



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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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 MASS UNDER VERY STRICT GUIDELINES. PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.

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 remains 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: Leonard Maynes

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Allan Barr, Greg Ryan, Betty McKenna, Frances Dawson and Dot Bresnan

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

Readings this week: Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

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

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners

With the much welcomed news that we are now able to offer larger numbers at weekend parish masses, you can now book online via TryBooking, or on arrival use the QR code to register for contact tracing. Please bring your mobile phone!

For bookings please follow the information below:

ALL WEEKEND MASSES UNTIL 31 JANUARY ARE NOW OPEN FOR BOOKING.

The bookings close for each weekend on the Friday preceding the weekend at 12 noon.

The link for Saturday evening Mass is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKHB>

The link for Sunday morning Mass is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKHK>

Alternatively, go to the parish website:

<https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Mass-Times/Weekly-Services> Should you have any questions please email the parish at ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au and we will respond to you.

WEEKDAY MASS BOOKINGS:

Our week day masses will resume in the Chapel on Friday 22 January 2021 at 9:30am.

The trybooking link for weekday Masses in 2021 is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNPRE> .

These Masses will continue to be celebrated under very strict guidelines, which 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.

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.

Jacinta Bibby Pastoral Associate Mobile : 0434 224 483



The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

DECEMBER EDITION NOW AVAILABLE!

The December edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available on the parish website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

This is Helen Konynenburg's "swan song" as editor of the magazine. The parish community is greatly indebted to Helen for her many hours of dedication to this wonderful publication.

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.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in bringing our Christmas Celebrations to fruition. Nothing could have been achieved without all those who volunteered to help and those who joined the Celebrations. In particular, thank you to Fr Arsenio and Fr John Dupuche.

Arrangements in January.

Please note: the office will be **closed** between Christmas and New Year. Emergency calls can be made to the parish mobile number **0434 224 483**. It will be checked for messages daily and any urgent matters will be dealt with.

Fr Arsenio will be taking a short break during January. He will celebrate the weekend Masses as usual, but is not available during the week.

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. 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**

Daily Mass Books 2021 are available for \$25. Please email Jenny: jenny.philp@cam.org.au if you would like to get a copy.

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.

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 Hour of Adoration/ Rosary - Wednesday Nights

There will be no Holy Hour of Adoration in the chapel on Wednesday Nights until the end of January 2021.

Collection Notice

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60.1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
- 2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- 3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- 5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice. **R.**

7 In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service. **R.**

12 For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

*Now the mystery has been revealed:
now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

2 Surely you have already heard
of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,
3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation.
5 In former generations
this mystery was not made known to humanity
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets
by the Spirit:
6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs,
members of the same body,
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

See Matthew 2.2

Alleluia, Alleluia
We have seen his star in the east;
and have come to adore the Lord
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 2.1-12

We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,
2 "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."
When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time
when the star had appeared.
8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,
"Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him,
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."
9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them,
went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were over-
whelmed with joy.
11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his moth-
er;
and they knelt down and paid him homage.
Then, opening their treasure chests,
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Prayers of Intercession

The Wise men from the East followed the guiding light of God's presence and found Christ, the Saviour of the world. Let us come confidently before God opening ourselves to the gifts of God's abundant grace.

We pray that we may continually search for the true light of Christ and follow his way faithfully wherever the Spirit leads us.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for a new awareness of the many gifts and graces that we have; that like the Wise Men, we may praise and thank God for them and use them in the service of others.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for all who are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives; may Christ's continuing message of new light and life be made known to them through the people and circumstances of their lives.

LORD HEAR US.

That we may respect and welcome the many people in our society from different religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

LORD HEAR US.

For all who are awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit into their lives; that God will pour his Spirit upon them and help them to give witness of Christ bearing His light to all.

LORD HEAR US.

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

Allan Barr, Greg Ryan, Betty McKenna, Frances Dawson and Dot Bresnan.

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

