



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2-3 October 2021**

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**DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS THIS WEEKEND!**



## **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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter)

Recorded Masses available at: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources](http://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](http://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:** Debbie Nielsen and Michael Horne

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Liam Collins, Sue Gerrey, Paul Poles, Mario del Core, Joe Scicluna, Ray Pathe, Maria Zordan and Thelma Hartley

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

**Readings this week:** Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

**EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 4th-10th October 2021**

MONDAY	TERM 4 COMMENCES—LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

When 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](mailto:ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au)



**The Spirit**

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

The September edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available on the parish website:  
[www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine)

Once again, many great articles, photos and reflections for you to peruse!

Thanks to our new editor, Yvette for her wonderful efforts in producing her first edition.!!

**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](mailto: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](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

**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.

## Funeral Service for Debbie Neilsen.

Debbie's funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th October at 10:30am.

The link below is where the Webcast/Live Streaming can be viewed. Through this site you can view the webcast, light a virtual candle and leave a tribute or message.

<https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/21861/Deborah-Neilsen/obituary.html#tribute-start>

## 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](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or 9876 3077.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)*

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

## Get Ready to Fly!

Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

To be prepared for a 2022 placement **enquire by Friday October 29.**

Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) Email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call Christine on 02 9560 5333

## On the Journey this week:

Fr Chris Sarkis in his gospel reflection says the Church is not lacking in true compassion and understanding to the individual human situation in marriages. The countdown to Plenary Council continues with two delegates in conversation with Jude Hennessy. Plus, Mother Hilda on the life of Dame Margo Fontaine. Michelle Vass compares Psalm 34 to Chapter 15 of John's Gospel, and Torrien Lau discovers that the Holy Spirit often puts people in our lives for a purpose. Plus, more great music!

Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly



### **Lockdown Light—week five**

*A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...*

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

#### **Podcasts for Christian living: How to keep our kids Catholic**

In this episode of The Word on Fire show, Bishop Robert Barron and Brandon Vogt discuss what helps children retain their faith into young adulthood. Listen at [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving5](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving5)

#### **Getting to know your Bible: Science and the Bible: Are they opposed?**

*Getting Started:* In this video, Bishop Robert Barron firmly debunks the common claim that science and religion are diametrically opposed. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted5a](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted5a) and visit: [www.reasonfaithscience.com](http://www.reasonfaithscience.com) for further resources.

*Going Deeper:* This video skilfully explores a Catholic understanding of the Book of Genesis' account of creation through a tapestry of voices. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5)

## **October is the Month of the Rosary**

Bishop Michael McKenna recently wrote in the Catholic Observer:

"Of course, the Rosary belongs to every month, but in October the Church celebrates this prayer in a special way: reminding us of its simple beauty and gentle power. It is a time of grace for us to return to this prayer if we have let it slip away: or perhaps to discover for the first time, in the company of Mary, how the Rosary can guide us into unpretentious prayer"

Our Holy Spirit Rosary Group invites all parishioners to join their "Zoom" session each Wednesday evening from 7pm to pray the Rosary. If you are unable to join them, you are encouraged to pray the Rosary at home, or wherever you are.

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**

**Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ**

**Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio**

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [ambrose\\_cornelio@hotmail.com](mailto:ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com) for inclusion weekly.



## Fan the Flame

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via 'one device-one person' mode. There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October). <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>



### **PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*A prayer used before every session of the Second Vatican Council.  
This is to be prayed at the beginning of a Plenary Council.*

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,  
conscious of our sinfulness,  
but aware that we gather in your name.  
Come to us, remain with us,  
and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength  
to know your will,  
to make it our own  
and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,  
support us by your power,  
for you are God,  
sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for All  
enable us to uphold the rights of others;  
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance  
or corrupted by fear or favour.  
Unite us to yourself in the bond of love  
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name  
may we temper justice with love,  
so that all our decisions  
may be pleasing to you,  
and earn the reward  
promised to good and faithful servants,  
Amen.





**NJ Noel Jones**

stw.



**HOLY SPIRIT**

*Community Fete*

**CANCELLED**

*10am - 7pm*

**Saturday 9 October 2021**

**120 Oban Road, Ringwood North**

stw.



## **HOLY SPIRIT RAFFLE-TIME TO RETURN TICKETS**

**This year, more than ever, we need to sell as many tickets as possible!**

**Tickets have been delivered to those on our list. If you have not received tickets but would like to buy and/or sell tickets, please contact the Parish Office 98763077 and we will organize tickets to be delivered.**

In an effort to ensure everyone has a chance to win, please return raffle tickets as soon as they are sold.

Currently, you have the option to complete the credit card payment slip in order to make payment or you can now make a bank transfer for payment – how easy!

Once you have either completed the CC slip or transferred the money, simply return the raffle book stubs via post to the parish (or drop in parish letterbox) at 120 Oban Road Ringwood North.

Make sure to note on the slip if you have paid via bank transfer and ensure to include the name the transfer is under and the ticket numbers.

Bank details – BSB: 063-167 Account: 0090 3467

Reference: Surname and Ticket numbers

Any questions or concerns, please call Katherine on 0467 056 685

## **Prayers of Intercession**

The Spirit brings new life to the church. Let us be open to the prompting of the Spirit as we pray for our needs and those of the church.

For the Catholic Church in Australia as we begin the First Assembly of the Plenary Council; that the Holy Spirit may inflame the hearts and minds of all so that we may experience a new Pentecost in this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.

For the Plenary Council members who are assembling around Australia for the First Assembly: that their hearts and minds are opened to receive the Holy Spirit in all their conversations and prayer. Lord, hear us.

For our Nation: that this journey of discernment and listening of the Plenary Council becomes a source of wisdom and courage as we move into the future. Lord, hear us.

For all those who are currently living under lockdown conditions due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and those involved in the front line of care: that they may be supported in this difficult time by our loving and prayerful support. Lord, hear us.

For the people of our modern society; that violence may cease, that children may know the joy of a happy and loving home and that human dignity may be respected in every person and in every place. Lord hear us.

For all married couples; that their love may be enduring and their commitment to each other and their families grow in strength. Lord hear us.

For those who experience separation and divorce; may we give special care to those whose hearts have been broken. Lord hear us.

For all who give generously of their time for the life of others, especially our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers; that God will renew them and give them strength and courage to continue their wonderful service to those most in need of your love and mercy. Lord hear us.

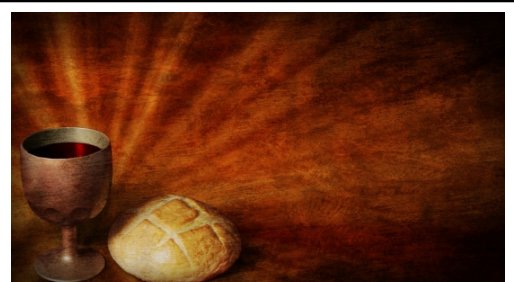
We pray for Holy Spirit Alpha. This Sunday the Alpha Team and participants will be attending a Retreat Evening via Zoom. We pray that all those attending will be strengthened in their faith and inspired by the Holy Spirit. May this be a reminder of how blessed we are to have the opportunity to be renewed by the Holy Spirit every day of our lives. Lord hear us.

For those who have died recently, Debbie Neilsen and Michael Horne, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Liam Collins, Sue Gerrey, Paul Poles, Mario del Core, Joe Scicluna, Ray Pathe, Maria Zordan and Thelma Hartley. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

## **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

### **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

Genesis 2.7ab,8b,18-24

*The two become one flesh.*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

7 The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground,  
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,  
8 and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.  
18 Then the Lord God said,  
“It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.”  
19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field  
and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them;  
and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.  
20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air,  
and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.  
21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man,  
and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.  
22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man  
he made into a woman and brought her to the man.  
23 Then the man said,  
“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”  
24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife,  
and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128.1-2, 3, 4-5 (R.5)

**R.** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1 Happy is the one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

2 You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. **R.**

3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots around your table. **R.**

4 Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

5 The Lord bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Hebrews 2.9-11

*For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified  
all have one Father.*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

9 We do indeed see Jesus,  
who for a little while was made lower than the angels,  
now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death,  
so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist,  
in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation  
perfect through sufferings.

11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.  
For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love

Alleluia

## G O S P E L

Mark 10.2-16

*What God has joined together, let no one separate.*

*The shorter version (2-12) ends at the asterisk.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

2 Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked,  
"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

3 Jesus answered them, "What did Moses command you?"

4 They said,

"Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."

5 But Jesus said to them,

"Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.

6 But from the beginning of creation,

'God made them male and female.'

7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,

8 and the two shall become one flesh.'

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

11 Jesus said to them,

"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;

12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." \*

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that Jesus might touch them;  
and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them:

for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

15 Truly I tell you,

whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

16 And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

## Reflection.

Jesus was being asked by the Pharisees where he stood concerning marriage and divorce. He left them in no doubt about his position emphasising that marriage is a state of life created by God himself. It is a lifelong union between one man and one woman kept together by a pledge of love and loyalty made in the presence of God. It is a union that cannot be undone so when a couple marry there is no power on earth, short of death, that can free them to remarry. 'What God has joined together man must not separate.'

We reflect on the dignity of marriage and on the permanence of the marriage commitment. This is a question that surfaces more and more in today's church as Christians are subjected from all sides with the worldly view that life long marriage is unacceptable. Life is described as a journey and marriage is two people making that journey together in partnership. The wedding day is the starting point when the church blesses the couple, and family and friends gather to celebrate their departure to wish them good luck for the road ahead. The couple's pledge is an acknowledgment to the community that their lives have taken a new direction through the power of love. It demands mutual respect and trust of each other. Together they go forward to meet the rough and smooth of life that even true love cannot escape.

A good marriage must be created. Little things are the most important, like speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways. It is having the capacity to forgive and forget which means never going to sleep angry. A married couple cannot stand together and face the world unless their union is based on love. Love is what binds that relationship together for life. It is a hope and a trust that has to be lived down the years through good times and bad times. Love can be easily abandoned and then marriage fades away and dies. The solemn pledge to love each other for better or for worse, will always make its way to a happy and profound union.

Stay safe and well always. God bless you all! -Fr. Arsenio.