



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, NO MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS, SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING UNTIL CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ARE EASED.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter

Recorded Masses available at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au

The Parish Office will be CLOSED, staff continue to monitor the phone, mail and emails regularly.

Please ring the parish on 9876 3077 or Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Elsa Di Giovine

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Brendan Rocks, Jean Maher, Anselmo Urbano, Maria Pellegrino, Mary Scott, Monica Mahoney, Jan Fletcher, Sr. Angela O'Donohue, May Weiss and Rosa Della-Chiesa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Christopher Woolley, Brian Hegarty

Readings this week: Wisdom 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 11th-17th October 2021

MONDAY	LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

When we resume our "Covid normal" celebration of Mass, we will be returning to some of our usual practices. Everything we do must be in accordance with the DHHS guidelines, so there will be some changes to the way we operate! **We particularly need volunteers for the 5pm Sunday Mass.**
If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au

PARISH DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Thank you.



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 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 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

Parish 50th anniversary.

Next year marks our 50th Anniversary. We would like expressions of interest from any parishioner who would like to join a subcommittee to plan our celebrations in March 2022.
Please contact the parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 9876 3077.

On the Journey this week:

Fr Mark De Battista says just like the young man in the gospel, we too ask Jesus "what must I do?" Are we prepared to accept Jesus' answer and then carry through with it? Plus, Mother Hilda reminds us that compassion endures; material things just rust away. Fr Mike Delaney's says we need to remember the many "God moments" in our life's journey and Trish McCarthy has tips on creating faith virtuosity. Plus, more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

Dear Parishioners

Due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid restrictions and shutdowns, the planned First Eucharist Masses are currently under review. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they await the outcome.



October is the Month of the Rosary

Bishop Michael McKenna recently wrote in the Catholic Observer:

"Of course, the Rosary belongs to every month, but in October the Church celebrates this prayer in a special way: reminding us of its simple beauty and gentle power. It is a time of grace for us to return to this prayer if we have let it slip away: or perhaps to discover for the first time, in the company of Mary, how the Rosary can guide us into unpretentious prayer"

Our Holy Spirit Rosary Group invites all parishioners to join their "Zoom" session each Wednesday evening from 7pm to pray the Rosary. If you are unable to join them, you are encouraged to pray the Rosary at home, or wherever you are.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com for inclusion weekly.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

Get Ready to Fly!

Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

To be prepared for a 2022 placement **enquire by Friday October 29.**

Visit palms.org.au Email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine on 02 9560 5333

Collection Notice

For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to:

<https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice>



Lockdown Light

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

Lockdown Light—week six

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Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Podcasts for Christian living: The irreplaceable role of parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a

Getting to know your Bible: Understanding Mary in the Bible

Getting Started: Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6

Going Deeper: How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant—the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6

Fan the Flame

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via 'one device-one person' mode.

There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October). <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>



PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness,
But aware that we gather in your name.
Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will,
To make it our own and to live it in our lives.
Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power
For you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all, enable us to uphold the rights of others;
Do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour.
Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
And keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love,
So that all our decisions may be pleasing to you,
And earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.
Amen.



The image is a promotional poster for the 'Holy Spirit Community Fete'. At the top, it features the 'NJ Noel Jones' logo in a dark blue box. To the right is the 'stw.' logo. The main title 'HOLY SPIRIT' is in large, bold, black capital letters, with 'Community Fete' written below it in a red, cursive script. A large, red, 3D-style stamp with the word 'CANCELLED' in white capital letters is superimposed over the center of the poster. Below the stamp, the event details are listed: '10am - 7pm', 'Saturday 9 October 2021', and '120 Oban Road, Ringwood North'. The background of the poster is a light, abstract watercolor design with yellow and blue balloons. Surrounding the central text are various sponsor logos, including 'DELINDA LEE photography', 'Lawyers South East', 'hopetoun natural therapies', 'fernwood FITNESS', 'mm loves your print', 'Minute Press', 'Maroondah OSTEOPATHY SPORTSCARE', 'HOLY SPIRIT FETE OFFICIAL' (with a QR code), 'ROCLAR', 'FRONTLINE LOCKSMITHS', 'MEGA PET WAREHOUSE.', 'FOOTLAB+', 'MLP MARK LEONARD PLUMBING', and 'swanAir Cooling'. A circular logo for the 'HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY FETE' is also visible in the bottom left corner.

HOLY SPIRIT RAFFLE - POSTPONED

The Holy Spirit Community Fete Raffle has been extended due to the current COVID Pandemic. The raffle will now be drawn at 4pm on Sunday November 28. The draw will be recorded and winners will be notified. PLEASE ENSURE TICKETS ARE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 26TH.

The Silent Auction will also be concluded at 4pm on Sunday November 28.

We apologise for the delay but due to current restrictions we have made this decision in the best interest of the Parish and School.

In an effort to ensure everyone has a chance to win, please return raffle tickets as soon as they are sold. Currently, you have the option to complete the credit card payment slip in order to make payment or you can now make a bank transfer for payment – how easy!

Once you have either completed the CC slip or transferred the money, simply return the raffle book stubs via post to the parish (or drop in parish letterbox) at 120 Oban Road Ringwood North.

Make sure to note on the slip if you have paid via bank transfer and ensure to include the name the transfer is under and the ticket numbers.

Bank details – BSB: 063-167 Account: 0090 3467

Reference: Surname and Ticket numbers

Any questions or concerns, please call Katherine on 0467 056 685

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

We turn to the Lord in prayer, asking him to help us to be fully open to his call to discipleship in our lives. We place before you these our prayers.

For the Catholic Church in Australia: that the fruits of the Holy Spirit experienced in this First Assembly of the Plenary Council may deepen our faith, give us greater courage, and the ability to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Lord, hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who have been baptised in Christ: that their hearts may be inspired to proclaim the share the joy and transforming power of the Gospel with others. Lord, hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the First Nations people of Australia: that we may respond more deeply and respectfully, as we walk the journey of reconciliation together to heal our nation. Lord, hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the people of impoverished nations: that they receive the life-saving COVID vaccines that they so desperately need. Lord, hear us

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

That the Word of God may enter the deepest part of our being and reveal to us the One who calls us to life and brings us to wholeness. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For a greater reverence and appreciation of human life; that we may recognize God's gift of life in each person, especially in the very young and very elderly who cannot speak for themselves. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for our young people; may they be free and open in their hearts to love God and their neighbours with true commitment. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for the Holy Spirit Community and give thanks for the wonderful bonds of faith, family and friendship that are so evident among us. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those who have died recently, Elsa Di Giovine, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Brendan Rocks, Jean Maher, Anselmo Urbano, Maria Pellegrino, Mary Scott, Monica Mahoney, Jan Fletcher, Sr. Angela O'Donohue, May Weiss and Rosa Della-Chiesa.

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



FIRST READING

Wisdom 7.7-11

I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison to wisdom.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

- 7 I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
8 I preferred her to sceptres and thrones,
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.
9 Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.
10 I loved her more than health and beauty,
and I chose to have her rather than light,
because her radiance never ceases.
11 All good things came to me along with her,
and in her hands uncounted wealth.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90.12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (R.14)

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

12 Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

13 Turn, O Lord! How long?

Have compassion on your servants! **R.**

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil. **R.**

16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

17 Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4.12-13

The word of God can judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹² The word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
¹³ And before God no creature is hidden,
but all are naked and laid bare
to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia

G O S P E L

Mark 10.17-30

Go, sell what you own; then follow me.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

¹⁷ As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him,
“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.
¹⁹ You know the commandments:
‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery;
You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness;
You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’ ”
²⁰ He said to Jesus,
“Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”
²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said,
“You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”
²² When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving,
for he had many possessions.
²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
“How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”
²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words.
But Jesus said to them again,
“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle
than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”
²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another,
“Then who can be saved?”
²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said,
“For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection.

In an age when many of us find it difficult to make ends meet, society pounds us with a set of values based on the need for material security. It judges our success by the size of our possessions, bank accounts and the exclusiveness of the area in which we live. But the wisdom that comes from God measures differently and puts power and riches as nothing. Spiritual values run deeper than worldly standards. There is more to life than what is immediately perceptible. Wealth mixes with worship of God just about as well as oil and water, and we cannot buy our way into heaven.

The rich young man in the gospel exhibited goodness, respectability, and observing the commandments. He asked Christ a fundamental question: What must I do to inherit eternal life? He got an unexpected answer. He is proud that he has done nothing wrong in his life but Jesus was not that impressed. Jesus was more interested in the use he had made of his life, in the good he had done, and whether he was prepared to go out of his way to help others. He looked him straight in the eyes and invited him to sell he had and to come and follow him. Here was a young man who went away saddened because he was unable to make the sacrifice. His vision was limited to his possessions.

Jesus singles him out as an admonition. All of us are invited to answer God's call: come follow me. Jesus is not asking us to admire his way of life but to live it fully and not as part time followers. Discipleship is always costly and following Jesus makes very total demands on our lifestyle. Our following Christ means making the best use of our present situation and placing our lives in his hands. We only have one life and Christ is inviting us to leave the world a better place for our presence.

Stay safe and healthy. God bless you all! -Fr. Arsenio.

