Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

You have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

13 There is no god besides you, Lord,
whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.
16 For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
17 For you show your strength
when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
18 Although you are sovereign in strength,
you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
19 Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 86.5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (R.5)

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.
5 You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication. **R.**
9 All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
10 For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God. **R.**
15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
16 Turn to me and be gracious to me.
Give your strength to your servant. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

26 The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes
with sighs too deep for words.
27 And God, who searches the heart,
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Matthew 11.25

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

G O S P E L

Matthew 13.24-43

Let both of them grow together until the harvest.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

24 Jesus put before the crowds a parable:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;
25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat,
and then went away.

26 “So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,

‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’

28 He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’

The slaves said to him,

‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’

29 But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,
Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

31 Jesus put before them another parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown

it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,

so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

33 He told them another parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour
until all of it was leavened.”

34 Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.

35 This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the
foundation of the world.”

36 Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying,

“Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”

37 He answered,

“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom;

the weeds are the children of the evil one,

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age,
and the reapers are angels.

40 “Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom

all causes of sin and all evildoers,

42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Let anyone with ears listen!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection.

Christ compares the church, the people of God, to a field where wheat and weeds grow side by side until the harvest. In the world around us, good and bad people mix like wheat and weeds growing in the same field. Every human heart contains a mixture of good and evil. The church is not an exclusive community of the virtuous. It is here because we are looking for salvation and we are conscious of our failings. The emphasis of the gospel is on exercising patience until God makes his great gathering. In the meantime, we all share the task of revealing the patience of God by forgiving the faults of others. Many of us will find this challenging as we may be harsh or judgemental by nature. It's so easy to pin people the label 'sinner', forgetting how appearance are so often deceptive. This does not mean we can have an attitude of indifference towards evil. While we hate sin, we must never stop loving the sinner. It is never too late for a sinner to turn back to God and be accepted. Weeds can never become wheat but by the power of God a sinner can become a saint. Let us be thankful that on the last day we shall be judged by God and not by one another. Keep smiling, stay well and safe- Fr. Arsenio



Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends. Let us pray for the church that we allow the transforming power of God to work in our minds and hearts and bring forth a harvest of justice and mercy.

Lord, help us to change our thinking so that we may become faithful followers who recognise that everything we have in life is a gift from you. Inspire us to share these gifts so that we may all grow.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for the wisdom to recognize the small ways God is at work in our lives so that we may cooperate with God who accomplishes great things.

LORD HEAR US

We thank you for your loving kindness. May those who are feeling isolated and abandoned be comforted in the knowledge that your love is unending.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for a deepening of prayer; that we may courageously wait in silence for the Spirit to make intercession through us.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for peace; that the seeds of justice and compassion will guide leaders of nations to choose words rather than weapons in their resolution of disputes.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently, Jack Philp and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Steven Bennett, Christopher Cameron, Elena Urmelis, Gavin Brown, Guiseppe Di Gregorio, Rober Ulehla, Shannon Risson, Giovanna Gottardo, Carmel Clarke, Bob Egan and Bert Mahoney. 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

