



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4-5 September 2021

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Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!

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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

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 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:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Pamela Rowe, Barbara Quinn, Gerard Dornom, Oliver Clayton, Bill Basile, Barbara Prowse, Robert Currie, John Coutts, Pat Hollis and Severino Bettiol

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

Readings this week: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2.1-5; Mark 7.31-37

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 6th–12th September 2021

MONDAY	LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	No mass
SATURDAY	No Mass
SUNDAY	24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME No Mass 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 11th-12th September 2021

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

Mass Coordinator:

6.00 pm: NO MASSES

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Lectors:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Welcomers:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

Garden Maintenance:

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! **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

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 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:

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

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.

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 or 9876 3077.



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

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.!!

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND APPEAL

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website.

Donations can be made via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued.

The site is www.cam.org.au/foundation. Please give so those who have served us can be cared for.

On the Journey this week:

Fr Joseph Murphy says this gospel foreshadows the liturgical action during baptism. Mother Hilda on the constant stream of little things that show love and appreciation, Michelle Vass ponders the mystery of God's will for us, and Torrien Lau on falling, getting back up and repeating instead of allowing ego to fool ourselves. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Collection Notice

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

Lockdown Light—week one

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

Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life

Parenting as a team

This podcast from the Messy Family Project gives some great practical advice on how couples can be truly in sync with one another and parent together with unity, respect and God's grace. Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving1

Getting to know your Bible

Resources to help you explore the Bible

How to read the Bible

Getting started: In this short video, Fr Mike Schmitz shares several reasons we should pick up our Bible again, see it with fresh eyes and allow it to transform our lives. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted1

Going deeper: In this video, Bishop Robert Barron looks at different approaches to understanding Scripture and



HOLY SPIRIT RAFFLE

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

\$2.00per ticket

1st Prize Eastland VoucherValue \$1,500

Eastland Gift Voucher to the total value of \$1,500

2nd Prize Peak Cycles VoucherValue \$1,000

For all your cycling needs - Peak Cycles Voucher to the total value of \$1,000

3rd Prize JB HiFi VoucherValue \$750

JB HiFi Gift card to the total value of \$750

4th Prize Haier 126L Bar FridgeValue \$349

Donated by Swan Air & Cooling to the total value of \$349

5th Prize Flower Pot Florist VoucherValue \$200

Flower Pot Gift Voucher to the total value of \$200



HOLY SPIRIT FETE 2022

Holy Spirit Fete first ran in 1982, nearly 40 years ago, making it one of the largest and longest running fetes, widely regarded as one of the best in the Eastern suburbs.

Our Fete does rely solely upon School & Parish volunteers to run. Many people contribute to make this event so fantastic but without help the Fete be unable to continue.

HELP NEEDED FOR FETE NEXT YEAR

We have had a number of amazing volunteers who have helped run the Fete & Stalls for many years step down.

If you would like to take over one of these roles please contact Katherine & Kerry.

Perhaps get together with a few friends or parents to share the job together!

fete@holyspiritparish.org.au

STALL OWNERS

1. Pre Loved Clothing
2. Silent Auction
3. Poffertjes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Fete Committee needs new members for 2022 for the Fete to be able to continue.

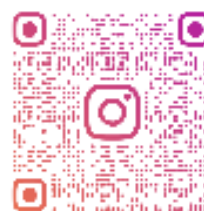
Some of these roles will be shared

Without new volunteers in these roles the 2022 Fete cannot proceed.

1. Secretary
2. Treasurer
3. Bookkeeper
4. Stalls Manager
5. Food Safety Officer
6. Food Co Ordinator
7. Operations Assistant
8. Events Co-ordinator
9. Social Media Manager



**THANK YOU TO THE
AMAZING 2021 FETE
VOLUNTEERS!**



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FETE SPONSORS

FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL

Get to know some of our Fete sponsors and what they hope for Father's Day 2021



What is your name: Brett Freeman
What is your business: Noel Jones Maroondah
Do you have children and how many: 3
How do your children describe your job: "He helps people find new homes"
What is your favourite local eatery: Hunter and Barrel
Which celebrity would play you in movie: Brad Pitt (haha)
What did you have as a child that kids today don't have: A sling shot
Favourite Sports team: Boomers
Favourite Movie: Any Comedy or Action
Favourite Family activity: Going to the beach
What do you want for families this Father's Day: For people to be able to spend time with their Families

Noel Jones Maroondah (Ringwood Office)
 265 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
 0425 806 455



What is your name: Warren Paas
What is your business: Noel Jones Maroondah
Do you have children and how many: 2 children, daughter Isla aged 4 and a son Spencer who is 8
How do your children describe your job: Dad sells houses and works alot
What is your favourite local eatery: Scented Garden for coffee and Rumour Mill for great food
Which celebrity would play you in movie: The guy that plays Buzz McCallister from Home Alone
What did you have as a child that kids today don't have: No Lockdowns! Comic Books.
Favourite Sports team: Port Adelaide Football Club
Favourite Movie: Would have to be Heat
Favourite Family activity: Adventure walks
What do you want for families this Father's Day: No Lockdowns! Ability to be able to see each other in person rather than over the phone

Noel Jones Maroondah (Croydon Office)
 265 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood
 0411 558 994



What is your name: Ian Rennison
What is your business: Stuff That Works (IT support services)
Do you have children and how many: Yes, I have 2 children - a boy, William (7) and a girl, Kate (4). A true royal couple!
How do your children describe your job: "Daddy goes and plays games with his friends at work"
What is your favourite local eatery: The Bosses Boots Café in Chirnside Park
Which celebrity would play you in movie: James Corden - intelligent, funny, British and extremely talented. It's like we were separated at birth!
What did you have as a child that kids today don't have: VCR player & Saturday morning cartoons!
Favourite Sports team: Leeds United in the English Premier League (Soccer)
Favourite Movie: Great Scott, it has to be Back to the Future!!!
Favourite Family activity: Visiting the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie
What do you want for families this Father's Day: A fun, safe day with (hopefully) no lockdown!

Stuff that Works: 16/476 Canterbury Rd, Forest Hill
 0413 945 330



What is your name: Ben Godfrey
What is your business: Frontline Locksmiths
Do you have children and how many: 1, Jaxon who is in Prep Joanna at Holy Spirit
How do your children describe your job: "He Fixes locks and helps people!"
What is your favourite local eatery: 7 Block Dumpling and Guzman Gomez
Which celebrity would play you in movie: Mark Wahlberg
What did you have as a child that kids today don't have: Fun and outdoor activities - we didn't play video games!
Favourite Sports team: Melbourne Storm, I prefer league over union
Favourite Movie: Die Hard
Favourite Family activity: Going to a proper Icecream shop on a Sunday! Drive out to Yarra Valley Chocolaterie for a day trip and Mastika has become a new family favourite!
What do you want for families this Father's Day: To be let out of lockdown but I may be asking a lot!

Frontline Locksmiths: 59 Mundara Drive, Ringwood
 0402 254 777 or 0407 744 537



SPONSORS FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL

Get to know our Fete sponsors and what they hope for Father's Day 2021



What is your name: Luke Carratelli
What is your business: Ecotech Electrical Services Pty Ltd T/A Ecotech Group of Companies
Do you have children and how many: NA
How do your children describe your job: NA
What is your favourite local eatery: Pepe's Italian and Bar
Which celebrity would play you in movie: Christian Bale
What did you have as a child that kids today don't have: A Blue Pencil/ Grey lead Pencil and Pen licence . Today its IPADS and PC electronic learning
Favourite Sports team: Essendon Football Club
Favourite Movie: Flight with Denzel Washington
Favourite Family activity: Beach Days and anything involving the Ocean
What do you want for families this Father's Day: COVID Free, ability to move without restrictions and enjoy the day with family

**Ecotech Electrical Services: Factory 1/47 Industrial Park Drive, Lilydale
 1300 830 122**



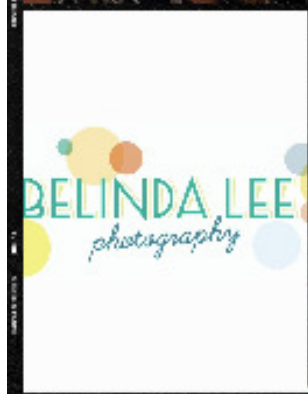
What is your name: Grant Milton
What is your business: MCG Windows and Doors
Do you have children and how many: 3
How do your children describe your job: Windows guy
What is your favourite local eatery: Holy Basil
Which celebrity would play you in movie: Mel Gibson
What did you have as a child that kids today don't have: Patience
Favourite Sports team: North Melbourne
Favourite Movie: Shawshank Redemption
Favourite Family activity: Holidays/ Beach
What do you want for families this Father's Day: Freedom and happiness

**MCG Windows and Doors: 85 Merrindale Drive, Croydon South
 1300 766 349 or 0438 065 898**



What is your name: Catherine Stone
What is your business: Catherine Stone Travel
Do you have children and how many: 4
How do your children describe your job: Travel Agent
What is your favourite local eatery: Olivina & Common Room
Which celebrity would play you in movie:
What did you have as a child that kids today don't have: Freedom
Favourite Sports team: Vixens
Favourite Movie: Sound of Music
Favourite Family activity: Boating

**Catherine Stone Travel
 0425 850 059**



What is your name: Belinda Twist
What is your business: I have two! Belinda Lee Photography (Family portraits, small business branding and weddings) and then Kinder Photos, which a few kinder families will recognise as I've worked locally for a few years now and often see some of my kinder friends at Holy Spirit :)
Do you have children and how many: I do! I have four, Bain 17, Imogen 16, Tristan 14 and Sebastian 10.
How do your children describe your job: Fun! And hard cause you have to focus to get the picture as good as you can.
What is your favourite local eatery: Little Buddy Cafe, 91 Loughnan Rd Ringwood. Leon's coffee is fab.
Which celebrity would play you in movie: Tina Fey
What did you have as a child that kids today don't have: A boom box
Favourite Sports team: AFL Brisbane Lions
Favourite Movie: Agh so hard to narrow it down, but my fave family movie would be Up.
Favourite Family activity: We love movie nights.

**Belinda Lee Photography
 0422 549 715**



Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.



A FORUM ON HOUSING POLICY AND SOLUTIONS

presented by Maroondah Winter Shelter Advocacy Group.

Due to the current COVID restrictions our planned
face-to-face forum will now be online.

We particularly thank our speakers, Michael Sukkar,
Dustin Halse and Bronwyn Pike for agreeing to this change.

Title: Murray Smith's Teams Meeting

Time: Monday, 6 September 2021 7:15:00 pm

Join on your computer or mobile app

Microsoft Teams meeting: Click here to join the meeting

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup>

Joining at 7.15 p.m. will allow time for you to "register",
ready for the forum to commence at 7.30.

Each of our speakers to talk for 10 minutes then there will be time for your
questions.

We will finish by 9.00 p.m.

Any difficulties on the evening, please contact:

Murray Smith on 0416 006 907.

Please pass this link onto others who may be interested in joining us for this important
discussion on the issue of homelessness in the Maroondah region.

We would also encourage you to register using the

Try Booking link – <https://nruc.org.au/homelessnessforum>

we will then have an idea of how many people plan to attend.

It will be great to see many Winter Shelter volunteers at the forum.

Reflection: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

Prayers of Intercession

We trust in God's steadfast love and seeking His healing we bring these prayers for ourselves and our world.

We pray for the Church; that God's people will be a mirror to the world of all that is compassionate and loving. **LORD HEAR US**

For peace and reconciliation among communities and nations where there is conflict especially in Afghanistan; that those involved will have their hearts and minds opened to the possibility of resolution through open dialogue and respect for human life.

LORD HEAR US

For our world; that all those suffering will experience the healing power of Christ in their lives.

LORD HEAR US

For all those who are suffering in mind or body; that the compassion and support of their local communities will bring them hope and joy.

LORD HEAR US

On this Father's Day, we pray and give thanks and love to all dads and grandads and we especially pray and think of those dads who are no longer with us. May the abundant caring, joy and laughter you bring to your children and families grow stronger and deeper each and every day.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Pamela Rowe, Barbara Quinn, Gerard Dornom, Oliver Clayton, Bill Basile, Barbara Prowse, Robert Currie, John Coutts, Pat Hollis and Severino Bettiol.

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



FIRST READING

Isaiah 35.4-7

*The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R.1)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

James 2.1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor to be rich in faith,
and be heirs of the kingdom?*

A reading from the letter of James.

- 1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
- 2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
- 3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"
- 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
- 5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.
Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

**Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.**

Alleluia

G O S P E L

Mark 7.31-37

*Jesus has done everything well;
he even makes those who are deaf to hear and those who are mute to speak.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

- 31 Returning from the region of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.
- 32 They brought to him a man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.
- 33 Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.
- 34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."
- 35 And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.
- 36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.
- 37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION

Have you ever spent time in the company of people who are deaf and dumb?

Even if you haven't, have you realised how precious the gifts of speech and hearing? Unlike us, they are cut off completely from the world of sound and have no experience of the conversation of friends, laughter, and the joy of listening to music. While our sympathy and pity are with the man in today's gospel, nevertheless we regard him as one of the lucky ones to have met Jesus who cured him. Jesus gave him a break in life and made him like the rest of us. Interestingly we take for granted our ability to hear and speak but both gifts are meant for a purpose greater than human communication. They are also our means of listening to God and speaking his word. This is something we should never forget. Whatever we hear and what we say determine to a great extent what we do and they make us the persons we are.

This is an occasion to express our concern and care for those who live lonely lives on the margins of society because of hearing and speech handicap. More so in our current situation due to the pandemic. The man resembles the whole human race. His plight is ours as those times we refuse to listen to what God is saying to us and act upon it. We all need the healing hand of Christ to make us hear and speak the message of God properly. Is it possible that we are like this man because of our refusal to give a listening ear to the lonely, the troubled, and the worried? How many times have we failed to utter a word of encouragement, of hope and thanks, or have kept a cautious silence when we should have spoken the truth? Then there are the problems we have in speaking those dear to us or neighbours because of a long standing row or simply because of envy, jealousy or pride. What Jesus is saying is that the greatest tragedy of all is not to be born deaf and dumb but to have ears and fail to hear, and to have tongues and fail to speak. We need to be brought to Jesus for his healing touch which brings encouragement where there is despair, communication where there are silences, and companionship where there is loneliness. Stay well and healthy. God bless you all. -Fr. Arsenio

What Makes a Dad

God took
the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,
He called it ... Dad

