



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10-11 February 2024

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Saturdays 6pm in Church

Sundays 9am in Church and 5pm in Chapel

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Tuesdays 9am at St Gerard's Warrandyte

**Sundays 10:30am—1st Sunday of the month at St. Anne's
Every other Sunday at St Gerard's**

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: John Mason, Frank Danelutti, Patricia Kett, Steven Rigo, Les Carach, Domenico Italiano, Kyle Vassil and Dick Novella

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, Kellie Nagle, Barry Robbins, Jim Nippard, Barbara Delia

Readings this week: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

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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 - 12th-18th February 2024

MONDAY	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
TUESDAY	9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.30 pm RCIA via Zoom 7:30pm Baptism Information Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
WEDNESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY—NO 9.15 am Mass 11.40 am Whole School Mass/Staff Commissioning, Holy Spirit Church 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom 7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Parish Mass, Holy Spirit Church
THURSDAY	7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 17th-18th February 2024

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan

9.00 am: Peter Parle

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Vin Dwyer

9.00 am: Don Schroder

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Dale Sebire

9.00 am: Nola Ryan

Ministers of Communion: **6.00 pm:** Maureen and Terry Taffe

9.00 am: Don S and Jocelyn D'Souza

Tea and Coffee: **9.00 am:** Beth Del Cin and Family

BAPTISM INFORMATION MEETINGS are held every second Tuesday of the month (except January) in the Parish House. Please call the Office on 7036 9395 to register your attendance/interest.
Next meeting: Tuesday 13th February at 7.30 pm, Mary Bresnan Room.

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 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.

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.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. If interested, contact Jacek on 0490 884 914 or Ann on 0437 127 326.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

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 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

THANK YOU YVETTE

From all who use the chapel regularly, a HUGE thank you to Yvette and the team who had a working bee last weekend to clean it up! It is positively sparkling. Your efforts are very much appreciated!.

THANK YOU JACINTA

If you would like to make a donation to Jacinta's farewell gift, please do so this week. Donations can be dropped into the collection bag (in an envelope marked "Jacinta") or to the parish office during the week.

Thank you

Pietà Lenten Program 2024 Two additional Lenten Groups



1 Monday 10AM - Parish House

We all know how hard it is to get "enough" time in our busy lives, so we are offering this Lenten Group for people who can commit to the whole program and those who would like to be a part of a Lenten Group but are unable to commit for the full Lenten period. This group will be focusing on Reflecting on the Readings through Art - but please do not let this put you off as none of us knows a lot about or has training in the Arts! Please join us if you can – You will be most welcome.

MONDAY 10.00- 11.30

February 19 & 26, March 4, 18 & 25

Contact Helen Konynenburg 0409 124 516, Maryann, Jenny or Ruth 7036 9395

2 Sunday 6PM - Parish House

We are offering this Lenten Group for people who would like to discuss the readings for Lent with fellow parishioners, but find it difficult to meet during the week. This group will meet after 5pm Mass in the Parish House. Please join us if you can – You will be most welcome.

SUNDAY 6.00pm - 7.30pm

February 18 & 25, March 3, 17 & 24

Contact Yvette Collins 0407 873 432, Maryann 0429 876 434, Jenny or Ruth 7036 9395

Here is a list of groups, times and leaders:

Group	Time	Starting	Leader
Sunday, in person	6-7.30pm	18 th February	Yvette Collins
Monday, in person	10 – 11.30am	19 th February	Helen Konynenburg
Tuesday, in person	2-3.30pm	13 th February	Judy Barber
Wednesday, in person	7.30 – 9pm	7 th February	Chris and Vicki Morris
Wednesday online via Zoom	7.45 – 9.15pm	7 th February	Maryann Street

There are still a couple of places in the Tuesday afternoon in-person and Wednesday evening online groups.

We will need to order more books for you so if you want to join a Lenten group **please let us know by Monday 12th**.

Contact Maryann 0429 876 434, Jenny or Ruth 7036 9395

ASH WEDNESDAY 2024

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 14th February 2024. Masses for parishioners will be celebrated at 11:40am in the Holy Spirit Church with the school students and 7pm, also in the Church.

We have an abundance of ashes, so there is no need to bring your palms or olive branches from last year.



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

We believe that regular participation in these practices — like exercise we do for our physical health — improves our spiritual well-being, by stripping away all that is unnecessary and becoming more mindful of how God is working in our lives.

Challenge yourself this year, and go beyond the usual practice of “giving up” something.

Now is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life and to grow in it.

Not sure where to start? Here are some suggestions:

- Participate in a Lenten reflection Program, either through our parish groups or on line;
- Try a daily act of kindness
- Try a new ‘Spiritual practice’ i.e. Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Daily Mass, Meditation
- Spend some time each day in quiet reflection on your life and how you are deepening your relationship with God. Ask God about this and listen for the whisper of the Spirit in response.
- Do you spend too much on clothes or dinners? Pick an expense that you’ll “fast” from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to a charity
- Pray for somebody. As you’re walking, travelling, or waiting somewhere, pick out a person who appears to be in need and pray for that person. In the words of philosopher Philo of Alexandria: “Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle.”
- Volunteer to participate in the Easter Liturgies - it is always great to have new ideas and you will get to share your faith in a very practical way. **We plan to reintroduce the large Cross to the Good Friday Service. In order to do this, we will need many new volunteers. As this is a highlight of our parish Liturgical celebrations, please volunteer your time to make it possible. We will have more information in the coming weeks.**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS
LENT 2024

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it;*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy.*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements.*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social.*

In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
 - (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
 - (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.
- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
 - The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
 - Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
 - The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.
All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2024 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS – On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.



Father Joe Caddy AM
VICAR GENERAL

HIGH SPIRITS is back for 2024. Does your child attend a State Primary School and is interested in making their Sacraments at Holy Spirit? We are accepting new enrolments now. Classes run during school terms on a Sunday from 4.00-5.00 pm in the Mary Bresnan Room of the Parish House. The children then attend mass at 5.00 pm in the Chapel. If you would like further information or have any queries, please contact the High Spirits Coordinator, Elma Gama on 0413 231 871.

RCIA 2023/24 – RITE OF ELECTION – Sunday 18th Feb at St. Patrick's Cathedral

We humbly ask for your prayers for our Catechumen – Ryan who next weekend will join with his sponsor (Nat) at the Cathedral for the liturgy of the 'election' of the catechumens. The catechumens are preparing to take part in the sacraments of initiation at Easter. So please keep in your prayers Ryan, his sponsor (Nat), and RCIA team members who are accompanying him in his faith journey, and for all those who will be present at the Cathedral; the witnessing of this call to faith also enriches our own faith life, the fruits of which we can share in our own local parish community.

Lawrence Cecconello and Tina Toomey, (RCIA Team, Holy Spirit Parish).

LADIES MORNING TEA

With a new year beginning we welcome all ladies from Holy Spirit Parish and community to join us on the last Friday of the month for a cuppa with a group of wonderful ladies who enjoy a laugh and chat.

Our next gathering is on Friday 23rd February in the Parish House at 10am after the 9.15am mass. If you know of any new parishioners or friends who are needing some company please invite them to come along as it is a very enjoyable morning.

Any queries please contact Parish Office 70369395 or Maureen Taffe via email :

maurentaffe@hotmail.com

Looking forward to another enjoyable year.

Holy Spirit friendship group

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- **Executive Support Officer-Proclaim, East Melbourne**

Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

- **Pastoral Worker - Supporting communities of Scoresby and Rowville (St Judes and St Simons)**
- **Parish Secretary- St Mary's Catholic Church, Greensborough**
- **Pastoral Associate - Mary Mother of the Church, Ivanhoe**
- **Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea**
- **Parish Secretary, Partnered Parish St Gabriels, St Stephens & St Raphael, Reservoir- Reservoir East -Preston West, Reservoir**

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 PALESTINE

**10am Friday March 1st March,
*Ringwood Uniting Church.***

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

The theme in 2024 is

"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"

Ephesians 4:1-3

This program calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. The program was written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7. We reflected collectively on this theme from the context of our suffering as Palestinian Christian women. We hope to inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in love during troubled times. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

This artwork is made in honor of the World Day of Prayer. Through her artwork, Halima Azizre, presents three Palestinian women praying together in nature in a peaceful place. In her work, the artist has different motives and symbols that indicate the origin of these women and their cohesion. These are the following symbols featured in her artwork: Olive trees/ branches are a sign of everlasting and abundant life because they can live for thousands of years. Some of the olive trees in Palestine today were there during the time of Jesus.

The golden roots are underlining the fact that the Palestinians will always exist and as they exist, they will always resist for their rights and freedom. It's painted in gold because it's something precious, something no one can take away from the Palestinians because they are deeply rooted.

Poppy flowers are abundant and meaningful to Palestinians. They remind Palestinians of loved ones who have given their lives for their country.

Traditional Palestinian dresses like the tatreez (embroidery) thobe (dress) or the white scarf. It represents the Palestinian people and is full of art and history.

The keys are a symbol of the hope to return back to Palestine. Palestinians always carry their keys of their homes they were driven out of with them, no matter where they are around the world, and they pass it on to their children so they will never lose hope.

You are invited to join us for Encounter.

Sunday 25th February 4:30pm—7:30pm, St Christopher's Parish Syndal

An unforgettable evening for high school students to encounter Jesus Christ with prayer, fellowship, food, and fun. An opportunity for secondary school students to hang out with youth from all over Melbourne.

Enquiries 99265761 or email: proclaim@cam.org.au

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says we're invited to trust ourselves to Jesus, ask him; if you want to you can cure me and see what he says to you. Mother Hilda tells how the Word of God always speaks to us in all our circumstances. Fr Tony Percy says that all the healing that we will have in spirit, soul and body, all of it comes from the blood of Christ. We've got two lead-in reflections for the commencement of Lent from Fr Sean Cullen on discipleship and Fr Chris Sarkis giving his tip on how to have a highly successful and satisfying Lenten period. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

Father, we believe your spirit is here with us. Believing in your love and generosity, we bring to you our prayers for our own community and the world.

Reader:

For the Church; that we may be signs of God's compassionate care for all who are marginalised or whose dignity is devalued.

LORD HEAR US.

For unity in the human family; that we may work toward the common goals of ending suffering and sharing the blessings of the good earth with all.

LORD HEAR US.

For all who work in health care; that they manifest Christ's love and compassion to all the sick and their families whom they assist.

LORD HEAR US.

For all who carry emotional wounds, especially those who have suffered abuse; that God will heal their spirits, renew their hope and lead them to wholeness.

LORD HEAR US.

For peace; that God will guide the hearts and minds of all world leaders and help them find peaceful ways to resolve disputes.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for the ability to respond to the needs of the poor and marginalized. Just as Jesus said to the man who needed help, "of course I want to" may we in turn reach out to others from our heart, especially during Lent through our efforts for Project Compassion.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: John Mason, Frank Danelutti, Patricia Kett, Steven Rigo, Les Carach, Domenico Italiano, Kyle Vassil and Dick Novella. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

LORD HEAR US.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father. We ask you to accept our prayers and may your Word enter the deepest part of our beings and reveal to us the One who calls us to life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

As long as they are unclean they shall live alone outside the camp.

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

1 The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

2 “When a person has on the skin of the body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of the body, that person shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.

45 “A person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of the head be dishevelled and shall cover the upper lip and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean.’

46 A person shall remain unclean as long as the disease persists; and being unclean, that person shall live alone with a dwelling outside the camp.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. You are my refuge, O Lord, and the joy of my salvation.

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **R.**

5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **R.**

10 Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10.23 - 11.1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

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

23 “All things are lawful,” but not all things are beneficial.

“All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

24 Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.

25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience,

26 for “the earth and its fullness are the Lord’s.”

27 If an unbeliever invites you to a meal, and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

28 But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience –

29 I mean the other’s conscience, not your own.

For why should my liberty be subject to the judgment of someone else’s conscience?

30 If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,

33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved.

1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 1.40-45

Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

40 A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean."

41 Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!"

42 Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

43 After sternly warning him Jesus sent him away at once,

44 saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone;

but go, show yourself to the priest,

and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded,

as a testimony to them."

45 But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely,

and to spread the word, and people came to Jesus from every quarter.

The gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"