



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24-25 October 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, WE CAN NOW CELEBRATE OUTDOOR MASSES UNDER VERY STRICT GUIDELINES. PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.

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:

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 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.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED: Mr Jack (Zacko) Svetavak (Suzie Faulkner's father)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Margaret McCarthy, Denise Toomey, Jean Hill, Alan de Silva, Warren Coleman, Carlos Audini, Jean Gridley, Alice Jansz, Charles Scorgie, Will Buskes Snr and Vladas Urmelis

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

Readings this week: Exodus 22:20-26; 1Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

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

Dear Holy Spirit Parish,

With the lifting of some restrictions Fr Arsenio will be able to celebrate Eucharist with a small gathering of **FIVE people** under very strict guidelines, these 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.

All church buildings and offices remain Closed to the public during this Covid -19 time, this situations is constantly being monitored as soon as we can gather again in theses space we will.

Mass will be celebrated outdoors in the open space between the parish office and Chapel.

If it is raining mass will need to be cancelled for that day you will be called on the day if that is needed.

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.

It is a priority for us to be as fair to all when booking in for mass, you will need to phone and speak with Jacinta as we have questions and details to obtain from you.

You must live within the 25km radius from Holy Spirit parish.

All guidelines will be discussed with you when you book in, the mass times we have at Holy Spirit are:

Wednesday 28th Oct at 9:30am to book please call on Tuesday 27th between 9am – 11am Only.

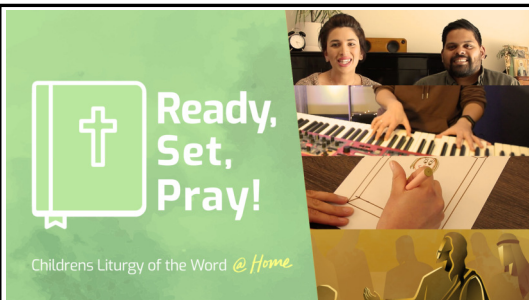
Friday 30th Oct at 10:15am** to book please call on Thursday 29th between 9am – 11am Only.

Sunday 1st Nov at 9am to book please call on Saturday 31st between 9am – 11am Only.

Please Do Not send an email it is phone bookings Only.

**** Please note change of time for this date only****

Jacinta Bibby Pastoral Associate Mobile : 0434 224 483



The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.

Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the

Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, commencing from Sunday 18th October and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TONI COLLINS!

Dear Toni, Best wishes for a happy birthday celebration this weekend for your BIG O!
Love and best wishes from your parish family.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in

Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 4th November @ 5 - 5.30 pm

Join with parishioners for a pre-dinner chat on alternate Wednesday evenings.

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=WnlnaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUrelJmQT09)

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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

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.

Collection Notice

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

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Today I would like to introduce the Holy Spirit Parish Child Safeguarding Committee 2020 to all our parishioners, and thank those who have joined the committee.

At Holy Spirit Child Safeguarding is a priority for all of us, we would encourage all to ensure that children, the young and the vulnerable know who the committee members are should they need them .

When we are able to gather together we will introduce the committee at our parish masses in person.

We thank everyone for their commitment for Child Safeguarding.

Holy Spirit Parish Child Safeguarding Committee 2020

Fr Arsenio Tuazon - **Parish Priest**

Jacinta Bibby - Pastoral Associate – Policies/Procedures

Jenny Philp - Parish Secretary – Records/Meeting Minutes

Chris Dalton – Child Safeguarding Reporting Officer

Lauren Witnish - Child Safeguarding Reporting Officer

Mary Ryan – Committee Member
Parish Leadership/Parish Pastoral Council

Silvio Volombello– Committee Member
Parish Leadership/Parish Pastoral Council

To contact a member of the Child Safeguarding Committee please email:
Jacinta Bibby PA

jacinta.bibby@cam.org.au

your contact details will then be forwarded to the person you require and they will contact you directly .

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

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY



Every Tuesday night @ 7- 8 pm

*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.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?pwd=WnlNaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUrelJmQT09>

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com for inclusion weekly.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

A PARISH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Canberra are organising care packs for Aboriginal people in Palliative care and they are after hand knitted items either squares, blankets or beanies for people in hospital on their final journey

So if you are at home and looking for a project, here is an opportunity to do something from home and support such an important program .

Here are the details of Sally who has initiated the program so you can email her directly:
salfitz50@live.com

And below are instructions on what is required.

Blankets must be 8ply acrylic wool....any colour! The squares must be 20cm x 20cm....usually people use size 4mm needles!

If people are crocheting blankets the same applies to them.

However, if people want to crochet or knit a whole blanket...not squares....then go for it!!!

BEANIES....beanies can be knitted or crocheted...they can use any pattern and any ply wool. There are many patterns on the internet!!

Any help would be most appreciated—they are hoping to send out the packages in time for Christmas!

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)



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

During the month of November, the Remembrance book with names of those who have died, will be placed on the altar and all will be remembered in our prayers. If you would like to register the names of your loved ones who have passed into God’s loving care to be included in the Remembrance Book for the month of November, please email or ring the Parish Office

Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 0434 224 483 .

BECOMING A CATHOLIC – RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Have you been feeling a nudge in your heart to deepen your relationship with God?

Are you searching for meaning in your life?

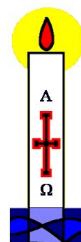
Do you feel restless, without direction?

Are you looking to join a Faith Community?

Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Are you a Catholic who has not been confirmed or received first communion?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions,



RCIA may be the answer you are seeking.

THE RCIA PROCESS

RCIA is the normal way in which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church.

The goal of the process is "full communion" which means "full active participation" in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic faith community.

RCIA helps adults to grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with Catholic teachings, get acquainted with people in the community and involved in service within the community.

ALREADY BAPTISED?

Many persons who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptised in another Christian Church. They attend the sessions but do not need to be baptised again.

FIRST STEP - A PERIOD OF ENQUIRY

The RCIA process is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation. Those who join the process are encouraged to proceed at their own pace, but, on average, the journey takes about 8 - 9 months of weekly sessions.

If the candidate wishes, this leads to the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism (if required), Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter with an ongoing attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of Catholic teachings and practices.

WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED?

Besides the RCIA Team, the entire community who participate in the Sunday Eucharist has a role to play through prayer and welcome.

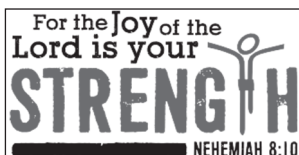
RCIA IS FOR: Adults who are not baptised, Adults baptised in another Christian church and non-practising Catholics wishing to renew faith.

SESSION TIMES: 7:30pm - 9:00pm on a mutually agreed day of the week

RCIA TEAM: Fr Arsenio Tuazon - Parish Priest, Lawrence Cecconello and Tina Toomey

We ask parishioners to please pray for the RCIA Enquirers, Sponsors and Team.

For further enquiries, please call Tina Toomey on 0418552013



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers.

Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family.

Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Cambodia Mission Partners program.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/contact.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/cambodia



Exciting News!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our organisation, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, our organisation will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our club.

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Not only are you helping your club, school or charity, you'll also get extra benefits.

BENEFITS:

- Supporting clubs, schools and charities made easy
- Special offers and savings exclusive to members
- Digital Ritchies Card with an easy-to-use app
- Free to join - start saving instantly



FIRST READING

Exodus 22.21-27

If you abuse any widow or orphan, my wrath will burn you.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses:

“Thus shall you say to the Israelites,
these are the ordinances that you shall set before them.

21 “You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien,
for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

22 You shall not abuse any widow or orphan.

23 If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me,
I will surely heed their cry;

24 my wrath will burn,
and I will kill you with the sword,
and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

25 “If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you,
you shall not deal with them as a creditor;
you shall not exact interest from them.

26 If you take your neighbour’s cloak in pawn,
you shall restore it before the sun goes down;

27 for it may be your neighbour’s only clothing to use as cover;
in what else shall that person sleep?
And if your neighbour cries out to me,
I will listen, for I am compassionate.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18.1-2, 3+6b, 46+50ab (R.1)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1 I love you, O Lord, my strength.

2 The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.
My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the source of my salvation, my stronghold. **R.**

3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
so I shall be saved from my enemies.

6 From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears. **R.**

46 The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation.

50 Great triumphs he gives to his king,
and shows steadfast love to his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10

*You turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,
and to wait for his Son.*

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

5 You know what kind of persons we proved to be
among you for your sake.
6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,
for in spite of persecution
you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,
7 so that you became an example
to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you
not only in Macedonia and Achaia,
but in every place your faith in God has become known,
so that we have no need to speak about it.
9 For the people of those regions report about us
what kind of welcome we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols,
to serve a living and true God,
10 and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead—
Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14.23

Alleluia, alleluia
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 22.34-40

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

34 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together,
35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.
36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”
37 Jesus said to him,
“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
38 This is the greatest and first commandment.
39 “And a second is like it:
‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”
The gospel of the Lord.

JESUS REPLIED: “‘LOVE THE
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND.’ THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE
SECOND IS LIKE IT: ‘LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.’”
MATTHEW
22:37-
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Reflection

The gospel emphasises the two commandments which Jesus described as the greatest - love of God and love of neighbour. No matter how often we hear these words we are struck by the demands they put on us. Jesus brings together the love of God and love of our neighbour as something inseparable like two sides of a coin. Love of God is false if it is not complemented by the love of the people whom we encounter with everyday. Loving our neighbour as ourselves is a necessary element in giving our hearts and minds to God and that is where the challenge lies. It is wonderful in theory but difficult to put in practice. It can be challenging when the people next door are intrusive and others downright bad mannered, and perhaps with a workmate who is trying on our nerves. It demands great effort and yet more often than not, we meet God in such encounter. God cares about how we treat others. Everyone is made in his image and likeness. Let us have a good look of our lives. To profess that we love God while remaining indifferent to the plight of others is a contradiction. We all want love to be a thornless rose, smooth to touch, but if we are following Christ we will find that it involves sacrifice and the shadow of the cross. Very few expect to find love in weakness, powerlessness and suffering and yet that is the heart of Christ's message to the world. This gospel is not an ideal to be admired, but a way of life to be lived.

Stay healthy! -Fr. Arsenio



Prayers of Intercession

Having heard God's word in faith and having professed our faith with hope, we present our needs to God with the confidence that our prayers will be heard.

For the Church; that we may experience the wonder and excitement of loving and being loved by God.

LORD HEAR US

We pray that we may recognize all the ways that God has shown love for us and be filled with awe and gratitude for His gifts.

LORD HEAR US

For those in our world who suffer because of who they are or what they believe; may all people be granted the freedom to worship God.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for peace; that God will turn hearts from violence and bloodshed and open new ways to peace and reconciliation between enemies.

LORD HEAR US

We pray that men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbour and to follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated religious life.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Margaret McCarthy, Denise Toomey, Jean Hill, Alan de Silva, Warren Coleman, Carlos Audini, Jean Gridley, Alice Jansz, Charles Scorgie, Will Buskes Snr and Vladas Urmelis.

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

