



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Christmas Day 25 December 2022

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Happy Christmas!

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

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:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Patricia O'Sullivan, June & Leo Taffe, Mick McLachlan, Rod Daily, Jack Meagher, Terry Maher, Dulcie Rosen, Bruce Peck, Jack Coffey, John Hogan, Murray Bouchier, Vincent Ryan, Flo West and Robert O'Sullivan

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Eve Foreman, Carol Vallance, Sinead Dalton, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler (4yo having surgery), Helen, Justine, Thomas Lee (new born baby seriously ill), Peter Higgins, Jim Quinlan

Readings this week: Isaiah 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

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.



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.

A Christmas Message from Fr Arsenio

There is always an appealing freshness about the Christmas story. We never tire of hearing how the infant Jesus lay in swaddling clothes in a manger in Bethlehem. The great feast of the nativity celebrates the closeness of God to us, born into our ordinary life. Christmas is the promise that we are not alone in our struggles. Christ did not remove himself from the brokenness of our human condition but experienced our poverty. From his birth in a stable as one who was homeless to his death on the cross. Jesus always identified with the spiritually, physically, and materially poor of this world. Many of us are disappointed because in our search we tend to look for God in the spectacular, but the Christmas story tells us that God is to be found right before our eyes in the ordinary, in the people and the situations we take for granted. Above all, we experience his presence in our hearts, provided we make room for him by removing the barriers and obstacles that get in his way. If the glory of God that comes to us as a child in the manger is not to be lost, we must ask the Lord for the grace in this short life of ours to do things his way.

God has come not only to tell us that he loves us but really to embrace us in a more personal and real way. God has come as one like us to lead us to eternal life with him. We celebrate Christmas by renewing our relationships, re-connecting again, refreshing ourselves, sharing experiences, enjoying the gift of life, counting our blessings and thanking God for everything he has done for us.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas and may your hearts be filled with the joy of Christ's birth!
– Fr. Arsenio

January Office & Mass arrangements.

The Parish Office will be unattended from 4pm Friday 23 December 2022 until 9am Tuesday 10 January 2023. Phone messages and emails will be monitored during this time. Fr Arsenio will be on leave during January. Fr John will be celebrating Masses on Friday mornings at 9:15 in the Chapel, Saturday evenings at 6pm and Sunday morning at 9am in the Church. The last 5pm Mass for 2022 will be this weekend—Sunday 18 December and will resume on Sunday 5 February. May you all enjoy a peace filled and happy Christmas and New Year.



The December issue of the Spirit Magazine is now available. Pick up a copy from the Church or view it on line via the Holy Spirit website. www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

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
Thank you.



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.



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers and gifts

We wish to thank parishioners, school community and friends who provided hampers and gifts for this year's distribution. Also we wish to thank parishioners who provided cash for the "Buy a Christmas Dinner Appeal ". We delivered approximately 80 hampers and many Christmas gifts to very appreciative recipients in our community. The hampers and gifts ensure the recipients will have a happier and enjoyable Christmas they would not otherwise have. Many thanks again to our very generous parish community.

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—26th December 2022—1st January 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom (continues throughout the holiday season)

THURSDAY

FRIDAY 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (continues throughout the holiday season)

SATURDAY 6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 9.00 am Mass only

NOTE : NO 5.00 pm Mass during the holidays (resumes 5th February)

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31st December 2022—1 January 2023

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

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan

9.00 am: Tina Toomey

5.00 pm: NO MASS

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Bernadette Hally

9.00 am: Linda Parlee

5.00 pm: NO MASS

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh & Jean Smith

9.00 am: Don Schroder and Tina Toomey

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Anna Fantin and Emma D'Aristotle

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 garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

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

Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land creatively blends **live music, media and sacred art** for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny. Join Christopher West and team as they offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Choose from:

Tuesday 24 January 2023, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park

Wednesday 25 January 2023, St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong

Schedule: 6pm - food for purchase, 7pm start, 9.30pm finish

Open to all. *All children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult.* Tickets: \$25 general, \$10 concession/student, free for children 10 and under. Register: www.trybooking.com/CETXQ

Join our Heart of Life Team:

Is Social Media Your Thing? Applications are invited for an individual to look after our social media content and assist in sharing news about Heart of Life and its programs. We seek a person who enjoys social media and can help to engage with our community to spark what may begin or continue the 'opening' process of being on earth the heart of God. The role is part-time – approx. one day per week - and is a volunteer role, at least initially. Please apply by 31/12/22 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

General Admin Assistant Applications are invited to support the growing team at Heart of Life where we are dedicated to supporting those who wish to deepen their spiritual journey. The position is part-time - one day per week (Mondays) during school terms - involving general office duties and providing some support with Zoom. It is a volunteer role with petrol/transport expenses paid. Please apply by 6/1/23 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

Position descriptions for the above and more information available from info@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890 1101. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

CELEBRANT:

As we join together to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us bring our prayers to our Father in heaven.

Jesus came to bring peace to the world. We pray for all those who suffer conflict. May our world leaders find a pathway to finding peace.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have suffered during the past year; may they be comforted in the knowledge that Jesus was born in poverty and came to help us on journey through life.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Jesus brought the gift of faith. We pray for those who struggle to understand and believe. May we be a living witness to the gospel.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our family and friends; may the Lord unite us in love as we celebrate his coming amongst us.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We remember our loved ones who have died, especially family members, friends and parishioners we have lost this past year. Bring them all into the fullness of your kingdom and comfort those who mourn them.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT:

Heavenly Father. We thank you for the gift of your Son to our world. Receive our prayers on this holy day and send the Spirit to deepen our faith, our hope and our love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

Journeying Together with Sr Nathalie Becquart

As our local Church in Melbourne walks the path of Take the Way of the Gospel, the universal Church is on her journey of synodality (Synod 2021–2024—For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission). These journeys are connected, and they invite us to walk together, listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other.

Tuesday 31 January 2023 10am–12 noon

Catholic Leadership Centre 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Free Event

Registration is essential via www.trybooking.com/CFARB or via the QR code below.

Registration closes Friday 27 January 2023. For enquiries, contact proclaim@cam.org.au or **9926 5761**.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52.7-10

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

8 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

9 Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1 O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. **R.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.

4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. **R.**

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. **R.**

13 Rejoice before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1.1-6

In these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,
whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

3 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being,
and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

6 And again,

when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

Good news and great joy to all, Today is born our Saviour
Jesus Christ the light of the world
Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 1.1-5, 9-14

*The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 1 In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
- 4 What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.
- 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world,
and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.
- 11 He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him.
- 12 But to all who received him,
who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,
13 who were born, not of blood
or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man,
but of God.
- 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord.

