



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20-21 January 2024**

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**MASS TIMES:** Friday 9:15am  
Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 9am  
1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

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## **PARISH SECRETARY**

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## **Office Hours:**

TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm  
WED 1.30pm to 3.45pm  
THURS 11.30am to 3.45pm  
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:** Oswyn D'Souza

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Pat Bovalina, Anthony Ellis, John North, Ben Lobo, Tony Barnao, Gevit Kasso, Carlo Mancini, Domenica Mancini, Noel Richardson, Vivian Maniaci, Kathleen Doensen, Gloria Thomas, Mia Buskes and Mary Gioserrano

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Helen, Justine, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Kerry McIntyre, Lyn Read, Heather Doy, Evelyn Reinecke, Melanie Saba, Arthur McConnell, Penny Mifsud, Patricia Higgins, Sharon Cass, Kellie Nagle, Barry Robbins

**Readings this week:** Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

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 - 22nd-28th January 2024

<b>MONDAY</b>	SCHOOL RESUMES ON TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7.30 pm RCIA via Zoom
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church NO 5.00 pm Mass—resumes Sunday 4th February

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27th-28th January 2024

**Mass Coordinators:**

**6.00 pm:** Mary Ryan

**9.00 am:** Don Schroder

**Lectors:**

**6.00 pm:** Maureen Chamberlin

**9.00 am:** Jocelyn D'Souza

**Welcomers:**

**6.00 pm:** Volunteer pls

**9.00 am:** Nola Ryan

**Ministers of Communion:** 6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin and Etta 9.00 am: Don S and Jocelyn D'Souza

**Tea and Coffee: 9.00 am:** Anna Fantin & Emma D'Aristotle

### Arrangements in January.

Fr Arsenio will be taking a short break during January. Fr John will celebrate the weekend Masses. Wednesday morning Masses will not be celebrated during January. Friday morning Masses (9:15am) continue throughout January.

**BAPTISM INFORMATION MEETINGS** are held every second Tuesday of the month (except January) at 7.30 pm in the Parish House. Please call the Office on 7036 9395 to register your attendance/interest. Thank You.

**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.

**Tuesday Meditation** Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays). Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries. **Resumes Tuesday 6th February 2024.**

**Charismatic Prayer Group** Resumes Tuesday 6th February 2024.



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY (Continues weekly throughout Holiday Season)**

**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.

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)

### **Farewell Note from Jacinta..**

Dear Holy Spirit parish Community, I'm currently on annual leave until 31<sup>st</sup> January I will not be returning after leave as this is the end of my contract. Fr Aresenio advised me last year that the parish is not in a financial position to fund a Pastoral Associate .

I would like to thank all those in the parish community for their love, support, and outcomes during my 5 years with you, a special thankyou to Ruth, Jenny, Mary, and Fr John for all your support.

I wish Fr Aresenio and you the parishioners every blessing in the Mission and vision of the church, you are all held in my thoughts and prayers.

Blessings, Jacinta

### **THANK YOU JACINTA**

On behalf of the whole parish we wish to extend sincere thanks to you Jacinta, for the many ways you have contributed to the life of Holy Spirit over the past five years as a member of Parish Staff & PPC and across number of pastoral and sacramental initiatives and ministries. Most notably in the area of Safeguarding for Children and Vulnerable Adults. Your well established protocols and parish guidelines have created a legacy that will continue well into the future, providing awareness and accountability for a safe & happy community environment for all. Thank you so much. We wish you and your family abundant blessings for the next chapter your life. In appreciation, the Parish Pastoral Council.

NB: Parishioners please note that a thank you gift will be provided to Jacinta on your behalf. If you wish to make a \$\$ contribution, please do so in a marked envelope via the collection. There is also a card on the Word table if you would like to add personal wishes.

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

#### **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

#### **Catholic Development Fund**

#### **Parish Positions**

- **Pastoral Worker - Supporting communities of Scoresby and Rowville (St Judes and St Simons)**
- **Pastoral Worker, St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South**
- **Parish Secretary- St Mary's Catholic Church, Greensborough**
- **Pastoral Associate - Mary Mother of the Church, Ivanhoe**

#### **Other Positions**

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

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at [hadmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)

### **Donated food.**

Prior to Christmas for our hamper distribution, we came across many items of food long past "use by date". We had to dispose of the goods.

If you are considering donating, please check dates for "use by or best before". Thank you.

### **Furniture donations**

Vinnies no longer operate a pick up service due to an aging fleet and OH&S issues with drivers & jockeys .

If you have furniture in good condition and wish to donate, you need to arrange the transportation to Vinnies.

Our Kilsyth store will accept the furniture - address is corner of Canterbury & Colchester Rds. Kilsyth

The test for donating furniture is would you donate them to a family member or friend?





### **Pietà Lenten Program 2024**

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024.

Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with Pietà, an exquisite resource containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for devotional reading. In addition, there are longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, and reflections on Christian art, that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.

If you are looking for an opportunity to grow your faith, joining a Lenten Group is highly recommended.

At Holy Spirit Parish there will be Lenten groups running on Wednesday evenings, one in a parishioners' home and the other on Zoom. There is also an opportunity for a daytime group in a parishioner's home on either a Tuesday or Thursday, depending on the number who express interest.

If you would like a copy of this program for individual devotional reading or to join a Holy Spirit Parish Lenten group please contact Maryann by email: [maryann\\_street@bigpond.com](mailto:maryann_street@bigpond.com) or ring the Parish (7036 9395) to register interest.

### **Chapel Working Bee**

In preparation for the return of 5pm mass, let's have a working bee in the chapel and make it bright and shiny, ready for gathering for worship. Planning to tackle a few jobs like cobwebs, window washing, move all the chairs for a thorough vacuum. If you can lend a hand, we'll be there from 10:30am on 3 February

### **It's always jam time**

(and the fete will roll around before we know it!)

Now is the perfect time for harvesting surplus fruit and making preparation for jamming later in the year. If you are able to obtain summer fruits and prepare and freeze for jam making in the cooler months, please give it some consideration – we will organise some jamming days in the church kitchen soon. If you are keen to get jamming now we would really appreciate that too. We can easily arrange to get some jars over to you. If you would like to talk about jam, please give me a call after business hours on 040 787 3432. Many thanks, Yvette.



### **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 finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact

Fr. Kevin Dillon ([frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or 0421 777 360) or

Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or [adam-kaali@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-kaali@hotmail.com)).

### **ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024**

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.



Each year, Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme of Project Compassion is **For All Future Generations**. It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact for all future generations.

This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival, and those whose needs at this time are far beyond our own. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference today, for all future generations. Project Compassion boxes and envelopes will be available in the next week or two.

**On the Journey this week:** Fr Mark De Battista says that today's readings pose a great challenge to us, on the difference between listening, hearing, and obeying. Mother Hilda says God wants to carry the heavy weights of our life. Fr Tony Percy says that in our fearful, woke-world, we could all do with a good dose of satire: We are taking ourselves too seriously. Then again – and more importantly – we could all do with a good dose of Jesus. Fr Dave Callaghan observes that Technology seeks to erase every part of humanity that is deemed to be bad, but at the expense of developing true relationship, particularly our relationship with God. Pete Gilmore says our fellow humans may not live up to their word, break promises and won't see something through, but it's different with God, he who began a good work in you, will carry it on to completion. Plus, 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

**REFLECTION: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."- Mark 1:17*

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

***Celebrant:***

*As faithful followers of Jesus and with confidence in the mercy and compassion of the Father, we bring these our prayers before Him.*

**Reader:**

We pray for the Church; that all who believe in Jesus, will work together to preach the Gospel to our world in action, not just in words.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For those who have closed their hearts to Christ; that they will be open to hearing again His call to new life.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For those overburdened by fear and anxiety; that they will find peace and security through trusting in God's love.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For our families and parish community; may they encourage young people to respond to the promptings of God's spirit in following their individual Christian vocation.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those discerning a vocation; may they open their minds and hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently Oswyn D'Souza, and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Pat Bovalina, Anthony Ellis, John North, Ben Lobo, Tony Barnao, Gevit Kasso, Carlo Mancini, Domenica Mancini, Noel Richardson, Vivian Maniaci, Kathleen Doensen, Gloria Thomas, Mia Buskes and Mary Gioserrano. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

**LORD HEAR US.**

***Celebrant:***

*Lord, we trust that our prayers both spoken and unspoken will be heard with grace and love. May your blessings descend upon us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FIRST READING

Jonah 3.1-5, 10

*The people of Nineveh turned from their evil ways.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jonah.

- 1 The word of the Lord came to Jonah, saying,  
2 “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city,  
and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”  
3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh,  
according to the word of the Lord.  
Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city,  
a three days’ walk across.  
4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk.  
And he cried out,  
“Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”  
5 And the people of Nineveh believed God;  
they proclaimed a fast,  
and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.  
10 When God saw what they did,  
how they turned from their evil ways,  
God changed his mind about the calamity  
that he had said he would bring upon them;  
and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.4)

**R.** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

7 According to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your sake of your goodness, O Lord! **R.**

8 Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

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## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

*The present form of this world is passing away.*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

29 Brothers and sisters,  
the appointed time has grown short;  
from now on,  
let even those who have wives be as though they had none,  
30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning,  
and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing,  
and those who buy as though they had no possessions,  
31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it.  
For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Mark 1.15

Alleluia, alleluia  
The kingdom of God is near:  
repent and believe the good news!  
Alleluia

## G O S P E L

Mark 1.14-20

*The kingdom of God has come: Repent, and believe in the good news.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

14 After John was arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,  
15 and saying,  
“The time is fulfilled,  
and the kingdom of God has come near;  
repent, and believe in the good news.”  
16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—  
for they were fishermen.  
17 And Jesus said to them,  
“Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.”  
18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.  
19 As Jesus went a little farther,  
he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John,  
who were in their boat mending the nets.  
20 Immediately he called them;  
and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men,  
and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

