



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Feast of St Mary of the Cross (McKillop), 7-8 August 2021

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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](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: George Donnelly, Kevin Maher, Ronald Flannery, Pauline Lees, Bill Hawkins, Mary Dowling, Anthony Abrams, Ellen Vermer, John O'Dwyer, Ciro, Anna, Antonio, Vic and Ciro Jnr Esposito

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

Readings this week: 1Kings 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Matthew 6:25-43

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 9th-15th August 2021

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom

THURSDAY 6.00 pm Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel TBA
8:00-9:00 pm Choir, Holy Spirit Chapel or ZOOM

FRIDAY 9.15 am School Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBA

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBA

SUNDAY **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
9.00am Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBA
5.00pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church TBA
7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom TBA

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14th-15th August 2021

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

Mass Coordinator:

6.00 pm: Mary Ryan **9.00 am:** Bill Lanigan **5.00 pm:** Volunteer please

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Bernadette Hally **9.00 am:** Tina Toomey **5.00 pm:** Volunteer please

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Shirley Graham and Marita North-Coombes

9.00 am: Sally Weekes and Nola Ryan

5.00 pm: Volunteers please

Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm: Maureen/Terry Taffe **9.00 am:** Jocelyn D'Souza

5.00 pm: Volunteer please

Tea & Coffee: **6.00 pm:** **9.00 am:** Edna Danelutti and Anna Fantin

Garden Maintenance: Ian Stuart

As 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 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

Collection Notice

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

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.

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.



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.

Position Vacant - Part-time General Office Assistant,

Mondays 9am-3pm, with potential for Tuesdays also, at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, located at Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. To assist with social media, Zoom support, administrative and general duties. Job description and applications (by 28 August 2021): contact the Secretary, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890 1101.

Dear friends at Holy Spirit,

I would like to thank you all for keeping me in your prayers and hearts these last, nearly 3 years, and especially these last few months. Unfortunately my breast cancer is gaining momentum and it is not looking good for me.

I am constantly moved and humbled by the continuous flow of love and care I have been shown by so many of you. Cards, flowers, gifts, baking, messages, calls, and many many prayers. So special, and so deeply appreciated.

Then last week, I was gifted the opportunity to hold a "living wake" - on Zoom! - by the kindness and ingenuity of Mary Ryan, Tina Toomey, and my great partner in crime, Kerry Haddow. This was a direct benefit of Covid (it's certainly an ill wind that blows no good!)

155 people from all around the world tuned in for over 2 hours, sharing prayer, songs, poems, amusing anecdotes and stories. It was the most incredible raft of love and support and I am still buoyed in the light when I think on it. The Holy Spirit was surely at work in and through people that night. It was quite extraordinary, and as a consequence, I thoroughly recommend a living wake to everyone!!

I have found many serendipities in knowing that my life is nearing its end. I have tried not to leave things unsaid. I have worked on personal legacy projects, and advocated for women with metastatic breast cancer. Yet I have so much more to do! And that includes thanking every one of you for your love, for your prayers, for your appreciation of my singing over the years, and for being the most amazing community in which to belong.

I am so glad that was my story.

Love and light to you all.

With all my love

Deb Neilsen xx



**St Vincent de Paul Society
WINTER APPEAL**

In previous Winter Appeals, we have asked for non perishable foods and blankets, which you have generously provided.

This year our very supportive Parish School have committed to provide 18 baskets of non- perishable foods, so our appeal to the parish is for cash donations.

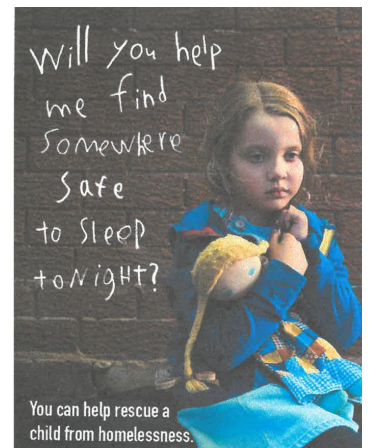
Our presence in the community to assist people experiencing poverty and disadvantage is steadfast and will continue with your support.

The disadvantaged we assist quite often experience difficulties in paying high utility, medical & pharmaceutical costs, overdue rents and other unforeseen expenses.

We have placed “Vinnies Donation” envelopes on the table in the foyer. There are 2 options:

- Online at our website: vinnies.org.au (your donation can be directed to North Ringwood Conference by nominating us in the comments field)
- Over the phone by calling 131812 (again nominate North Ringwood Conference when speaking to the operator)

Your donation will make a difference to the lives of those living in poverty & disadvantage.



On the Journey this week:

Fr Tony Alex MGL says life is about today, it's not about tomorrow that hasn't arrived yet or the past that holds us back. Pray and be happy, using prayer to put our anxieties in context. Plus, Mother Hilda on a broken heart, Michelle Vass uses the psalms to pray, and Torrien Lau on being compassionate. 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.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Numbers are limited, so please register with Jacek or Ann to join in for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. Enquiries: Jacek 9870 7625 Ann 0437 127 326

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. Numbers are limited, so please register with Len on 0401 519 727.

A centring prayer session will be held weekly in the Parish Chapel from 6:00 pm -6.30 pm. Sessions will be on Thursdays. Enquiries—please contact Kathy 0425852208

Holy Hour of Adoration/ Rosary - Wednesday Nights 7-8pm.

*Join with parishioners in prayer and devotion to Our Lady
for the intentions of your own heart, our community, our neighbourhood, our city and our world.*

Please contact Ambrose: ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com for details.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE.

The Maroondah City Council each year provides Grants to organizations in the Council Area, to assist in their charitable work.

Our Conference made an application to the Council under The Emergency Relief Grants Scheme and we are delighted that a Grant of \$5,000.00 has been approved.

We are very grateful to the Council for it's consideration and it is a clear demonstration that the Council is firmly committed to the welfare of it's citizens and there is no doubt that the funding will be of significant benefit to the Conference in it's efforts to assist vulnerable people in the Community.

Kevin O'Callaghan.

President



Holy Spirit Fete 2021

Due to the ongoing uncertainty and operational constraints, challenges and risks associated with holding events during the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Holy Spirit Community Fete scheduled for Saturday 9 October at Ringwood North will be cancelled.

Whilst the Fete Committee is disappointed to make the decision to cancel, we felt it important that we provide a level of certainty for all those planning to be involved in the event including stall holders, sponsors, volunteers and the broader community that attend, which in the current climate we cannot guarantee.

Despite not holding the 2021 fete, the raffle will go ahead and tickets are currently in the process of being distributed. We are also exploring the possibility of holding 'The Silent Auction' and other elements of the fete virtually as way of continuing in part the fete's legacy amongst our community.

The Holy Spirit Community Fete is one of Victoria's largest community events, attracting almost 12,000 visitors each year supported by over 250 volunteers. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and supportive community who look forward to attending and being involved in our fete.

We understand the cancellation of the event will come as disappointing news to many, however the health and safety of our patrons and volunteers is our priority. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone involved for their understanding and support during these challenging times, and we hope to see you all back in person for the 2022 Holy Spirit Community Fete.

The Holy Spirit Fete Committee



HOLY SPIRIT FETE SPONSORS 2021

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Reflection: Mary of the Cross (McKillop)

'I am not a bit discouraged, and what is more, so clearly see the hand of God in all that is now happening to us. I do not pray more, nor indeed as much as I did, and that never was much, but feel calm and tranquil and so near our dear good God.'

Mary MacKillop 19 Sept 1871

Provident God,
with grateful hearts we remember the power for goodness that Mary MacKillop is in our world.
On this her feast day may we be touched anew with her spirit of prophetic charity and generous participation in mission.
We ask this in the name of Christ, the Sacred Heart, and of the Spirit of Mission. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together a people of faith, we offer these our prayers:

For the Church; that we may ever be nourished by the Word of God and find meaning and strength for our life in Christ, so that we may actively live the Gospel.

LORD HEAR US

For the grace to forgive; that we may be imitators of God and offer forgiveness to all who have wronged us. **LORD HEAR US**

For those who have been wounded by the anger and malice of others; that God will provide healing of their hearts and renewal for their spirits.

LORD HEAR US

For all gathered here; that renewed by Word and Sacrament, we may live in sacrificial love for those who have been entrusted to our care.

LORD HEAR US

For the poor and homeless; that they may find food, shelter and acceptance and that our hearts will be open to their truth and dignity.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those members of our Parish who are too frail or ill to join us at Mass. May your healing power be upon them and give them comfort.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: George Donnelly, Kevin Maher, Ronald Flannery, Pauline Lees, Bill Hawkins, Mary Dowling, Anthony Abrams, Ellen Vermer, John O'Dwyer, Ciro, Anna, Antonio, Vic and Ciro Jnr Esposito.
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



FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

The widow gives food to Elijah and is fed.

Then the word of God came to Elijah and said,
“Now go to Zarephath, a village of Sidon, and stay there.
I have commanded a widow there to supply you with food.”
So he went to Zarephath.
When Elijah arrived at the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks.
Elijah called to her and asked,
“Could you bring me a little water in a jar for me to drink?”
As she was going to get the water, he called out,
“And please bring me a piece of bread.”
“As God lives,” she replied
“I don’t have any bread – only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug.
I am gathering sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my child.
We will eat it – and then we will die.”
Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go home and do what you said.
But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me;
and then make something for yourself and your child.
For this is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says:
‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry
until the day Yahweh makes it rain on the land.’”
The widow went away and did what Elijah told her to do.
And there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.
The jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry,
in keeping with the word of God
spoken by Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62

R. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1 For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken. **R.**

5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. **R.**

7 On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.12-17
Be clothed in love

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

- 12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another,
forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one
body. And be thankful.
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,
The same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 6.24-34

Do not worry about tomorrow: your holy Father knows your needs..

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus taught his disciples, saying.

- 24 "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other,
or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,
or about your body, what you will wear.
Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
26 "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
27 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
28 "And why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,
29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field,
which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith?
31 "Therefore do not worry, saying,
'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'
32 For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things;
and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.
34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.
Today's trouble is enough for today."

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection.

Jesus speaks in a very challenging manner when he states not to worry about life. There is that constant danger of becoming immersed in the affairs of the world. There is the risk we take when we spend too much time in the pursuit of worldly goods. The problem facing us is that the world we live in encourages us to set our hearts on acquiring more and more and to seek security in possessions. It so easily becomes a vicious circle because the more we have the more we want. A time will come when everything we own and cherish dearly will have to be left behind. Hence, we worry about life.

This Sunday and every August 8, is the feast day of St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop as Australia's first canonized saint. She reminds us through her life that we can achieve a detachment from material goods with an invitation to a lifestyle based on simplicity and dependence on God. This will mean standing back and turning our thoughts heavenwards so we can get our priorities right as she did. She famously told her sisters, "Do not see a need and do nothing about it." St. Mary was conscious of the needs of the people around her. There was a need for care, basic education, and for food and she dedicated her life to doing something about those needs, heroically and most effectively.

As we are all stewards of creation, we are to make good use of our human resourcefulness and plan our lives in a responsible manner. Worry and anxiety which arise from being over concerned with our own welfare and security are such a wasted effort and betray an outlook which is not based on a deep faith. They take all the joy from life and wears out mind and body. Trust in God gives us a freedom of heart, a deep inner peace and a realisation that we are loved.

St. Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

Stay well and safe -Fr. Arsenio.

