



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, 9-10 March 2024**

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THURS 9am—3pm

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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 10:30am at St Gerard's

## **ST ANNE'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

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## **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Betty McWade, Tullio Ceconello, Maria Pellegrino, Mary O'Callaghan, Anna Massarotti, Chiarina Soccio, Louis de Silva, Sheila Murcott and Josephine Engel

**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, Daniel Leo, Ron Chamberlin

**Readings this week:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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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 - 11th-17th March 2024**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> 7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
<b>TUESDAY</b>	PLEASE NOTE NO MEDITATION TODAY 7.30 pm Baptism Information Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room 7.30 pm RCIA via Zoom 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit CHURCH with Year 6 children 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 9:45 Rosary, Adoration & Stations of the Cross (during Lent)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 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 16th-17th March 2024**

**Mass Coordinators:**

**6.00 pm:** Jacek Holewa

**9.00 am:** Tina Toomey

**Lectors:**

**6.00 pm:** Vin Dwyer

**9.00 am:** Jay de Graff

**Welcomers:**

**6.00 pm:** Dale Sebire

**9.00 am:** Nola Ryan

**Ministers of Communion:** **6.00 pm:** Maureen & Terry Taffe **9.00 am:** Silvio & Ada Volombello

**Tea and Coffee:** **9.00 am:** Bill and Trish Lanigan

**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 March at 7.30 pm, Mary Bresnan Room.

**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.

**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](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.

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**Memory** is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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## WEEKLY REFLECTION FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23 | Ephesians 2:4–10 | John 3:14–21**

*Written by Michael McGirr*

We have all lived through a great deal of change. Even young people have seen plenty. ChatGPT is a recent development and so are electric cars. Older people can remember having a phone plugged into a socket that you couldn't carry around with you. Sometimes we have discussions about the good old days. They are often tinged with nostalgia for things we miss and gratitude for improvements. We no longer need to buy film for our cameras or change typewriter ribbons. Climate change is deeply troubling. Many medical improvements are inspiring.

Change can certainly be frightening. It can also be an occasion of great hope. Jesus seems to have understood this. Nicodemus comes across as a character who is looking for change in his life, but he is nervous about it, so he comes to see Jesus under cover of darkness. Earlier in the chapter, Jesus uses the image of being born again. Of starting all over again. It is a dramatic description of change.

Jesus says that the light has come into the world and that people prefer the same old darkness. They are set in their ways.

Every Lent, through Project Compassion, Caritas Australia asks us to help bring light into the world and to make positive change. An example is presented to us this week in the story of Memory, a young woman from rural Malawi, the eldest child in a family living at the level of subsistence farming.

Listen to some of Memory's words: 'Growing up in the village was not easy. My parents don't have a job, so they depend on farming. When the season goes wrong, we suffer a lot and become food insecure. Sometimes we need to bathe without soap. Sometimes we need to walk without shoes.'

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt practical skills in carpentry. A new life became possible. She can now realise her full potential and offer more to her family and her community.

Today, the letter to the Ephesians reminds us that every person is 'God's work of art.' God is the artist who never signs off on a painting but is always trying to make it better. Perhaps we can see the world in the same way.

The men's coffee group wish to thank Maree Buttler for the comprehensive lesson she gave us regarding the Parish Defibrillator. It was closely observed by us all. Maree is going to provide this information at the 6.00pm and 9.00 am Masses on the weekend of 20th & 21st April. Thanks again Maree for providing this necessary instruction.

The next yearly set of **Thanksgiving Envelopes** are available for collection from the back of the Church. With the enormous rise in printing costs and as we head to a more cashless society, we have convenient Credit Card and Direct Debit facilities available through our website. For ad-hoc donations, we also have a \$10 tap and go machine by the Church front door for your convenience. Please consider one of these alternatives to the envelope system. If you do wish to change to electronic contributions, please advise the Parish Office of your intention so that we can make the necessary changes. Thank you for your ongoing financial support. It is greatly appreciated.

**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.

#### **"My Lenten prayer Buddy"**

Parishioners are invited to write a "Lenten Prayer" for someone in your life who needs support, love and care. The prayer can remain anonymous, and can be your own prayer or a commonly known one i.e. Hail Mary.

Please write your prayer on one of the slips on the table and leave it the basket. We will add them to the cross where the school staff have displayed theirs.

**ATTENTION ALL COMMUNION MINISTERS:** please come to a short refresher session on our ministry, so that we are all on the same page with the administering of Communion, under both kinds, and that we all perform the same cleansing of the chalice afterwards. This session will be on SUNDAY MARCH 17 at 10am, straight after the 9am Eucharist. See you on MARCH 17 at 10am.

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

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

- **Executive Support Officer-Proclaim, East Melbourne**
- **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator, Thornbury**
- **Animation Consultant-Proclaim, East Melbourne**

#### **Catholic Development Fund**

- **Relationship Manager, Catholic Development Fund**
- **Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund**
- **Communications Advisor, Catholic Development Fund**

#### **Parish Positions**

- **Ministry Coordinator, St Scholastica's Parish, Bennettswood**
- **The Parish School Liaison, St. Clement of Rome, Bulleen**

#### **Other Positions**

- **Executive Assistant to the Provincial, Camberwell**
- **Fundraising Coordinator, Missionaries of God's Love Priests & Brothers, Melbourne, Sydney or Canberra**

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

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)

**On the Journey this week:** Sr Katherine Stone MGL asks do we truly believe that: "God sent his Son into the world so that through him the world might be saved." Mother Hilda tells what really happens when we pray for somebody else. Plus, Fr Tony Percy and from the Pietà Lenten Series, Darren McDowell, and Trish McCarthy. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch & entertainment on **Friday 26th April** at 11am in the Church. This will be a pupil free day, so there will be ample parking onsite for anyone attending the Mass. Please note that 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day. For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please contact the Parish Office: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or 70369395 by Wednesday 24th April. (A sign up sheet will also be available toward the end of the month.)

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



#### **Our Lady's Ringwood Time Out**

This group is celebrating it's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday in April. We would like to make contact with any members who may have moved out of the area. Please leave a message with our Parish office 99262330

#### **Dance Lumiere**

Bring dance to your Wednesday nights! Our Intro to dance class will start you on your dance journey, in a fun supportive environment, teaching you the basics of Ballroom and Latin styles. No previous experience or partner required.

Intro to dance class Wednesdays @7:45PM Our Lady's Hall Ringwood.

First class for \$5 when booking online (use code FIRSTFOR5).

To Book: [www.dancelumiere.com.au](http://www.dancelumiere.com.au) 0452072092 [Info@dancelumiere.com.au](mailto:Info@dancelumiere.com.au)

## EASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

### YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

As always, we are preparing some very special liturgies for each of our Easter Services so that everyone will experience and understand the significance of Easter.

In particular, we plan to reintroduce the large Cross to the Good Friday Service.

For this to happen, especially for the large number of people who join us to celebrate Easter, we need many more members of our parish/school community to help at each of the Masses.

We want everyone to feel welcome, to feel that they belong to an active, vibrant community, and to return home feeling they have experienced something truly moving and meaningful.

Please consider volunteering in some capacity at one or more of the services, by adding your name onto one of the lists at the back of the church or contacting the Parish Office on 70369395 or

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

#### Areas where you can help include:

Cross Carriers for Good Friday

Special Ministers

Offertory Procession

Readers

Collectors

Altar Servers (particularly Holy Thursday & Good Friday)

Welcomers

Clean-up/reset team after each Mass –

**We particularly need people to help set up on Saturday 23 March. Palms need to be put up & chairs need to be brought in from storage and set up. Liturgy team will be on site from 8:30am. Chair set up scheduled to start at 9am.**

The Liturgy Team

#### Easter Services at Holy Spirit are:

**Palm Sunday, 23-24 March: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm**

**Reconciliation 26 March: Combined Parishes service, 7:30pm @ Holy Spirit**

**Holy Thursday, 28 March: Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30pm**

**Good Friday, 29 March: Stations of the Cross, 10:00am**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm**

**Holy Saturday, 30 March: Easter Vigil: 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday, 31 March: Easter Mass: 9:00am**

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 5PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**

#### PALM SUNDAY MASSES 23 & 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday Masses will commence with blessing of palm & olive branches on the lawn at the top of the stairs and a procession into the Church. Whilst we will have palm & olive branches available



#### Flowers for Good Friday needed!

As has become tradition in the parish, we invite parishioners to bring flowers from their gardens to venerate the Cross on Good Friday. Flowers will also be provided for anyone to use, but it is nice to have the variety and colour of many different flowers to transform the Cross to a "Tree of Life".



God and Beer  
Monday 18th March

Divine Comedy to Divine  
Mercy:  
The John Canavan Story

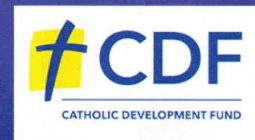
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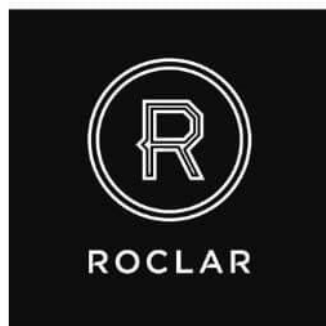
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The Fete Committee would like to extend the biggest THANK YOU to everyone who made Toy Donation Day a resounding success! Your generosity and kindness means the world to us, and we are truly grateful for each and every one of you. Together, we have shown the power of community and kindness.

Fr Richard Rosse would like to invite you for an 14-day pilgrimage departing on 21st May 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Siena, Rotondo and Rome for all-inclusive price of \$8190. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

### **REFLECTION: 4th Sunday of Lent**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

#### ***Celebrant:***

*We come together to celebrate the presence of God among us. Let us bring our prayers before Him confident that they will be heard.*

#### **Reader:**

Let us pray that the Church always mindful of God's wonderful gifts, may bring to all the people of the world a knowledge of the joy and healing that God can bring to their lives.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for new growth in our Christian faith; that the Holy Spirit will enlighten our often darkened vision so that we may trust more fully in God's presence with us in our everyday challenges.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray that Jesus Christ, our light, will help us know our many blind spots; that the eyes of our hearts may be opened to know and love God's love and serve others more faithfully.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for our Elect parishioner, Ryan, preparing for the sacraments of Christian initiation and those to be received into the Church at Easter; that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them to an ever deeper Christian faith, wisdom and holiness of life.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for all people who make things. We thank God for their skills. May our support of Project Compassion help people around the world find the opportunity to use their talents to support their families and communities.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Betty McWade, Tullio Cecconello, Maria Pellegrino, Mary O'Callaghan, Anna Massarotti, Chiarina Soccio, Louis de Silva, Sheila Murcott and Josephine Engel.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

**LORD HEAR US.**

#### ***Celebrant:***

*Loving God. Your saving grace embraces all people in Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and brother. Hear these our prayers that we make to You through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++

*The wrath and steadfast kindness of the Lord are shown by the exile  
and restoration of the people.*

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

**14** All the leading priests and the people were exceedingly unfaithful,  
following all the abominations of the nations;  
and they polluted the house of the Lord that he had consecrated in Jerusalem.  
**15** The Lord, the God of their ancestors, persistently sent his messengers to them,  
because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place;  
**16** but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words,  
and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord against his people became so great  
that there was no remedy.  
**17** Therefore the Lord brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans,  
**19** who burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem,  
burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels.  
**20** The king took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword,  
and they became servants to him and to his sons  
until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia,  
**21** to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah,  
until the land had made up for its sabbaths.  
All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.  
**22** In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia,  
in fulfilment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah,  
the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia  
so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom and also declared in a written edict:  
“Thus says King Cyrus of Persia:  
The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth,  
and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.  
Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him!  
Let him go up.”

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R.6)

**R.** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**1** By the rivers of Babylon—  
there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

**2** On the willows there we hung up our harps. **R.**

**3** For there our captors asked us for songs,  
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” **R.**

**4** How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?

**5** If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**

**6** Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. **R.**



## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 2.4-10**

*Even when we were dead through our trespasses, God made us alive.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

**4** God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us  
**5** even when we were dead through our trespasses,  
made us alive together with Christ—  
for it is by grace you have been saved  
And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him  
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,  
**7** so that in the ages to come, God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace  
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
**8** For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.  
**9** This is not the result of works, so that no one may boast.  
**10** For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**John 3.16**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

## GOSPEL

**John 3.14-21**

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
that we may have eternal life.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.  
Jesus said to Nicodemus:

**14** “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
**15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.  
**16** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life.  
**17** “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.  
**18** Those who believe in him are not condemned;  
but those who do not believe are condemned already,  
because they have not believed  
in the name of the only Son of God.  
“And this is the judgment,  
that the light has come into the world,  
and people loved darkness rather than light  
because their deeds were evil.  
**20** For all who do evil hate the light  
and do not come to the light,  
so that their deeds may not be exposed.  
**21** But those who do what is true come to the light,  
so that it may be clearly seen  
that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.