



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

1st Sunday of Lent, 20-21 February 2021

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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: Patricia Kett, Lorraine Smirl.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Alberto Cavallin, Danuta Morgan, Teresa Panek, Concetta Raso, Oliver Brand, Theresa Arnts, Peter Papworth, Margaret Merchant, Peter Brown and Rick Doensen

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: Genesis 9:8-15; 1Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners

Booking via TryBooking is no longer required for regular Masses at Holy Spirit.

To comply with COVID regulations, we will use the QR code for electronic contact tracing purposes.

You will need to bring your mobile phone to use the QR code system. If you do not have a phone, or your phone does not work with the QR system, there will be welcomers on duty to assist.

Alternatively, you will have to write your details in a register.

Please arrive early to ensure you register and are seated well before Fr Arsenio is ready to commence Mass.

Weekend Masses are Saturday evening at 6pm, Sunday morning at 9am in the Church. We have resumed collections and Tea/Coffee after weekend Masses.

Please note: our maximum capacity in the church is 120.

Wednesday & Friday morning Masses will be celebrated at **9:15am** in the Chapel. Maximum capacity is 12.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated under 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.
- Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.

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

REFLECTION: 1st Sunday of Lent

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 22nd-28th February 2021

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9:15-10:00am Meditation Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
8:00-9:30pm Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel

WEDNESDAY

9:15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
7:00pm Rosary group via ZOOM

THURSDAY

8:00pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church

FRIDAY

9.15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

SATURDAY

6.00pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY

9.00am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27th—28th FEBRUARY 2021

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

Mass Coordinator:

6pm: Mary Ryan

9am: Bill & Trish Lanigan

Lectors:

6pm: Vin Dwyer

9am: Sharon Hipwell

Welcomers:

6pm: Shirley Graham/Marita North-Coombes

9am: Tina Toomey

Ministers of Communion:

6pm: Barry Ward

9am: Maryann Street

Tea & Coffee:

6pm:

9am: Amelia Martini and Cathy Anderson

Garden Maintenance: Dale Sebire and Jacek Holewa

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!

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au



As we have not had any interest in an online discussion group on Wednesday mornings, the Comfort booklets are available to those who would like to follow the reflections privately. A donation for the booklets would be appreciated.

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.



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.

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**

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

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

Holy Hour of Adoration/ Rosary - Wednesday Nights

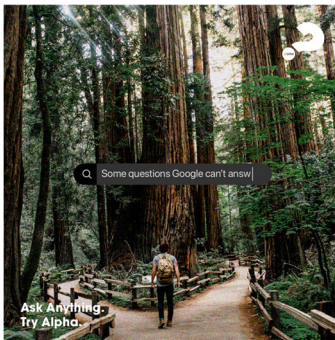
*Join with parishioners in prayer and devotion to Our Lady
for the intentions of your own heart, our community, our neighbourhood, our city and our world.*

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

Simply Jesus: Reflect. Renew. Recommit.

This Lent, across our archdiocese, we are being invited to reflect on the way and person of Jesus, renew ourselves in his love, and recommit ourselves to the path of discipleship. After a year where the regular structures that help us live a life of faith and grow in our relationship with Jesus were largely absent, we are encouraged to use Lent to reflect more deeply on our relationship with Jesus and be more attentive to nurturing its growth. To aid us in this, a Way of the Cross resource has been developed incorporating images, Scripture, music, reflection and prayer. The resource provides a meaningful way into the powerful story of Jesus' Passion, inviting a new or renewed intimacy with him. Along with other resources, it can be accessed at: www.melbournecatholic.org/lent2021

Life can be so busy, we don't have time to take stock. Alpha is a 'timeout' where you can think about the big questions, listen to others, and discuss your own thoughts.
None of us know it all, but together we can seek some answers.



Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Try Alpha Online

Sunday 14th March, 7:30-8:45pm

via [Zoom](#) – link to be sent directly to those who register via Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/holy-spirit-parish-alpha-2021-registration-140784077967

Further details: <https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/alpha>

winter shelter

Maroondah Winter Shelter – 2021

Throughout the lockdown period MWS has not been able to provide our usual shelter and meals for our local homeless community but we have not been idle. Homelessness and poverty still haunts Maroondah. The seven local churches of MWS has changed focus for this period to provide take away meals delivered to accommodation houses and distributed from Café Vive in Croydon and Urban Café in Ringwood. Obviously compliance with Covid19 Restrictions have been implemented to protect both clients and volunteers. It must have worked because MWS distributed over 1325 meals, delivered 247 meals to housing, supporting 526 people in the month of Aug 2020 alone.

Holy Spirit's involvement has been provided by Jacki Wooten and her team of cooks. Our deepest appreciation goes to Jacki and those other generous people.

With the new year comes a new look.

Holy Spirit will be teaming with Uniting Church North Ringwood (Dickson Cres) to provide meals from the café's on Sunday evenings once a month. We will need 85 meals so that means cooks and volunteers to facilitate the distribution. Jacki will again be coordinating the program. Our first Sunday is on Feb 28.

How can you help?

If you can cook we can use your service. The more cooks we have then the fewer times each will be called upon.

If you are good with people we need volunteers to manage the distribution.

If you would like to donate, we would prefer Supermarket Vouchers that can be given out to clients (esp. families).

We aren't taking general groceries but we can use Long Life Milk, Bottled Water, Breakfast Cereals and Tinned Soups. These can be left at the School Admin during the week or at the Church (at mass times). To donate cash, please go to the Maroondah Winter Shelter webpage and donate online.

If you can help please call Jacki on 0488 013 666 or jacki.carman@hotmail.com or Silvio on 0431 399 938 or svolomb1@gmail.com.



Week 1: Bangladesh



Twenty-two-year-old Jamila is a single mother, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. A Rohingya woman, she fled the armed conflict in Myanmar's Rakhine State to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby daughter. Having been abandoned by her husband, she faced life in the camp on her own. Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya people have crossed into Bangladesh since August 2017. Over 1.3 million people remain in the densely populated camps in desperate need of humanitarian assistance.

Thanks to the generosity of Caritas Australia's supporters and through our partnership with Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila had access to emergency food and shelter. Then, as her stay in the camp stretched on, Jamila joined the Women Friendly Spaces project where she received counselling and emotional support. She learnt about health and hygiene, participated in a parenting program and learnt sewing skills to help her to earn an income. Jamila now has a sense of community around her, and feels less alone and more supported – and she is able to "Be More" to her family.

"I want to offer my thankful greetings to those who are kindly thinking of us from overseas,"

Jamila says. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia."

Thank you for being more!

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends in Christ. As we begin our annual period of renewal, let us turn to our Father who calls us to live out the Good News of the Gospel

For the Church, the people of God. As we begin our Lenten journey, may we be renewed by the Good News of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit and may our works of penance help us grow in our love for God and our neighbour. **LORD HEAR US.**

May each of us really see with open hearts and recognise who it is we are looking at to realise their value and the importance and gift of their life. **LORD HEAR US.**

For those whose lives are tested constantly through poverty, violence, abuse, illness or exclusion; may they be supported in their struggles through prayer and practical assistance. **LORD HEAR US.**

For our sisters and brothers around the world who are journeying out of the wilderness to “a just future”; that their desire to serve their community be an example for us to follow. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for all refugees who are forced to flee their homeland. That we, as a global family, will respond generously to their needs and assist in developing a safe and secure future for all. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for peace and healing; may world leaders be promoters of peace and bringers of justice for those who are living in the fear of war and bloodshed. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently, Patricia Kett & Lorraine Smirl, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Alberto Cavallin, Danuta Morgan, Teresa Panek, Concetta Raso, Oliver Brand, Theresa Arnts, Peter Papworth, Margaret Merchant, Peter Brown and Rick Doensen.
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



R.C.I.A. 2020-2021 – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This year we have one Catechumen, Deborah, who has been preparing for reception into full communion with our faith community this year. Please pray for Deborah as she journeys along this path. This Sunday 21st February, the next step will take place as we gather at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne for the Rite of Reception along with other RCIA groups from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Your prayers for Deborah will be an active blessing for her.

- Peace and Blessings from Lawrence Cecconello and Tina Toomey RCIA Team

FIRST READING

Genesis 9.8-15

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

8 God said to Noah and to his sons with him,
9 “As for me,
I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,
10 and with every living creature that is with you,
the birds, the domestic animals,
and every animal of the earth with you,
as many as came out of the ark.
11 I establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood,
and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”
12 God said,
“This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you
and every living creature that is with you,
for all future generations:
13 I have set my bow in the clouds,
and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,
15 I will remember my covenant
that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh;
and the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all flesh.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.10)

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.

6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

7 According to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! **R.**

8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Peter 3.18-22

*The waters of the flood prefigured the baptism
which now saves you.*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

18 Christ suffered for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God.
He was put to death in the flesh,
but made alive in the spirit,
19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison.
20 In former times these did not obey,
when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,
during the building of the ark,
in which a few, that is, eight persons,
were saved through water.
21 Baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—
not as a removal of dirt from the body,
but as an appeal to God for a good conscience
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4.4

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

G O S P E L

Mark 1.12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the angels waited on him

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

After Jesus was baptized,
12 the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness.
13 He was in the wilderness forty days,
tempted by Satan;
and he was with the wild beasts;
and the angels waited on him.
14 Now after John was arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,
15 “The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.”

The gospel of the Lord.

