



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

The Baptism of the Lord, 9-10 January 2021

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EMAIL

Jacinta will continue to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you have not received an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know at Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au. Alternatively, please ring the parish mobile 0434 224 483 to advise us of your email address.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, WE CAN NOW CELEBRATE MASS UNDER VERY STRICT GUIDELINES. PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.

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 remains closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. Please ring the Parish Mobile number: 0434 224 483 and leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Bob O'Sul;ivan

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Joe Erjavec, Hilda del Core, Peter Stafford, Ray Bates, Wally Ellul, Geraldine Hortin, Elizabeth Sinclair and Rosa Marraffa

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

Readings this week: Isaiah 55:1-11: 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

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

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners

With the much welcomed news that we are now able to offer larger numbers at weekend parish masses, you can now book online via TryBooking, or on arrival use the QR code to register for contact tracing. Please bring your mobile phone!

For bookings please follow the information below:

ALL WEEKEND MASSES UNTIL 31 JANUARY ARE NOW OPEN FOR BOOKING.

The bookings close for each weekend on the Friday preceding the weekend at 12 noon.

The link for Saturday evening Mass is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKHB>

The link for Sunday morning Mass is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKHK>

Should you have any questions please email the parish at ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au and we will respond to you.

WEEKDAY MASS BOOKINGS:

Our week day masses will resume in the Chapel on Friday 22 January 2021 at 9:30am.

The trybooking link for weekday Masses in 2021 is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNPRE> .

These Masses will continue to be celebrated under very strict guidelines, which have been approved by Archbishop Comensoli.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

The restrictions are as follows:

- You must wear a face mask at all times.
- Sanitize your hands on arrival.

The chairs are not to be moved from the pre marked space.

Fr Arsenio will give instructions on receiving Holy Communion during the Fraction Rite.

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

Jacinta Bibby Pastoral Associate Mobile : 0434 224 483



The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

DECEMBER EDITION NOW AVAILABLE!

The December edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available on the parish website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

This is Helen Konynenburg's "swan song" as editor of the magazine. The parish community is greatly indebted to Helen for her many hours of dedication to this wonderful publication.

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.

Arrangements in January.

Please note: staff are still working remotely and as such the office is closed. Phone calls can be made to the parish mobile number **0434 224 483**.

It will be checked for messages daily and any urgent matters will be dealt with.

Fr Arsenio will be taking a short break during January. He will celebrate the weekend Masses as usual, but is not available during the week.

Weekday Masses resume on Friday 22 January.

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. This may be an opportune time to change over to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions.

Should you wish to make this change, please call the parish office on **0434 224 483**

Daily Mass Books 2021 are available for \$25. Please email Jenny: jenny.philp@cam.org.au if you would like to get a copy.

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 Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "Covid 19 News and Updates" (much of which is drawn from Jacinta's weekly email): ref home page & menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

Farewell!

This weekend we farewell Sintija Erjavec, who is moving to a new home with her family. May God's blessings be upon you as you start this new phase of your life's journey.

Holy Hour of Adoration/ Rosary - Wednesday Nights

There will be no Holy Hour of Adoration in the chapel on Wednesday Nights until the end of January 2021.

Collection Notice

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.1-11

*Incline your ear, and come to the waters;
listen, so that you may live.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1** Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 2** Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3** Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4** See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5** See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
- 6** Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- 9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (R.3)

- R.** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
- 2** Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
- 3** With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**
- 4** Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**
- 5** Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
- 6** Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**
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SECOND READING

1 John 5.1-9

*There are three that testify:
the Spirit and the water and the blood.*

A reading from the first letter of John.

- 1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.
- 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.
- 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,
- 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
- 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- 6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.
- 7 There are three that testify:
- 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.
- 9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

See John 1:29

Alleluia, Alleluia

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 1.7-11

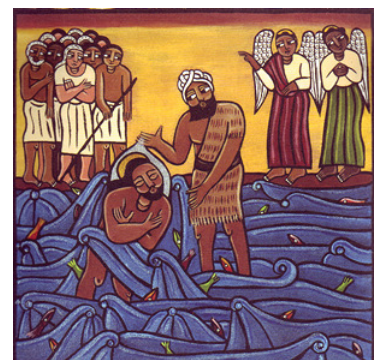
You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

- 7 In his preaching he proclaimed,
“The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
- 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
- 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
- 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
- 11 And a voice came from heaven,
“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Prayers of Intercession

How many are God's works, how rich are God's mercies. Let us humbly bring our needs to the Creator of heaven and earth.

We pray for the Church; that all who were reborn in baptism will confidently work for God's kingdom and bear witness to God's love for all.

LORD HEAR US.

For our priests and bishops; we pray that through their lives and ministry, the whole Church might continue to be a living sign of your healing and liberating presence among us.

LORD HEAR US.

For those who have lost their way in life and faith in God and humanity. We pray that the Holy Spirit will come upon them with power to restore them and raise them up.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for all people and nations throughout the world longing for justice and peace; may the fire of God's Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen them and their leaders in their search for new lives of hope and freedom.

LORD HEAR US.

For all who are making vocational and life-changing decisions in relation to education, training, employment or personal relationships; that God's Spirit will inspire them to choose wisely and courageously so that they will be bearers of new life and love to others.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently, Bob O'Sullivan, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Joe Erjavec, Hilda del Core, Peter Stafford, Ray Bates, Wally Ellul, Geraldine Hortin, Elizabaeth Sinclair and Rosa Marraffa. 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

