



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 22-23 August 2020

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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, ALL MASSES, SACRAMENTS, LITURGIES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site: <http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter>

Recorded Masses (click on the You Tube icon), important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters will also be available on the website: <http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au>

THE Parish Office will also be 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: Maggie Beck (former Evergreen), John Leeson (Son of Edna Leeson)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Armando Perri, Greg McCarthy, Vincent Crowe, Mary Beagley, Vinnie Kerkham, Dean Moloney, Alan Nye and Catarina De Vos

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

Readings this week: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at <http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au>

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. If you would like to drop your envelope into the office, please ring to arrange a drop off or pick up time.

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**

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 26th August @ 5 - 5.30 pm

Join with parishioners for a pre-dinner chat next Wednesday evening.

It's a great chance to see familiar faces and catch up on news.

Holy Spirit Parish's Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?pwd=WnINaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUrelJmQT09)

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Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Come alone or bring a family member or friend.

Please call Mary on 0410 654 357 for tech support if needed.

ALL WELCOME

PARISH LETTER & DATA BASE UPDATE

By now most parishioners should have received a letter from Fr Arsenio and a request to update your records on our data base.

With email the most cost effective and quickest form of communication, we need to ensure that we have everyone's details correct. Please take the time to check all information on the sheet included in your letter and advise us of any changes. If you can't get to the post office or a letterbox, emailed responses are fine. Please reply to ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

For those who do not have an email address and would like to be kept up to date with what is going on around the parish, please send your form back with a request for regular mail or phone contact.

Thank you



Spirit Extra

Spirit Extra nine is now available on the website.

<http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Spirit-Extra>



EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic. We will advise you when we are able to resume. In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and please continue to support each other (by phone etc.)

If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)

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
- >>>> We have changed our web address on Friday 03/07/2020. Refer the attached page for more info <<<<

Collection Notice

For information on the Parish’s policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to:

<http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice>

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – *The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries, spiritual formation, and various positions of leadership such as priests and ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. Fee-Help may be available. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.

St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge



Our Parish Website has moved

We are now at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

As the heading says we have moved our web site. We are no longer at www.cam... Instead you can find us at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au.

There have been some useful changes which are best explained by reading these notes in conjunction with the image of our home page (next page).

1. The web site can now be searched. This is perhaps the best of the improvements. If you're looking for something and can't remember where it's placed start here.
2. If you are on a small form factor device (smart phone or table) you will see the "hamburger" in the top left corner. Click this to see the menu (3)
3. The Menu
 - a. The menu now sports "Covid 19". This is the full list of announcements we have made since the restrictions took place – mostly these come from Jacinta's weekly update. We also have the most recent two on the home page ("Covid 19 Updates" - refer 6). Previously we had the most recent one on the home page and the rest on another page that was a bit less obvious to find and much harder to maintain. This change is mostly of benefit to me ;)
 - b. "News, Events" has been revamped. It used to be a menu list of articles which were difficult to navigate and appreciate what they might contain. Now it is a series of summaries each with an associated image and details should you wish to "click-in". This means a more manageable interface and better user experience.
 - c. Contact Us can now fit on our menu. Previously it was only available by the phone icon in the top right corner which is not the first place many people would look.
4. The rotating banners are as they were – a number of standard (e.g. current Mass season which clicks through to mass times) and newly

featured items (e.g. click through the Choir image to see and hear our Choir in action) each of which allows the user to click-through to the content.

5. "Holy Spirit Parish Online – How we stay connected" is as it was – a place to click through to see a list of online resources such as weekly streamed masses and Zoom meeting updates, etc.
6. Covid 19 Updates. As explained in 3a, this is the most recent two announcements and you can "click here for more updates on Covid 19".
7. Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish. This too is unchanged and our Welcome message to the world.
8. Reflections. This is as it was, a reflection from our Parish Priest. However, a significant recent change is that a new reflection is added reliably each week. It doesn't matter how sophisticated the web site is if it has no interesting content. Now we have something valuable to share regularly. Thanks Father Arsenio! (Click "More Reflections..." to previous ones).
9. Tweets by @Pontifex is Pope Francis' Twitter Feed. This is as it was. It automatically updates daily. I have no interest in Twitter myself, but I feel that this feed is worthy of our time.
10. At Today's Readings you can find today's Bible readings courtesy of Melbourne Catholic (Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne).
11. The 8 Icons at the bottom of every page are technically the same. They are a quick way to navigate to main sections of the site. With the change I have taken the opportunity to give "Spirit Extra!" its own button (Helen can lay claim to this new small piece of "screen real estate" next to her "Spirit Magazine").
12. The Footer is unchanged. It too shows at the bottom of every page and tells people who and where we are and also has links to the legal type documents that is required of us.

Please zoom in to read see the markers and text on the image

Holy Spirit Parish
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Hear our Parish Choir sing "Abide O Spirit" - inspirational!

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Holy Spirit Parish Online - How we stay connected

Our Parish operates online.

Click here to see how we stay connected.

Online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom (Wed 15/07 7:30 p.m.) <<< last updated Friday 03 July, 10:42 a.m.

Register for our weekly Parish News email by clicking here: Ringwoodnorth@can.org.au

Following is a log of announcements that have been made since our lock down journey.

More specific online resources can be found [here](#).

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Covid 19 Updates

2020 07 11 Parish AGM, Winter Shelter Update

Holy Spirit Parish AGM

Please join us on Wednesday 15th July at 7:30pm. Due to the current COVID restrictions this meeting will be held via Zoom.

Parish Groups, Sporting Clubs and School have been sent reports on their activities and how COVID has affected them.

Topic: Holy Spirit AGM
Time: Wednesday, July 15th, 2020 07:30 PM
Zoom details: Please book via the Parish House

Winter Shelter Update

Refer the [WS Newsletter July 2020.pdf](#).

[Read more](#)

2020 07 10 Fr. Arsenio update re. Stage 3 Lockdown and cessation of services

My dear friends in Christ,

We are just returning to our normal ways and who would have thought we find ourselves back again to stage 3 lockdown. Premier Dan Andrews' announcement of at least 6 weeks lockdown was distressing and disappointing for us all. This affects everyone in many different ways. As far as parish life is concerned, this means unfortunately no more Masses. Churches and chapels are to be closed for weeks ahead but limited sacraments are allowed with 10 people for funerals and 5 people for weddings.

We may find this pandemic era as the worst of times but it is indeed the best of times to show our sense of personal discipline and our willingness to show our spirit of solidarity and resilience. We have a faith that unceasingly prays and we absolutely trust, with Jesus in our midst, that we will overcome this together and move forward to a better life ahead of us all. Stay safe and God bless us all!

Fr. Arsenio

[Click here for more updates on Covid 19](#)

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Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish

Welcome to our Parish Website. This parish is situated at Ringwood North in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The 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

We aim to make our parish a missionary parish based on the five pillars of Church life - Worship, Evangelization, Discipleship, Community and Ministry. To actualise this dream we are currently working on Divine Renovation based on Alpha.

Since its inception in 1972, Holy Spirit Parish has moved through many stages of development and today continues to strive to be a vibrant community of faith within the Archdiocese. The number of people involved in the sacramental and outreach programmes helps us to bear witness to Christ in our day today life.

We invite you to become part of Holy Spirit parish family by worshipping at Holy Mass, participating in our many activities and service opportunities, and giving your time and talent. Please feel free to come and visit us or contact the parish office if you require further assistance.

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Reflections

[Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness](#)

Saturday 11th July 2020

Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness

Jesus compares the word of God, intended to produce fruit in our lives, to seed sowed in the earth by the farmer. The seed of the word of God is first planted in our hearts. If it doesn't get our whole hearted attention in our lives, it withers and dies. Growth in the life of Christ is not always a smooth and straightforward process. The different types of soil can be the varied response we make to His word depending on the twists and turns of life. When we meet with disappointments and setbacks, obstacles may pile up against our good intentions and weakens our choices. Moments like this call for deep faith. No matter what the situation, we have to struggle to believe.

[Read more](#)

[More Reflections...](#)

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Tweets by @Pontifex

Pope Francis @Pontifex
Faith is either necessary or it is no faith at all. Faith takes us out of ourselves and toward others. Faith must be transmitted, not to convince but to offer a treasure. Let us ask the Lord to help us live our faith with open doors: a transparent faith.

Jul 8, 2020

Pope Francis @Pontifex
On the anniversary of my visit to #Lampedusa, let us pray that we might discover the face of Jesus in all people forced to flee their homeland because of the many regulations that continue to afflict our world. @E_Redaction

Jul 8, 2020

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Today's Readings

Today's readings are provided by Melbourne Catholic, a publication of the Communications Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 22.15,19-23

I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord God of hosts:

- 15 "Go to the steward, to Shebna,
who is master of the household, and say to him:
19 "I will thrust you from your office,
and you will be pulled down from your post.
20 On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah,
21 and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him.
I will commit your authority to his hand,
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
22 "I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David;
he shall open, and no one shall shut;
he shall shut, and no one shall open.
23 I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place,
and he will become a throne of honour to his ancestral house.

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8b (R.8b)

R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

- 1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. **R.**

For you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.
3 On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul. **R.**

- 6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
8 Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11.33-36

All things are from Christ and through him and for him.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

33 O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable his ways!

34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counsellor?”

35 “Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?”

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 16.18

Alleluia, alleluia

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 16.13-20

You are Peter. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,
he asked his disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist,
but others Elijah,
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 He said to them,
“But who do you say that I am?”

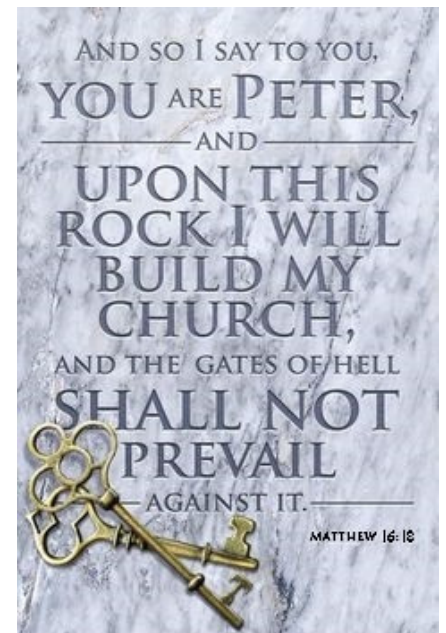
16 Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.”

17 And Jesus answered him,
“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,
but my Father in heaven.

18 And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

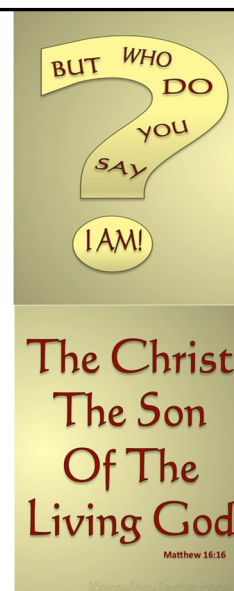
20 Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples
not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.
The gospel of the Lord.



Reflection.

The choice of Peter as head of the church is an example of the power of God at work, using the weak things of this world to confound the strong. Before his encounter with Christ, Peter's life had little meaning. Perhaps by human standards he was a disastrous choice and should never been appointed. He can be hardly described as a stable person because at times he was brave while on other occasions he displayed cowardice.

On life's pilgrimage, it's a source of great comfort that God has invited us to be members of his church built upon the rock of Peter. There's a very human aspect to Peter's life story to which perhaps we can easily relate. His moments of weakness are common place in our own lives. However, his deep trust in the person of Christ more than compensates for any failure as will a similar trust on our part. The question put by Jesus to Peter: 'Who do you say that I am?' resulted in an inspiring declaration of faith. As followers of Christ this question confronts us daily and calls us to gauge ourselves as to how we are living our lives. For that same faith on our life's pilgrimage is the rock and stronghold of our relationship with Jesus. Stay well and safe. -Fr. Arsenio.



Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends. Let us pray for the Church that we may boldly profess Jesus as Lord and help others to come to know him.

We pray for all who follow Jesus; that we may come to better understand one another, have a deeper love for each other and fuller cooperation in the service of God.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for Pope Francis that he will faithfully proclaim the Good News and be guided by the Spirit in promoting love and unity in the Church.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all who are seeking a deeper knowledge of Jesus; that the insights gained may lead to greater faith and reverence.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for a deep appreciation of the beauty and dignity of life; that the wisdom and knowledge of God may open our minds and hearts to honour and respect life.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for freedom from bias and prejudice; that we may open to the gifts of each person and work with all to build a just society.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently, Maggie Beck, John Leeson, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Armando Perri, Greg McCarthy, Vincent Crowe, Mary Beagley, Vinnie Kerkham, Dean Moloney, Alan Nye and Catarina DeVos. 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.

