



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**First Sunday of Lent, 5-6 March 2022**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon**

**Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche**

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

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*Holy Spirit Parish  
Celebrating 50 years of Faith, Family & Friendship*



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We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. We also look forward to the time when all people can join together in various locations, and for the many activities that truly unite us fully as communities.

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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter)

Recorded Masses available at: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources](http://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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

**PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395**

**Email: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)**

Please contact us via the new phone number or email if you have any enquiries.

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:** Father Kevin Mogg, funeral Monday 7th March 12 noon, livestreamed via Tobin Brothers website.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Maria Riseley, Gerard Walton, Helen Sullivan, Tullio Ceconello, Mick Pertile, Maria Pellegrino, Mary O'Callaghan, Chiarina Soccio, Tom Dipenhorst, Louis de Silva, Sheila Murcott, Bill Waugh, Josephine Engel, Diana Crean and Anna Massarotti

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curllis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Enio Bordignon, John Hogan, Toni Collins, Christopher Woolley, Austin (baby in serious condition in hospital)

**Readings this week:** Deut 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

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

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Weekend Masses will be celebrated on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9am and 5pm. Weekday Masses will be celebrated at 9:15am on Wednesday & Friday in the Chapel. **NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

**QR Code check-in for places of worship will no longer be required.** However, there are some important points to keep in mind:

- **Staff and Volunteers** within the Parish setting, and its outreach, are still required to be 'fully vaccinated' or 'up to date' with their vaccination (have received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exemption). This includes all Lectors, Musicians & Singers, Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Co-ordinators, Collectors, Morning Tea servers & Welcomers. If you are filling one of these roles, please ensure you have provided a copy of your certificate to the Parrish Office.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated under 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:

- **Sanitize your hands on arrival.**
- **Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.**

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

For those who might like to read the Archdiocesan Guidelines for parishes, they can be found on the CAM website: [melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines](http://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines)



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**  
Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm  
**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** Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Numbers are limited, so please register with Jacek or Ann to join in for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. Enquiries: Jacek 9870 7625 Ann 0437 127 326

**Tuesday Meditation**

Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

Collection Notice

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

## 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.

The Word: Please note in order to get the Parish email distributed each week, submissions for the word need to be received by 2pm Thursday. Thank you, Jenny.

### **EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 7th—13th March 2022**

MONDAY	12:00 Funeral for Fr Kevin Mogg
TUESDAY	9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom 7.30-9.00 pm RCIA, via Zoom
THURSDAY	6.00-6.30 Centering Prayer Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass followed by Rosary & Stations of the Cross, Holy Spirit Chapel 10.30 am—12 noon, Lenten Group Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church No High Spirits due to Long Weekend

### **HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 12th-13th March 2022**

**Web:** [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)

#### **Mass Coordinators:**

**6.00 pm:** Kevin O'Callaghan                      **9.00 am:** Bill Lanigan                      **5.00 pm:**

#### **Lectors:**

**6.00 pm:** Judy Barber                      **9.00 am:** Linda Parlee                      **5.00 pm:**

#### **Welcomers:**

**6.00 pm:** Robin Walsh and Jean Smith

**9.00 am:** Shelah Batson

**Tea & Coffee:** **6.00 pm:**                      **9.00 am:** Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

### **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 LADIES LUNCHEON**

As our Christmas luncheon was a great success, it was expressed that parish ladies would love to continue meeting throughout 2022. If you are available on Friday March 11th, I would like to organise a Luncheon at the Coach for 12pm. This is an invitation to all Ladies of the Parish Community so if you know anyone who would be interested in joining us please let me know.

Email:- [maurentaffe@hotmail.com](mailto:maurentaffe@hotmail.com) or mobile 0422508637

**Anatercia 12**, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:

The next set of thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. We have less than 50 people on the envelope system and as we are slowly becoming a cashless society, we have convenient credit card and direct debit facilities which guarantees your regular contribution to the Parish. If you are interested in changing from the envelope system, contact the Parish House and we can arrange everything for you. Thank you again to those who contribute financially to our wonderful Parish. **Also, could the person who uses envelope number 41 make contact with the Parish House. We don't know who is using this number as it has not been allocated to anyone. Thank you.**

## LENT 2022

**SOS! Our usual source for large palm branches used for decoration in the church on Palm Sunday is unable to provide them any more. If anyone has a palm tree and can help out, please contact Jenny on 70369395.**



## SPIRIT MAGAZINE MARCH 2022

The March edition of the Spirit magazine is now available for you take home or read on line via the parish website. Thanks Yvette for another outstanding effort!

## High Spirits

Classes will run **every Sunday during school term**. (except long weekends) **starting at 4:00 pm and finishing after 5:00 pm mass**. Mass attendance is a key component of the children's religious education.

If you would like to enroll your child in the class or know of anyone from the parish who would like to have their children enrolled, please contact the parish office on 70369395.

**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 Thank you.

## On the Journey this week:

We commence our Lenten series with reflections and tips. Fr Anthony Jukes says the three temptations teach us about desires, power, glory, and celebrity worship. Mother Hilda uses Jack's story to say yes to the commitments in our lives. Fr Sean Cullen guides us through Jesus' instruction to pray. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook, The Bush Deacon Josh Clayton, 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.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER 154 Cotham Road Kew.  
 are organizing plants, books and variety items for sale on Saturday 26 March 9am-2pm.  
 For enquiries, please call 98173715



## Fr. Kevin Mogg - Funeral Notice

Fr Mogg's funeral will be held at Holy Spirit Church, 120 Oban Road, Ringwood North on Monday 7th March 2022 at 12:00 noon. It will be webcast from: [tobin.5stream.com/webcast/90626](http://tobin.5stream.com/webcast/90626).

Here you can see the service notice, upload tributes and photos, access the stream and also the memorial video: <https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/details/23743/Father-Kevin-Melville-Mogg/obituary.html#content-start/>

Herald Sun Tribute / Notice:

[www.mytributes.com.au/notice/funeral-notice/mogg-rev-fr-kevin/5896695/](http://www.mytributes.com.au/notice/funeral-notice/mogg-rev-fr-kevin/5896695/)

Geelong Advertiser Tribute: [www.geelongadvertiser.com.au/tributes/notice/death-notice/mogg-rev-fr-kevin-melville-pe-am/5896558/](http://www.geelongadvertiser.com.au/tributes/notice/death-notice/mogg-rev-fr-kevin-melville-pe-am/5896558/)

An Enabling Life: Vale Fr Kevin Mogg AM:

[melbournecatholic.org/news/an-enabling-life-vale-fr-kevin-mogg-am](http://melbournecatholic.org/news/an-enabling-life-vale-fr-kevin-mogg-am)

Farewell Fr. Kevin you have been our local legend.

To All My Friends and Parish Community.

Thank you all for all the love and care I received when I was unwell. I got sick at the end of October but thankfully with The Lord's love and wonderful Doctors I have recovered, well I am close to full recovery.

I have been so blessed by all the help I have been given, the caring phone calls, messages and flowers, meals for us and the many prayers that I know were being said for me. I know that these too have helped me to recover. I was so touched by everyone's concern and I am very grateful.

I have never been through anything like this before with my health. It was a frightening time for myself and my family, but I am so thankful to the doctors for their care and my family and friends for their constant support and prayers.

I feel really blessed to be in a Parish Community where there is so much kindness.

Thank you all.

Love and Blessings,

Kerry O'Leary.

## INFORMATION SESSION - PERMANENT DIACONATE

In 2020, in the middle of the pandemic, Pope Francis outlined his prayer for vocations that "deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church." He asks everyone to pray for permanent deacons, who live their vocation in and with their family. In the Archdiocese there are now permanent deacons in a number of parishes with a small number of aspirants in training.

### DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

**Watch:** Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

**Read More:** [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

**Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)





## Holy Spirit 50th Anniversary Celebration Conversation Cards

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT – We need those cards by the end of this month –**

**This celebration is for EVERYONE – All Ages**

Cards are available now to write today and place in the return box, or to take home for other family and friends that you may know. If you can't do cards, email your stories: [hs50@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:hs50@holyspiritparish.org.au), write or post to the Parish House.

What to write? Any, or all, of the list below, and anything else you can think of!

Approximate dates of your time/visit in parish, any office held, or group you belonged to. Memories of good times or bad. Your funniest memory, the people you remember and why? What does/has Holy Spirit mean/meant to you?

Thank you for helping to make this celebration a joyous memory of our past for our current and future parishioners. **You are all a part of the history of Holy Spirit, past, present, and future**



## *Holy Spirit Parish 50th anniversary*



Come and Celebrate 50 Years of Spirit  
Sunday 27 March 2022  
11:00 AM Celebration Mass  
BYO lunch

### **HELP NEEDED!**

If you are available to assist with set up and clean on the weekend of 26 & 27 March, please add your name to the sign up sheets at the rear of the church.

Thank you!

It is a time to enjoy viewing photos and videos of times past and reminisce on the good times!  
And most importantly catch up with old friends and meet new ones.



## **Holy Spirit Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Spread the Word**

Our parish – our community - is turning fifty. We are planning a celebration on Sunday 27 March 2022. We want this to be a wonderful, joyous coming together of all those who are, or have been a part of this wonderful community.

**Please note: on this day there will be no 9am Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on Saturday 26 March 11am Sunday 27 March and 5pm Sunday 27 March.**

For now, we would like you to spread the word about this upcoming event when you catch up with old friends or past parishioners. We are seeking people's stories, anecdotes, remembrances of special occasions, photos etc. We would like everyone to contribute, including those who may not have held any official role, or been part of any of the parish groups - those go-to people who always said yes when asked to assist.

Please get in touch with us on [hsparish50@gmail.com](mailto:hsparish50@gmail.com) if you would like to assist with planning, or if you have any questions.

*Holy Spirit Parish Anniversary Team*



## Winter Shelter Community Meals Program Update

At this stage we **still require more volunteers to fill the gaps in the rosters** to cook meals for Friday nights in Ringwood, to provide baked goods on Wednesday or Friday nights

Please read the details below to see how you can assist or maybe have a friend, neighbour, family member or colleague you know of who may be interested in cooking or baking for Winter Shelter providing meals for those in need in our local community.

If you are able to assist please go online (links below) and find a date to suit you and fill in that slot, that would be very much appreciated.

Your involvement will be much appreciated. We are expecting to provide 50 to 60 meals per night.

Each cook needs to:

- \* Select a suitable time on the online roster to cook
- \* Provide 6 to 8 meals from each cook in single serve containers.
- \* Containers are provided if needed, or available from North Ringwood Uniting Church any week before you are rostered to cook, or let us know and we can drop them around to you. If you are happy to buy your own, you can do that too!
- \* The meals need to be fresh (not frozen), but not necessarily hot.
- Complete the online food handling course. If you haven't completed the course here is the link:
- <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/then> email a copy of the certificate to [boswalds1@gmail.com](mailto:boswalds1@gmail.com).

If you feel you have capacity to prepare more than 6 to 8 meals, please just fill in multiple slots. One vegetarian meal a week would be appreciated. Others are providing soup, bread, fruit and dessert, so you don't need to supply those.

- Meals can be dropped off on Fridays to North Ringwood Uniting Church 14 Dickson Cres, Ringwood North between 3:30 and 4:30pm. We'll then transport the meals to Urban Life for distribution, or you can deliver your meals directly to:

Urban Life (143 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, opposite the clock tower) between 4:30 and 5pm.

When selecting a date on the roster please include your email address and phone number just in case we need to contact you. Also to help our drivers, when you sign up, as well as indicating what you are cooking, please specify where you will be dropping off ('NRUC' for North Ringwood Uniting Church or 'UL' for Urban Life) in the 'What I Plan to Bring' column.

If you have any queries, please contact either Rosemary Uren 0437 242 018 or Gitta Clayton 0451 744 453

If you have any issues with delivery/pickup of food, please call Marty on 0418 579 044.

Please fill in your preference on the online rosters - links below

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #1](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #2](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #3](#)

**Bakers** - anyone interested in providing home baked goods on Fridays (weekly) and/or Wednesdays (fortnightly). It is easiest if small quantities of baked goodies are placed into labelled zip locked bags or small containers (e.g. chocolate slice, ANZAC biscuits, banana muffin, vanilla cupcakes, slices of nut loaf, etc).

Our guests really appreciate these treats!

If you haven't completed the online food handling course here is the link: <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/then> email a copy of the certificate to [boswalds1@gmail.com](mailto:boswalds1@gmail.com).

Please fill in your preference on the online rosters - links below

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 1](#)

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 2](#)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

*Let us turn to our Father who calls us to live out the gift of freedom he has given to us.*

We pray that we, the Church, may come to know more deeply the loving heart of Jesus who invites us to work with him in bringing the fullness of life to all people. Lord hear us.

### **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For our priests and bishops; that their lives of ministry might be a proclamation to all that the Word of God is very near to us inviting us to call on the name of the Lord. Lord hear us.

### **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for all those whose access to food and water is insecure. May the whole human family respond generously in creating lasting justice in the distribution of life's necessities. May we respond to opportunities, such as those presented by Project Compassion this Lent, to build a future for all generations. Lord hear us.

### **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for our fellow Australians in Queensland and New South Wales, particularly in Lismore whose lives have been devastated by the floods. We pray for those who have died during this disaster and for those who have lost their homes, their possessions and their businesses. May God give them courage and strength as they try to come to terms with his devastation over the coming weeks and months. Lord hear us.

### **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For those who have died recently Father Kevin Mogg, all victims of the current war in Ukraine, victims of the floods in Australia and disasters elsewhere in the world; and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Maria Riseley, Gerard Walton, Helen Sullivan, Tullio Ceconello, Mick Pertile, Maria Pellegrino, Mary O'Callaghan, Chiarina Soccio, Tom Dipenhorst, Louis de Silva, Sheila Murcott, Bill Waugh, Josephone Engel, Diana Crean and Anna Massarotti.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

### **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

## **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**



## **REFLECTION 1st Sunday of Lent**

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Daily Mass Books 2022 are available for \$25. Please contact Jenny: 70369395  
jenny.philp@cam.org.au if you would like a copy.



## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26.4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

4 "When the priest takes the basket from your hand  
and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God,  
5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

"A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;  
he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number,  
and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us,  
by imposing hard labour on us,

7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors;  
the Lord heard our voice  
and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

8 "The Lord brought us out of Egypt  
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,  
with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;  
9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land,  
a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground  
that you, O Lord, have given me."

And Moses continued,  
"You shall set it down before the Lord your God  
and bow down before the Lord your God."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91.1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (R. See 15b)

**R.** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
2 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust." **R.**

10 No evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.  
11 For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways. **R.**

12 On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
13 You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. **R.**

14 Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
15 When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 10.8-13

*This is how believers in Christ profess their faith.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters,

8 what does scripture say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

11 The scripture says,

“No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

No one lives on bread alone

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia

## GOSPEL

Luke 4.1-13

*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness:  
there he was tempted.*

A reading from the gospel according to Luke.

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,

2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

3 The devil said to him,

“If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

4 Jesus answered him,

“It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

6 And the devil said to him,

“To you I will give their glory and all this authority;  
for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered him, “It is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem,  
and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,  
10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.