



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19-20 September 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](mailto: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](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

## **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:**

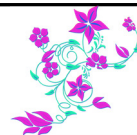
**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Helen Graham, Caterina D'Amore, Marian Prowse, Suzie Vita, Sofia Rewer, Syd Wheatley, Timothy Moran and Ian Alleson

**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:** Isaiah 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Yvonne Dowsey who is celebrating a SIGNIFICANT” birthday this week! Love and best wishes from your parish family



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.

### **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..

### **Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio**

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 23rd September @ 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**

By now everyone 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 MAGAZINE SEPTEMBER EDITION

The September edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available for you to read on the parish website: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine)

Thanks once again to Helen for organising and publishing this wonderful magazine!

### 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](http://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>

### 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=WnlNaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUreIJmQT09>

**Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ**

**Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio**

**Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [ambrose\\_cornelio@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!



*We proclaim a crucified Christ*  
*(Cor 1:23)*

16 September 2020

To the People and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear friends in Christ,

As we now welcome the beginnings of easing in COVID-19 Restrictions in Victoria, I would like to take this opportunity to write to you, the Clergy and people of our Archdiocese. It is great news that regional Victoria will, from tonight, move into the Third Step of the Roadmap to reopening, which includes our parishes located outside the metropolitan zone. However, we have a long way to go.

The deprivation in sacramental life has been a profound loss for our people. As well as all the other sufferings of the Pandemic, the sense of estrangement from the Eucharist has been a particular struggle for Catholics. The Mass is our primary means of gathering together in faith; it is the source and summit of our Christian life, and its life-giving nourishment and healing is dearly missed.

In the midst of this loss, I am grateful to our Priests and Deacons for continuing to serve the faithful, for sharing a sacramental ministry even under strict conditions, and for being alongside our people and their loved ones in times of death and grief. Thank you for your faithfulness.

All of us are anxious to open church doors, but I want to emphasise our need to be creative in the ways we do so, especially with the thousands of children who have been waiting for Sacraments of Initiation. Countless Catholic families are awaiting Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation for their children. Adults, too, have longed to be received into the life of the Church. We shall be exploring possibilities such as outdoor liturgies in parish and school settings to facilitate these crucial events of grace and welcome.

Throughout the pandemic, I have been advocating directly with the Government, reminding authorities continually of our respectful compliance with each stage of restrictions, and seeking a fair consideration in what is permitted. The Catholic community throughout the pandemic has



## THE BLESSING

Thanks to Bill & Maree Buttler, the Blessing project has come to fruition and is now on our website. go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZZvvT8xNJWBAMZhMtrQrhw> to see our parish in action! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the project—it's so lovely to see all those familiar faces and some budding talent too.

# winter shelter

## AUGUST 2020

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WINTER SHELTER IN 2020

Hello Winter Shelter Volunteers!

Welcome to all the new volunteers who have joined our program this year. It is good to see so many new faces joining our team. Thanks to the team from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Ringwood and to the team from Central Ringwood Community Centre for making soup every Sunday. Thanks to Jacki and her generous friends who not only cook meals but managed to fill a car and a half of groceries for our guests.

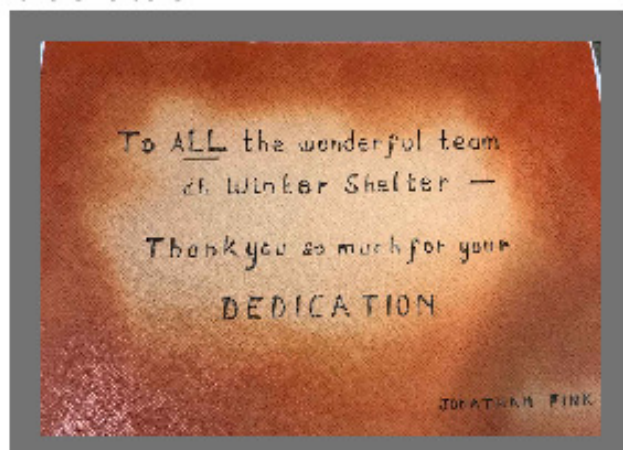
Between 1 Aug-26 Aug we have already distributed 1129 meals and 41 bags of groceries to more than 455 people. These meals include those made by our volunteers, meals donated from Fairshare and from the RACV Club, view a link to see more about the RACV donations <https://youtu.be/HE3-c6hWBHM>. They do not include all the delicious sweet treats our volunteers also make. Winter Shelter has had a reputation of fattening up our guests over the last 2 years.

I am sure that we are achieving the same again this year!

Thank you to all of you for your support in so many ways, including driving, cooking, baking and serving at the meals evenings.

We are still in need of the following:

- Warm socks, (for men or women)
- Underwear (for men or women)
- Toiletries (including women's personal hygiene items)
- Polar fleece tops and warm jackets (secondhand are fine)
- Fresh fruit for the shelters



On 20th September 2020, we mark [Social Services Sunday](#) within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we are invited to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 45 [member organisations](#), the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond. We call to mind the 2020/21 Social Justice Statement brought out recently by the Australian Catholic bishops, [To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today](#), and so draw your attention to a recent event hosted by CSSV, [Counselling and Therapeutic Support in a Time of COVID](#), which provided an opportunity to become more familiar with mental health services, and how to practically reach out for or point to assistance. Parishioners will find the resources in this article helpful.

### [Prayer for Courage and Compassion](#)

Compassionate God,  
Your unconditional love for all  
inspires our hearts and empowers our actions  
for those who are most vulnerable.  
May we boldly and humbly serve one another  
and be steadfast in our work for justice for all people.  
Keep our hearts open to the joys and the hopes of our world,  
and our ears ready to hear your call  
to truth, justice and reconciliation.  
Let us continue to draw inspiration and strength  
from those, like St Mary MacKillop,  
on whose shoulders we stand.  
We gather in Jesus' name  
to be nourished and to move forward together  
in hope and joy.  
Amen



***'Walking with Wisdom' Contemplative Sessions (via Zoom) – Thursdays, 10am-12.30pm (AEST) on 8, 15, 22 & 29 October 2020. We invite you to join us for a series of contemplative sessions with Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath, providing opportunities for Deep Listening: to oneself at this unique time in our lives; to Divine Wisdom in the Heart, and in the Hearts of Others; and to engage in a gentle, creative response. Join for one or all sessions. \$85 for the Series or \$25 per session. Bookings at [www.trybooking.com/BLILH](http://www.trybooking.com/BLILH). Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, tel 03 9890 1101, [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)***

### **This week on the Journey (Ep 372)**

This Week: – A couple of Questions for you from Mother Hilda and Fr Mike Delaney – how many times has God put an act of kindness into your life after a rugged day when you needed it and how do we react to the Johnny come lately getting the same deal as those there from the beginning?

Plus Trish McCarthy says God wants us to make disciples by telling others what God's done in our life and Darren McDowell looks at Jesus' leadership style and asks Do we let Jesus empower us through His Spirit to be the same type of leader? And 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 and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**The Journey** is a weekly program developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio .

## FIRST READING

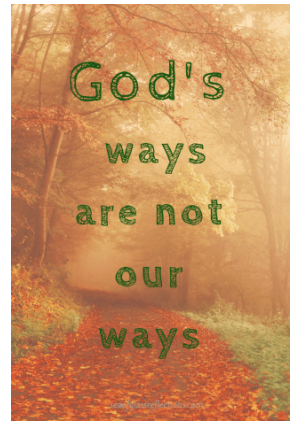
Isaiah 55.6-9

*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

Psalms 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.

<sup>1</sup> “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.

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

<sup>5</sup> “When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.

<sup>6</sup> 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?’

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

<sup>8</sup> “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.’

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

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

<sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

<sup>12</sup> ‘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.’

<sup>13</sup> 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?

<sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go;

I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

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

<sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



The gospel of the Lord.

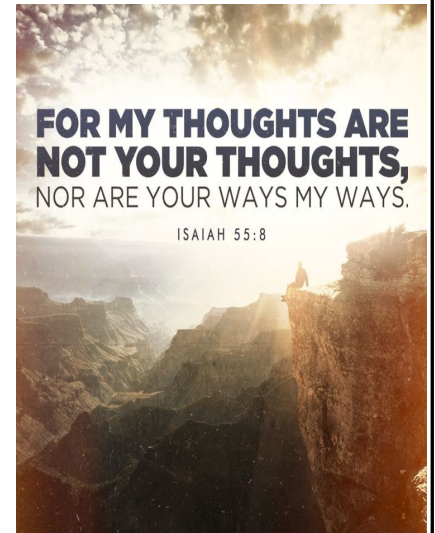


Reflection.

We have ordinary ways of looking at things that when we listen to this gospel, we are tempted to react and share the grumble of the workers who have laboured since early morning. It seems a bit unfair that after slaving all day in the hot sun they got the same pay for their efforts as those who were taken late. The parable is not dealing with equal rights for all or an honest day's work for pay. Its main emphasis is to show the generosity of God opening the doors of the kingdom of heaven to gentiles and sinners.

Entry into heaven sooner or later regardless of the date and time, makes no difference because it is given to all who do the will of God. This gospel fills us with an inspiring image of a generous, gracious and forgiving God whose love for us has no bounds. His mercy extends both to those who have laboured all their lives in their service and to those who have broken faith but turn to him in their dying hour. Before him, we all stand like beggars and can never boast that we have earned our salvation. Everything we have is a free gift of his love and mercy. We cannot explain his generosity but certainly God's ways are not our ways.

Be well and healthy. -Fr. Arsenio.



### **Prayers of Intercession**

*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 our prayers to our loving and forgiving God.*

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

**LORD HEAR US**

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

**LORD HEAR US**

We pray for all who are searching to recognise 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**

We pray for all who have lost hope, are lonely or are suffering depression especially during these difficult times; 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**

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

**LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Helen Graham, Caterina D'Amore, Marian Prowse, Suzie Vita, Sofia Rewer, Syd Wheatley, Timothy Morand and Ian Alleson.

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.**

