



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10-11 September 2022

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Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche

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Holy Spirit Parish
Celebrating 50 years of Faith, Family & Friendship

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PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFICE: 70369395

Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

Please contact us via the new phone number or email if you have any enquiries.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Trish Burns (wife of Ray) funeral to be held Tuesday 13th September at Sacred Heart Church, Croydon at 11.00 am, Luigina D'Assisi

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Kes Urmelis, Olive Hawking, Sandra Salter, Mary Meyer, Bill McCormack, Elsie Flynn, William Gill, Anns Schobben, Maria Tremonti, Leone English, Roberto Sara and Fantina Pezzimenti

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Paul Sanderson, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, John Hogan, Eve Foreman, Michael Brown, Carol Vallance, Sinead Dalton, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler (4yo having surgery), Helen, Justine

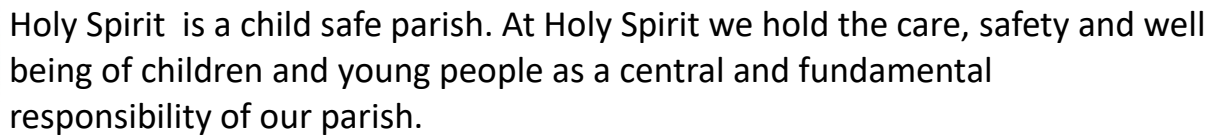
Readings this week: Exodus 32:7-11; 13-14; Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at 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.





The Word: Please note in order to get the Parish email distributed each week, submissions for the word need to be received by 2pm Thursday. Thank you, Jenny.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—12th-18th September 2022

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 Fete Committee Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Communion Service, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom 7.00 pm Vinnies Regional Council Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
THURSDAY	10.00 am Men’s Coffee Morning, Mary Bresnan Room 5-7pm Soul Inspired Art Exhibition Opening Box Hill Community Arts Centre
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass followed by Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Spirit Chapel END OF SCHOOL TERM 3
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.30-9.00 pm ALPHA Meeting via Zoom (last session)

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 17th-18th September 2022

Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Mary Ryan **9.00 am:** Silvio Volombello **5.00 pm:** Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio **9.00 am:** Jay de Graff **5.00 pm:** Volunteer

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh and Jean Smith **9.00 am:** Shelah Batson

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Bill and Trish Lanigan

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



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm—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.

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 Thank you.

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

As restrictions continue to ease, we are happy to advise that the chapel will be open for private prayer during office hours. Parishioners are also welcome to drop in for a cuppa & chat after morning Masses on Wednesday & Fridays.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

A STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community. As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth. Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.

September 9, 2022

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.

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.

CENTERING PRAYER MEDITATION

Held fortnightly on a Thursday night at 5.45 pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for 30 minutes. Please contact Kathy on 0425 852 208 for any further information. All are welcome for a very relaxing, peaceful and short meditation.

MEMORIAL MASS will be held for Debbie Neilsen on Tuesday 27th September at 11.00 am in the Church. It has been a year since Debbie's passing and many were unable to attend her funeral due to the COVID restrictions. The family would like to invite her friends, and any parishioners who were close to her heart, to the mass followed by a light lunch and refreshments where everyone can share their fond memories of Debbie. It will be a lovely and fitting tribute to remember our beautiful Debbie and the family would be honoured by your presence. Much love Russell and family. For catering purposes, could you please add your name to the sign up sheet on the word table.

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch on Wednesday 21st September at 11am in the Church.

Please note: 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day.

For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Friday 16th September.

LORD, My God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Psalm 30:2



LADIES MORNING TEA, BINGO AND LUNCH



Welcoming all ladies from Holy Spirit Community and friends to come and join us for a fun morning of **BINGO** followed by lunch on Friday 30th September at 10am in the Parish House.

For catering purposes could you please let me know if you are able to attend.

My Mobile no. 0422508637 or email: maureentaffe@hotmail.com

Looking forward to another great morning of lovely chats & laughter.

Maureen Taffe



The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

The September edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available .
Please collect a copy or access online via the parish website.:
www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

On the Journey this week. Fr Joseph Murphy says Our God, the True Shepherd is searching for us to lead each of us home. Mother Hilda calls us to be an observer of life and God's creation. A faith testimony from Ann Byrne (Darwin, NT). Fr Mike Delaney on the amazing creativity of winemakers and wonders what 'wine' can you make from the opportunities you've been given today? And Josh Clayton is staring in silence at the dancing flames of a firepit to hear what God is saying, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- **Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time**

Catholic Development Fund

- **Account Executive, Client Services**
- **Events Coordinator**
- **Integration Engineer**
- **Risk & Compliance Analyst**
- **Relationship Manager**
- **Account Executive, Bunbury**

Parish Positions

- **Parish Administrative Coordinator, St Kevin's Parish**
- **OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish**
- **Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator – Hoppers Crossing Parish**
- **Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish**
- **Parish Manager - St Dominic's Parish**
- **Parish Secretary - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine**
- **Pastoral Associate - St. Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen**
- **Parish Secretary – St Bernard's Parish, Belmont**
- **Parish Pastoral Worker - St Bernard's Parish, Belmont**
- **Evangelisation Coordinator - St Catherine of Siena Parish**

Other Positions

- **Accounts Assistant - 12-month contract, Faithful Companions of Jesus**
- **Administration Officer, Property - 12-month contract, Faithful Companions of Jesus**
- **Maintenance Assistant – Mannix College**

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

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hadmin@cam.org.au

Inner Healing & Forgiveness through Meditation on Jesus

(Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit,
heals body, mind and soul.)

Gospel of John 17:11; "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..."

Retreat begins at 5.30pm on Friday 16th Sept. and concludes at 4.30pm on Saturday 17th of Sept.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: At 22 Woodvale Road,

Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 0424202191 or Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



SOUL INSPIRED AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING LIFE

When: Tuesday 13th September - Thursday 29th September 2022

Time: Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm. Phone 9895 8888 for weekend hours

Opening: Thursday 15th September 5 pm - 7 pm

Artist Talk: Sunday 18 September 2pm – 4pm

Where: Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill

You are all invited to attend our Open Night. It would help to have an idea of numbers for catering so where possible if you could RSVP to Helen@Konynenburg.com

Inspired expressions of our life and the world around us, born out of COVID seclusions, celebrating resilience and courage in appreciation of our Ringwood North community, as part of the Holy Spirit Parish 50th anniversary.

The idea for this exhibition was to give artists of all ages and abilities an opportunity to exhibit their work as a means of diversion and healing and to celebrate the courage of artists.

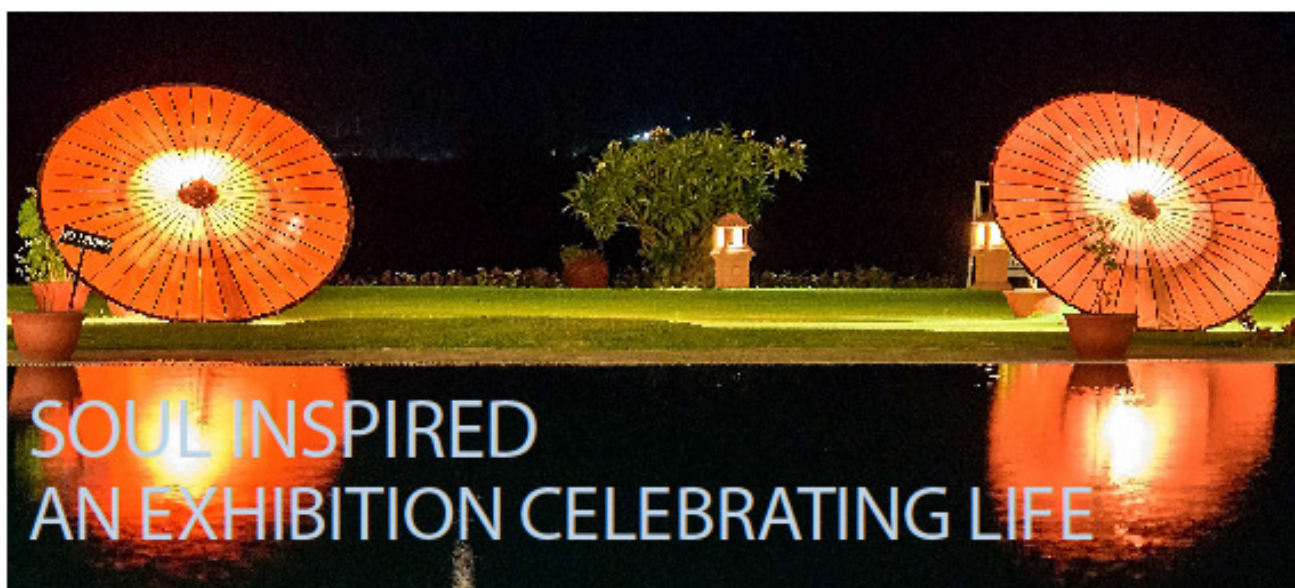


**BOX HILL
COMMUNITY
ARTS CENTRE**

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Palms Australia

Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th](#)



OUR FETE NEEDS YOU!

The Holy Spirit Community Fete is once again happening on
Saturday 8th October 2022 after a 2 year break.

The Committee are looking for volunteers to assist with the following stalls:

- Trash n Treasure
- Books
- Clothes and
- general helpers on the day.

If you are available to help this community event we would love for you to call or text Adam Stone on 0421423665 or click on the following link -

<https://signup.zone/holyspiritfete-2022>

We sincerely thank you for your help and look forward to another very successful Fete!!



RAFFLE TICKETS!!

Fete raffle tickets are ready for collection from the back of the Church for those on the fete distribution list. If anyone would like to receive books, there is a sign-up sheet on the table or you can contact the Parish House on 7036 9395 or via email:

holyspiritparish@cam.org.au You can also purchase individual tickets from the back of the church. Tickets stubbs and monies can be returned to the clearly marked box.

Tickets are great value at just \$2.00 each and there are wonderful prizes on offer:

- 1st Prize \$1,500 Eastland Voucher
- 2nd Prize \$750 JB HiFi Voucher
- 3rd Prize \$500 Bunnings Voucher
- 4th Prize \$349 Haier 126L Bar Fridge Donated by Swan Air Cooling
- 5th Prize \$250 Flower Pot Florist Voucher

We thank you for your support of our community fete.

Jam, Relish and Pickle Makers needed for the fete.

If you are able to make a batch or two (or more!) of preserves for the fete, please contact Yvette on 0407873432. We could really use your help.

We have jars and seals available if you need them.





**Saturday 8th
October
10am - 5pm**

ALL DAY RIDE WRISTBANDS

\$50.00



EXCLUSIVE TO HOLY SPIRIT, ST ANNE'S & ST GERARDS FAMILIES
NO Wristband sales on the day. Wristband pickup on Fete Day.

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2022

10am - 5pm

ALL DAY

RIDE WRISTBAND - ORDER FORM

ALL WRISTBANDS

\$ 50.00

Tickets will be available to be purchased through the Tote System
from now till Thursday 15th of September 2022

All order forms along with any money should be placed in the "FETE
Letterbox" above the Tote OR Purchased after school outside the
computer room from 3rd of October 2022 till 7th of October 2022.

On Fete day, tickets will be replaced with a coloured wristband, which can be
collected after 9.30am from the fete information booth

Simply print out and return the slip below addressed to : Holy Spirit Fete
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 15th September 2022!!!

THIS REMITTANCE MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT (CHQ, CASH, CC DETAILS)

NAME: CLASS:

NUMBER OF WRISTBANDS TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

*** Please make cheques out to Holy Spirit Fete.

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY

NAME ON CARD:

EMAIL:

Please provide email to receive receipt
of payment





DONATIONS

Fete Day: Saturday 8th of October 2022

We are now accepting donations for the following Stalls for the fete:

Trash n Treasure

Strictly NO Electrical or Furniture or Large Items

Books

Toys

Clothes

Please assist our volunteers by separating items by AGE and GENDER.

RULE OF THUMB : If you would not give the item to your best friend in its current condition then please DO NOT bring it.

Any items that are unsellable we have to pay for disposal which means less money for our School & Parish.

Items can be dropped into the Green Containers located along the rear fence of Parish House. Each stall is labelled so please drop in the correct area.

Please note all our wonderful Volunteers need to sort out and organize these donations prior to Fete Day and having these items sorted this way will help enormously.

Thank you
Fete Committee

We sincerely thank you for your help and look forward to another very successful Fete!!



Support our sponsors next time you require a professional service.

Accountant	DMG Gridley CPA	9735 5205
Air Conditioning	Swan Air Cooling	0415 389 757
Beauty Services	Enliven Beauty	0413 925 845
Blinds	RobCam Blinds	0417 377 890
Builder	Roclar	9873 4111
Car Wash	ProShine Car Wash	0432 585 052
Computer IT Services	Stuff That Works	1300 133 611
Commercial Electrical	Ecotech	0415 828 677
Electrician	VoltPro	1300 865 877
Financial Planning	Hamilton Morello	9890 1100
Legal	Hutchinson Legal	9870 9870
Locksmith	Frontline Locksmiths	0402 254 777
Mechanic	Bosch Car Service Ringwood	9879 4559
Osteopathy	Maroondah Osteopathy and Sportscare	9876 5815
Mortgage Broker	The Loan Room	1300 030 298
Pest Control	Mick Holden Pest Control	0403 303 144
Photography	Belinda Lee Photography	0422 549 715
Plumber	Mark Leonard Plumbing	9876 6789
Podiatrist	Footlab+	9870 1301
Printer	Minuteman Press Mitcham /Nunawading	9873 2888
Travel Agent	Catherine Stone Travel	0425 850 059
Real Estate	Noel Jones Maroondah	9879 4422
Uniform / Promotional	Fully Promotional Mount Waverley	8548 4680
Windows & Doors	MCG Windows & Doors	9723 9705



HOLYSPIRITFETEDEFICIAL



Cursillo

A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer, led by an experienced local volunteer team.

What is Cursillo?

The Cursillo Movement has an important role in the Archdiocese, providing an avenue for the continued enrichment and deepening of our adult faith lives. Cursillo provides a sound and practical approach for energising, renewing and enlivening the faith lives of both individuals and parishes.

Cursillo is also an important means of reaching out to people who have had little or no adult faith formation and who are searching. Cursillo provides a method for people seeking to live an authentic Christian life - a blueprint which brings a renewed encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

I recognise the gift of Cursillo and commend Cursillo to all who are searching for a renewal and deepening of their faith.



Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn



In the beginning

Starting in Majorca after the Spanish Revolution, before WWII, many priests had been killed. A group of lay people began to pray, talk and work together to find a way to bring people to Christ. Their answer was short formation courses; *Cursillo* literally means *short course* in Spanish. The first Cursillo was held in 1944.

It soon spread to the Spanish mainland, then to the USA. Cursillos are held all over the world in the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting churches, under the direction of their Bishop or President. The first Catholic Cursillo in the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn was held in 1966.

"Come Follow Him"

The Cursillo movement is alive and vibrant in our Archdiocese. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the dedication of a willing community, we provide opportunities for people to "Come Follow Him" through the Cursillo experience.

What happens?

Cursillo weekends are residential retreats held over three days, separately for men and women.

Learning, praying, sharing and friendship together.

- A program of short talks by lay people and the spiritual director
- Discussions, music and other activities
- Centred on daily Eucharist and prayer

For many, after Cursillo, Christian Living takes on a new dimension with a fresh awareness of God's love and purpose for each of us.

What happens after a Cursillo?

It is possible to encounter God in many ways; the encounter is easy, following Christ afterwards is challenging. Cursillo offers Cursillistas the opportunity to continue their formation after the Cursillo weekend, if they wish.

- Regular small-group meetings to share prayer, study and action
- Larger gatherings where all Cursillistas come together for celebration and further mutual encouragement

You are invited!

Cursillo weekends usually occur annually for men and women in the Diocese.

Why not consider Christ's invitation to spend time with Him; to learn more about your Christian faith and to deepen your relationship with the Lord?

Need further information?

acgcursillo@gmail.com



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC CURSILLO MOVEMENT
ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA-GOULBURN

Interested? If so, contact the Parish Office on 70369395 and we will put you in touch with Christopher Morris.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

God our Father. You sent your Son Jesus into the world as a member of a family. In union with Jesus and with trust in you, we bring our prayers, spoken and unspoken, before you.

We pray for the Church, which is God's holy people, yet full of fragile men and women needing your understanding and guidance.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for families who may be hurting, are troubled and struggling to make ends meet. Grant them your peace and may they find relief and solutions to their difficulties.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are weighed down by feelings of guilt; that they may know the Lord's forgiving love for them.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for world peace; that governments work together to find a solution to problems in so many countries, especially the Ukraine, and that no more lives are needlessly lost.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill. May they be strengthened in their struggle and pain and may they receive the healing power of God.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently, Trish Burns and Luigina D'Assisi and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Kes Urmelis, Olive Hawking, Sandra Salter, Mary Meyer, Bill McCormack, Elsie Flynn, William Gill, Anns Schobben, Maria Tremonti, Leone English, Roberto Saro and Fantina Pezzimenti.

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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

FIRST READING

Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14

*The Lord changed his mind about the disaster
he has planned to bring upon the people.*

A reading from the book of Exodus.

7 At the top of Mount Sinai, the Lord said to Moses,
“Go down at once!
Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt,
have acted perversely;

8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them;
they have cast for themselves an image of a calf,
and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it,
and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”

9 The Lord said to Moses,
“I have seen this people,
how stiff-necked they are.

10 Now let me alone,
so that my wrath may burn hot against them
and I may consume them;
and of you I will make a great nation.”

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said,
“O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people,
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt
with great power and with a mighty hand?

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants,
how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them,
‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven,
and all this land that I have promised
I will give to your descendants,
and they shall inherit it forever.’”

14 And the Lord changed his mind
about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.
The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51.1-2, 10-11, 15+17, (R. Lk 15.18)

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. **R.**

15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me,
because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,
13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence.
But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,
14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me
with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—
of whom I am the foremost.
16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost,
Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example
to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.
17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia**

GOSPEL

Luke 15.1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.
2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,
“This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”
3 So Jesus told them a parable:
4 “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them,
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?
5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.
6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them,
‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’
7 Just so, I tell you,
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
8 “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them,
does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying,
‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’
10 Just so, I tell you,
there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.