



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 23-24 September 2023**

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Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am & 5pm

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## **Office Hours:**

TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm

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THURS 11.30am to 3.45pm

FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

## **Masses:**

Tuesdays

9am St Gerard's Warrandyte

Sundays

10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @

St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.

## **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's**

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr. Toni Matha, Joanne Nolan

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Syd Wheatley, Timothy Moran, Ian Alleson, Marian Prowse and Sofia Rewer

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Angela Damora, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Darren Brock, Kerry McIntyre, Lyn Read, Judy Kennedy, Heather Doy, Evelyn Reinecke, Melanie Saba, Arthur McConnell, Penny Mifsud

**Readings this week:** Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16

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



**DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS ON  
SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER!  
PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR ON  
SATURDAY NIGHT 30th SEPTEMBER!**

## MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

## GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SATURDAY

**SUNDAY**

9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

9.00 am—4.00 pm ALPHA Day away, St Anne's Parish Centre

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL \$2.00 COLLECTION WEEKEND**

## DAYLIGHT SAVING COMMENCES

**TURN CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT**

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30th September—1st October 2023

**6.00 pm:** Mary Ryan

**9.00 am:** Bernadette Loughron

**5.00 pm:** Volunteers required

**Lectors:**

**6.00 pm:** Maureen Chamberlin

**9.00 am:** Linda Parlee

**Welcomers:**

**6.00 pm:** Marita North-Coombes

**9.00 am:** Tina Toomey

**Ministers of Communion:** 6.00 pm: Maureen & Etta

**9.00 am:** Don and Jocelyn

**Tea and Coffee:** 9.00 am: Bill and Trish Lanigan

**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

**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](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or phone 7036 9395.

**Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ**

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

**Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [acornelio@connecteast.com.au](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.**

## Charismatic Prayer Group

**Charismatic Prayer Group** Tuesdays @ 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.

Collection Notice For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice)

## Winter Shelter 2023

A big thank you to all the beautiful cooks who provided delicious soups, main courses, vegetable dishes and salads, desserts and cakes for this year's Winter Shelter on Friday nights at Holy Spirit.— it has been an absolutely fantastic effort!

About 60 people cooked 126 dishes over the 14 week program which finishes this Friday night. The guests—around 26 different men at different times— enjoyed a menu like none of the other church shelter venues! Your generosity made coordinating the food roster an easy job. It was so heartwarming seeing the roster fill so effortlessly. Cooking is such a labor of love and hard yakka so thanks again for your loving kindness to the homeless. They do appreciate it.

Ellen and the Winter Shelter team

P.S We have quite a few dishes and containers— many unnamed —to return to people. They can be collected after mass on Saturday night or Sunday morning.

**On the Journey this week:** On the Journey this week: Fr Mike Delaney says this gospel challenges us to give thanks that God is bigger than we are, and is just to all of us, no matter when or how we hear the word of God. Mother Hilda says for God there is no late in the day, it is always sunrise on our life. Fr Tony Percy says the key to this week's Gospel is that God says I'm not so much concerned with what people earn, I'm concerned with what people need, their basic needs and their basic desires. Byron and Francine Pirola say that in marriage the grand gesture is a lovely idea, but it's not as good as frequent daily attention in small doses. Fr Dave Callaghan says that when we meditate on the love that has been shown through Jesus' saving action, we lose the desire to sin. Plus, more great music! 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

## COMMUNION AT HOME

This ministry is available to those unable to attend Mass. If you or someone you know would like to be visited, please call the Parish Office on 70369395.



Help need! Are you a jammer?

We need people who are able to make jam, marmalade, chutney and relish for the fete. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We are able to help with funding ingredients, if that is needed.

It is easiest if the jars are all the same size, so if you are able to help, please grab a box of jars from the church kitchen. Any queries, please contact Yvette 040 787 3432.



## Soul Inspired Art 2023

Thank you to all who supported or helped in any way to produce the 2023 Soul Inspired Art Show.

The artists, all twenty-one of them, who supplied a total of seventy-nine works. The people who donated the food and drinks, those who produced the website for electronic payments, the formatting and printing of brochures, catalogues etc., those who helped on our celebration night and the team who set up and "Bumped out" on Friday this week.

The Exhibition has been very well attended, and Our Celebration last Friday night was attended by seventy-three people who all enjoyed a lovely evening chatting with the artists, friends, and families. Thank you to all here at Holy Spirit for your support, and the donations received on the night. Thank you all, it was a truly community exhibition.

Helen K

## Ladies Morning Tea

All ladies are welcome to come and join us for a coffee on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10am in the Parish House after the 9.15am mass. I know it is a public holiday but that doesn't stop us from coming together for a chat and some laughs if you are free.

Come along, bring a friend or anyone you may know who would enjoy the company of a group of inspiring fun-loving ladies. If you have something in your cupboard that you could put on a plate to share that would be appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you on Friday. Maureen

**Aid to the Church in Need** invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit [www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren](http://www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren).

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

**Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

- **Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment – East Melbourne**

**Catholic Development Fund**

- **Product Support, CDFpay – East Melbourne**

**Parish Positions**

- **Parish Secretary-Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill**
- **Administration Assistant, Richmond**
- **Parish Secretary, Niddrie**
- **Parish Secretary, Corio**

**Other Positions**

- **Expression of Interest (EOI) – Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator - Thornbury**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at [hadmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)

**Becoming Missionary Disciples with Archbishop Julian Porteous**

Archbishop Julian Porteous is one of the most courageous bishops in Australia today. He is visiting Melbourne to inspire Catholics to be missionary disciples using their "head, heart and hands" to evangelise.

**Topic:** Becoming Missionary Disciples

**Speaker:** Archbishop Julian Porteous

**Date:** Wednesday 4th October

**Time:** 6.30pm light supper provided, 7.00pm Talk begins

**Cost:** Free, light supper provided

**Venue:** Greg Craven Conference Centre, Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy

**Registration essential:** [Catholicevents.com.au](http://Catholicevents.com.au)

An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria

**Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya**

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance.

Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals**.

**Donate at** [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. All enquiries to Sr Annie Bond [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 89124818.



**Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation** is offering a short series of contemplation and reflection.

**Waiting at the Well - 4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm** (in-person event)

Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation.

Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/>

or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.



## DONATIONS are being accepted for the following stalls:

Trash n Treasure - Strictly NO Electrical NO Furniture NO Large Items

- Clothes - Please assist our volunteers by separating items by AGE and GENDER.  
NO Holes or Tears NO Broken Zips or Buttons NO Stains please
- Books - NO Damaged covers NO Missing Pages NO Magazines  
We can't accept (due to there being no demand): Encyclopedias; Magazines; Books which are torn, damaged or dirty

**RULE OF THUMB :** If you would not give the item to your best friend in its current condition then please DO NOT bring it.

Any items that are unsellable we have to pay for disposal which means less money for our School & Parish.

Items can be dropped into the Green Containers located along the rear fence of Parish House. Each stall is labelled so please drop in the correct area.

Please note all our wonderful Volunteers need to sort out and organize these donations prior to Fete Day and having these items sorted this way will help enormously.

## RAFFLE TICKETS!!

**Fete raffle tickets** are ready for collection from the foyer of the Church for those on the fete distribution list. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU COLLECT YOURS THIS WEEKEND.** We will try to deliver any that have not been collected, so keep an eye on your letterbox!

If anyone would like to receive books, there is a sign-up sheet on the table or you can contact the Parish House on 7036 9395 or via email: [holyspiritparish@cam.org.au](mailto:holyspiritparish@cam.org.au)

You can also purchase individual tickets from the foyer of the church. Tickets stubbs and monies can be returned to the clearly marked box. Tickets are great value at just \$2.00 each and there are wonderful prizes on offer:



<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>Eastland Voucher</b>	<b>Value \$1500</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>Hot Air Balloon Ride for 2</b>	<b>Value \$980</b>
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>JB HiFi Voucher</b>	<b>Value \$750</b>
<b>4th Prize</b>	<b>Haier 126L Bar Fridge</b>	<b>Value \$349</b>
<b>5th Prize</b>	<b>Flower Pot Florist Voucher</b>	<b>Value \$250</b>

Any unsold tickets need to be returned by Thursday 5th October so they can be sold on Fete Day.  
We thank you for your support of our community fete.





BELINDA LEE  
photography

## Unlimited Ride Wristband

\$60.00 includes the Animal Farm  
Pre Purchase only

\$10

Music Trip  
Hurricane  
Kite Flyer

\$6

Cup & Saucer  
Go Gator  
Candy Swing  
Animal Farm  
Large Inflatable  
Mini Ferris Wheel

\$4

Small Inflatable

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Slide

\*wristbands cannot be refunded  
or replaced if lost or damaged

Sales close 5.00pm on 06/10/2023  
Collect on the day from Information Booth



[www.holyspiritfete.org.au](http://www.holyspiritfete.org.au)

**Wristbands can be purchased through the following trybooking link:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1089954>

### **FETE DAY PARKING RESTRICTIONS:**

Please be aware that Maroondah Council will have temporary parking restrictions in place in the area around Dickson crescent and Jull Parade from Friday 6th October to Monday 9th October.

A sign indicating the areas where changed restrictions apply is on the notice board in the Church and also at the Parish House.

Please note parking time restrictions in the Shopping Centre will be enforced on fete day. It is your responsibility to adhere to any restrictions.



**Holy Spirit Community Fete Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

The Committee are looking for volunteers to assist with on many stalls on fete Day. Shifts are usually 2 hours.

All volunteers need to have a current Working With Children Check.

If you are available to help this community event we would love for you to volunteer via email to: [fete@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:fete@holyspiritparish.org.au)

**We sincerely thank you for your help and look forward to another very successful Fete!!**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

### ***Celebrant:***

*The Lord's ways are above our ways. Salvation is not earned at all but it is God's gift to us and God gives it generously. Let us offer these our prayers to our loving and forgiving God.*

### ***Reader:***

We pray for Pope Francis and our bishops; that they may be strengthened to be true shepherds of the flock of Christ.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church so that we may experience salvation as God's gift and share it generously with others.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are searching to recognize God's presence in their lives; that the Spirit of God will open them to God's loving deeds and invitation to life.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have lost hope or are suffering depression; that they may experience God's presence within them and recognize and accept the love and support offered by those around them.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all who labour in the home, the classroom, the factory or the office; that they look with dignity and respect upon themselves and those around them.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently Sr. Toni Matha and Joanne Nolan, and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Syd Wheatley, Timothy Moran, Ian Alleson, Marian Prowse and Sofia Rewer. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

### ***Celebrant:***

*Loving Father. Hear our prayers and help us to build a world that more faithfully reflects your compassion and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

## **REFLECTION: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"So the last will be first and the first last". - Matthew 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives..



## FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.6-9

*The Lord says: My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 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.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145.2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (R.18)

- R.** The Lord is near to all who call on him.  
2 Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.  
3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. **R.**  
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
9 The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**  
17 The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.  
18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 1.20-24, 27

*To me, living is Christ.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters:

- 20 It is my eager expectation and hope  
that I will not be put to shame in any way,  
but that by my speaking with all boldness,  
Christ will be exalted now as always in my body,  
whether by life or by death.  
21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.  
22 If I am to live in the flesh,  
that means fruitful labour for me;  
and I do not know which I prefer.  
23 I am hard pressed between the two:  
my desire is to depart and be with Christ,  
for that is far better;  
24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.  
27 Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,  
so that, whether I come and see you  
or am absent and hear about you,  
I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit,  
striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia

**Open our hearts O Lord;**

**To listen to the words of your Son.**

Alleluia

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 20.1-16**

*Are you envious because I am generous?*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples.

**1** “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

**3** When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; **4** and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

**5** “When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.

**6** And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’

**7** They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

**8** “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

**9** When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

**10** Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

**11** And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

**12** ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

**13** But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?

**14** Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

**15** Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

**16** “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

