



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28-29 January 2023

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Francesco Raso, Ron Ellis, Betty Philp, Truus Teggelove, Tom Grant, Stuart Holt, Hans van der Geest, John Burns, Rosemary Scheffer, Carlo Annunziata, John Tay, Maria Koh, Anna Holewa and Frank Rogan

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Thomas Lee (new born baby seriously ill), Peter Higgins, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett

Readings this week: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1Cor 1:26-31; Matt 5:1-12

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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—30th January—5th February 2023

MONDAY	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
TUESDAY	SCHOOL RESUMES FOR 2023
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom 7.30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (First Saturday of the month only) 6:00pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—VINNIES \$2.00 COLLECTION WEEKEND 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel Resumes 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4th-5th January 2023

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

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Mary Ryan

9.00 am: Don Schroder

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio

9.00 am: Dennis Gridley

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Marita North-Coombes

9.00 am: Nola Ryan

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Nola Ryan and Norma Brown



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.

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2023

Daily Mass Book 2023 are now available to purchase from the Parish House. (\$30 each)
Please see Ruth or Jenny to get a copy.



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.

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On the Journey this week: On the Journey this week: In the Gospel reflection Fr Mark De Battista tells why the poor in spirit are blessed. Mother Hilda shares her experience of being told to have a nice day. Plus, Deacon Josh Clayton challenges the idea that Christianity is only for oldies, Trish McCarthy says we can learn a lot about mealtimes from Jesus, Fr Mike Delaney having a chance encounter in a shopping centre creates an opportunity for parish community growth, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

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 & 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**.

Charismatic Prayer Group Resumes Tuesday 7 February @ 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.

Tuesday Meditation Resumes Tuesday 7 February @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

Pastoral Care Appeal (Chaplaincy Appeal)

The Pastoral Care Appeal 2023 (Previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal) is held on Chaplaincy Sunday (12 February 2023) in parishes across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This appeal is conducted for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Catholic chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres.

Our chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. Your generosity and support enable our chaplains to continue to be messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Thank you for supporting the Pastoral Care Appeal.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

TAIWAN

10am Friday March 3rd Holy Spirit Chapel

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

The theme in 2023 is God's promise in the letter to the Ephesians, which is an invitation to active listening, which is the ground of our prayers.

Following the example of the letter (Ephesians 1:15-19), where the author praises the church for their faith in Jesus and love toward all the saints, the worship service contextualizes the witness of the saints with the stories from Taiwan.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant: *Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ invites us to place ourselves and our gifts entirely in God's loving care so that the Kingdom of God may be realized in our world. With renewed faith and confidence let us pray.*

Reader:

As we commence a new school year, we pray for our teachers and all young people and students commencing or returning to primary, secondary or tertiary studies or commencing employment; that they will undertake their responsibilities enthusiastically and grow in wisdom and maturity. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for a renewed appreciation of and commitment to our Christ-given mission in life, in our family, in our Parish community and in our social relationships. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that everyone in our community will work and pray tirelessly to promote dialogue and understanding within families and between different cultural, religious and ethnic groups, so that God's Kingdom of justice and peace will be realised. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For the poor, needy and suffering members of our local community; that they may come to know the tender care of God in their lives. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who feel weighed down by boredom or trapped in the darkness of depression or addiction; that they may learn to appreciate the gift of each moment in time as an opportunity to encounter the living God. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Francesco Raso, Ron Ellis, Betty Philp, Truus Teggelove, Tom Grant, Stuart Holt, Hans Van der Geest, John Burns, Rosemary Scheffer, Carlo Annunziata, John Tay, Maria Koh, Anna Holewa and Frank Rogan.

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

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father. You have sent your Spirit among us to enliven and enlighten us through the good news of our salvation in Christ. Bless our endeavours, strengthen and unite us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

I will leave in the midst of you a people humble and lowly.

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

3 Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his commands;
seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the Lord's wrath.

12 For I will leave in the midst of you
a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord—

13 the remnant of Israel;
they shall do no wrong and utter no lies,
nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths.
Then they will pasture and lie down,
and no one shall make them afraid.
The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R. Mt 5.3)

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

6 It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
9 and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.26-31

God chose what is weak in the world.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:
not many of you were wise by human standards,
not many were powerful,
not many were of noble birth.
27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
28 God chose what is low and despised in the world,
things that are not,
to reduce to nothing things that are,
29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God.
30 God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God,
and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
31 in order that, as it is written,
“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 5.1-12a

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2 Then he began to speak, and he taught them, saying:
3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12 Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.