



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 29-30 July 2023

Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon
Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

120 Oban Road, Ringwood North 3134
Phone: 70369395
Email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Website: www.holyspiritparish.org.au
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, closed Mondays

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE (Wednesday to Friday)

Jacinta Bibby jacinta.bibby@cam.org.au

PARISH SECRETARIES

Ruth Frangeskakis ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au
Jenny Philp jenny.philp@cam.org.au

HIGH SPIRITS COORDINATOR

Elma Gama

PARISH HOSTESS

Mary Yeo

MASS TIMES: Wednesday & Friday 9:15am
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am & 5pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—Holy Spirit

Duncan Arendse —9876 1103

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Secretary ppc-sec@holyspiritparish.org.au

FETE COMMITTEE

Adam Stone (Chairperson) - fete@holyspiritparish.org.au

PARISH OF ST GERARD AND ST ANNE

St Gerard's: McCulloch Street, Warrandyte 3113
St Anne's: 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards 3114

Phone: 7064 3922

Email: ParkOrchards@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam.org.au/parkorchardswarrandyte

PARISH SECRETARY

Kerry McGowan

Office Hours:

TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm
WED 1.30pm to 3.45pm
THURS 11.30am to 3.45pm
FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

Masses:

Tuesdays 9am St Gerard's Warrandyte
Sundays 10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @
St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Des Panton PE

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Dean Moloney, Norma MacDonald, Marea Millburn, Phil O'Sullivan, Daniel Hurley, Mary Keogh, Cath Versteegen, Shirley Radford, Paul Saba, Loris Bresnan, Mary Quinlan, John Quinlan and Peter Heskett

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Darren Brock, Kerry McIntyre, Lyn Read, Judy Kennedy, Pam, Angela Cannistra

Readings this week: 1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.28-30; Matthew 13.44-52

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

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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—31st July - 6th August 2023

MONDAY	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
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 Church with 3/4 Level Children 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	7.30 pm Choir Practice, Holy Spirit Chapel
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	9.00 am Reconciliation, 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (First Saturday of month only) 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD and ST VINCENT DE PAUL \$2.00 COLLECTION WEEKEND 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 5th-6th August 2023

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan

9.00 am: Silvio Volombello

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin

9.00 am: Dennis Gridley

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Welcomers

6.00 pm: Jean Smith

9.00 am: Tina Toomey

Tea and Coffee: **9.00 am:** Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

Holy Spirit Web Site - 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 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 or phone 7036 9395.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: acornelio@connecteast.com.au for inclusion weekly.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. If interested, contact Jacek on 0490 884 914 or Ann on 0437 127 326.

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays). 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: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice

On the Journey this week: Fr Rob Galea tells how to find the field and get the pearl of great price that is in it. Mother Hilda says we can change the way we think about and handle the fast pace of life by enjoying the seasons of the day. Plus, Fr Tony Percy on Prudence Not Prudish and what we can learn from King Solomon, Mark Raue with hearts on fire-and feet on the move, Fr Mike Delaney shares his experiences when developing a new Parish Vision, and more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime

Dear Parishioners

As a parish we will resume communion under both kinds, commencing the weekend 4th/5th August 2023.

The procedures for receiving Eucharist as outlined by the Australian Bishops Conference is as follows:

GUIDELINES FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

6. When ministering the Blood of Christ, hold the chalice up as the communicant comes before you and address them with the words "The Blood of Christ" and allow them to reply "Amen". These ritual dialogues are expressions of the Catholic Church's faith and are spiritually formative. They should, therefore, not be replaced by other words.

7. Carefully hand the chalice over to the communicant and allow them to take a sip from the chalice and hand the chalice back to you. Be ready to provide assistance to children, the disabled and the elderly, as required. 8. Wipe both sides of the rim of the chalice with the purifier, then rotate the chalice enough to offer the next communicant a fresh surface from which to consume (GIRM 286).

GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNICANTS

12. When receiving Communion in the hand, the communicant might be guided by the words of St Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386AD): "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost" (Cat. Myst V. 21-22). Communicants who are left-handed are obviously free to receive Communion on whichever hand they feel most comfortable.

13. As a sign of reverence for the Body of Christ, communicants and ministers should ensure that their hands appear clean.

14. When the minister says "The Body of Christ", reply "Amen" (GIRM 161). When receiving in the hand, step to one side after receiving the host and consume the whole of it immediately. When receiving on the tongue, communicants should open their mouths sufficiently and position their tongue to facilitate easy reception of the host.

15. If desired, move to the minister with the chalice. When the minister says "The Blood of Christ", reply "Amen," receive the chalice, drink a little from it, and return the chalice to the minister.

16. **In keeping with Christ's command to take and drink and consistent with the Church's tradition that the sacraments be ministered, it is not permitted for communicants to self-intinct (or dip) the host in the chalice. The practice of dipping fingers with the host in the chalice can also lead to other hygiene issues.**

17. Return reverently to your place.

If you would like to resume being an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, please contact Ruth to be include on the roster. You will need to have a current WWCC, Signed Code of Conduct, Completed Safeguarding Training.

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch & entertainment on Wednesday 9th August at 11am in the Church. This will be a pupil free day, so there will be ample parking onsite for anyone attending the Mass.

Please note that 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day.

For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office:

ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Friday 4th August.

LORD, My God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Psalm 30:2



MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated in the Holy Spirit Chapel on Tuesday 15 August at 7pm. All welcome.



Mindfulness & Meditation – Saturday, 28 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (in-person)

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

Driver needed.

A local mum needs assistance with driving her 10 year old son to & from school from their home in East Ringwood to Dorset Primary School. (8:30am & 3:30pm). If you can help please call Hemila on 0455 660 526.



AT ALPHA, YOU CAN ASK ANYTHING... SERIOUSLY!

ALPHA is a safe space to ask questions about
Life, Faith and Meaning
there's a seat for **you** at the table
on **Sunday August 6th**



Alpha is "an opportunity to explore the meaning of life". It's a place to come and discuss the **big questions**. It's a timeout where you can think about these things, listen to others and discuss your own thoughts. Spending time with others to discuss these things will help shed some light on those issues we all grapple with.

Alpha is run all over the world. It's sharing food, a talk and small group discussion. We'll provide the venue and food, so you can discuss the big questions of life with a mixture of people including your friends and colleagues. Intrigued?... then Come & See!

STARTING Sunday 6th August @ 7pm
Venue: Holy Spirit Parish House, 120 Oban Road,
Ringwood North

This evening is a wine and cheese supper with discussion about the topic '**Is there more to life than this?**'. We finish at 9 p.m. sharp. No cost. What have you got to lose?

Registration: <https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/alpha>

Link to short Try Alpha video: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/182479526>

Maybe you have done Alpha before and want to support this program. You can do so in several ways – offering prayer support, offering to help with catering, making a financial donation towards the cost of running Alpha at Holy Spirit Parish. If you would like to contribute, please contact Maryann [0429 876 434] or Kerry [0407764302] or send us an email: alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au

Forum on the “Voice to Parliament” Referendum

Do you feel you know enough about the upcoming **Voice to Parliament Referendum**?

Would you like the chance to explore its implications and ask questions?

If you are seeking more information or understanding this is the forum for you.

It will be presented by Dr Heather Wearne who is a volunteer educator with the “Yes 23’ national campaign. Heather is a retired academic who worked in tertiary and secondary education and she has much experience with Indigenous issues. She will provide background information about the “**Uluru Statement From the Heart**” and the “**Voice to Parliament**”. She will share her understanding and knowledge about **Constitutional recognition** and the reasons why it matters so much to many First Nations Peoples. She will speak to the role and function of the Voice to Parliament and discuss what is at stake with the **Referendum**. Heather will make sure that there will be time to answer your questions and uncertainties about the Voice.

Date and Time: The Forum will be held at St John’s Church, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham on Sunday 6th August from 12:00 noon (after the 11:15am Mass) until about 2:30pm. Light lunch provided.

Our Lady of Sion College Talk and Tour Mornings for Term 3

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST, 9.30 AM; MONDAY 14 AUGUST, 9.30 AM

Please visit the website to book a tour: sion.catholic.edu.au

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2025 (current Year 5s) close 18 August 2023



Soul Inspired Art Exhibition – September 4 – 22, 2023

An Exhibition Celebrating Life – Regeneration

Soul Inspired expressions of life and the world around us.

Born out of COVID seclusions, our inaugural Exhibition of 2022 celebrated the resilience and appreciation of our Ringwood North community as part of the Holy Spirit Parish 50th Anniversary year. We continue to celebrate all aspects of community and the courage of artists by inviting you to exhibit your work in our 2023 Exhibition.

We welcome artists of all abilities and stages of your artistic journey.

This exhibition will be held in The Harbour Space, Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill Vic 3128 <https://www.bhcac.com.au/>

For Information sheet and further details please email: Helen@konynenburg.com

Subject: Soul Inspired Art Exhibition

Sing Australia Ringwood - Concert

Where? Holy Spirit Church - 120 Oban Road Ringwood North.

Parking is available at the venue or at the nearby shopping centre.

When? Sunday July 30th 2023 at 2:00pm

Why? Because it is fun, toe-tapping, thought provoking and you will feel welcomed.

Afternoon tea provided

Admittance: General \$15. Concession \$10. Children free

Everyone welcome



POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Archdiocesan Personal Assistant, Western Region
- Executive Officer, East Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish, Doveton
- Pastoral Worker - St Peter's & Paul's Parish, Doncaster East
- Parish Coordinator- St Jude's Parish, Scoresby
- Parish Secretary-Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill

Other Positions

- JoCare Assistant Coordinator, Malvern
- College Registrar, CTC, East Melbourne
- Engagement and Projects Lead, Melbourne 3000

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: [Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)
Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hadmin@cam.org.au

MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL—SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL-HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Maroondah City Council Mayor—Cr. Rob Steane and fellow Councillors, hosted a presentation night on Wednesday, July 19, to present Grants to in excess of 84 Organizations which qualified under the Council's Community Grant Scheme. Holy Spirit Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society was successful in being awarded a Grant of \$3,000.00 under the Emergency Relief Grant section of the Scheme.

Our Conference is grateful for this funding which will be very beneficial in our work in assisting vulnerable people in our Community.

The Council has clearly demonstrated that the welfare of it's citizens is a high priority.

Kevin O'Callaghan,
Conference President.

Stewardship Program 2023 Reminder.

Many thanks to those who have already updated their contributions. If you have not yet done so and intend to, please do it today. If you have any questions speak to Jenny or Ruth Tuesday through Friday and I am sure they can help you. Also if you happen to have missed out, the Donate Button on the website now has all the text and videos of the presentations. Thank you again.

Key Dates

We are exciting to announce the following events:

Working Bee @ 10.30am
Sunday 13 August

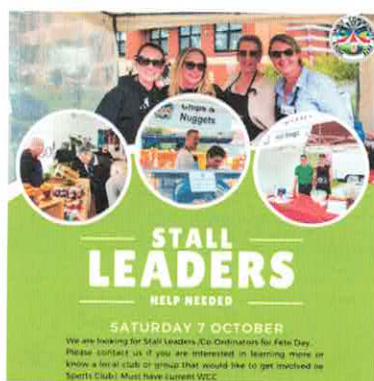
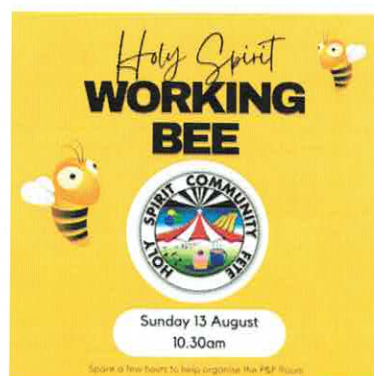
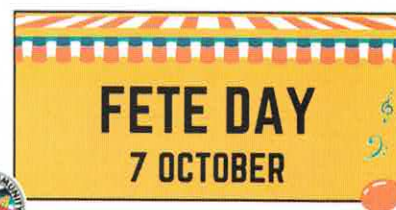
Stall Leader Pizza Night
Tuesday 15 August

Lob A Choc Free Dress Day
Friday 18 August

Fete Meeting
Tuesday 29 August



JOIN US FOR
FUN &
LAUGHTER
WHILST
PLANNING THE
YEARS' BIGGEST
EVENT



Fete Committee Update

Crunch time is here and we are finalising planning for Fete Day Saturday 7 October.

We met on Tuesday 17 July and are pleased to announce that we are almost at our sponsorship target of \$25,000.00! Well done to Belle & Paul for their efforts!

There are more rides this year for big & little kids, a bigger family zone on the oval as well as more food stalls.

HUGE BONUS Animal Farm entry will now be included with wristband purchases!

Adam has worked hard on the layout and it looks amazing! We are excited to share it with you in the next few weeks Great job Adam!

Paul has arranged a new oven to be donated and installed in the kitchen. This improve & benefit all events in the church. Thank you Paul!

Kerry & Katherine have been working frantically to arrange permits and council approvals, food & supplies, upload raffle tickets to TryBooking and arrange volunteer sign ups. Well done ladies you both have had a lot to do.

Rob has been updating the website and managing our tech – not an easy job. We can't wait to share the new site once it has been finished!

Raffle tickets & Wristband sales will start soon! Say tuned!

Stall Leaders / Co Ordinators

For years we have been blessed to have the same volunteers take charge of our stalls. With many Parish Members stepping down and families who have left the school we are looking for 10 Stall Leaders for Fete Day.

Leaders are NOT required to work on stall all day but to help organise the volunteers. The stalls include: Coffee, Trash & Treasure, Face Painting, Books, Silent Auction and Pre loved Clothing.

Please contact us if you are interested in learning more or know a local club or group that would like to get involved ie Sports Club

Lob A Choc Free Dress Day

Another one of the most Popular Fete Stalls, Lob a Choc will be running a Free Dress Day in exchange for a block, bag or boxed chocolate.

Keep an eye out for specials and save some chocolate so you can come in Free Dress. This is of course optional and remember no nuts please!

Anyone able to help collect chocolates on Friday 18 August please contact Belle Godfrey.

Fete Meetings

7.30pm in the P&F Room. This is the old Art room located down next to the church/hall before the OSHC building

Pre fete Planning -
Fortnightly
Tuesday 15 August
Tuesday 29 August

Pre fete Planning - Every Tuesday in September

Tuesday 5 September



Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at our last event? Check out the photos below and also our social media to see if you were snapped!



Community Grant & Awards

Fete Sponsor & Deakin Federal member Michael Sukkar MP attended our recent meeting to recongise & present 2 awards.

Adam Stone, Fete President recently applied for the Stronger Communities Grant to upgrade our marquees. He was successful in securing a grant which will improve the Fete and conditions for our volunteers. Congratulations Adam!

Belle Godfrey, Sponsorship Manager was also awarded a 2023 Deakin Community Award. As Belle couldn't make it on the night, Michael was able to congratulate her in person. Well deserved Belle!

New Members

The Fete Committee is made up of current and past school parents and members of the wider Holy Spirit Parish community.

With many key members stepping down and retiring we are on the search for new members.

This is a great year to dip your toe in and see what it is all about without the pressure of a specific role and to have fun!

Please reach out to Adam Stone (Fete Committee Chair), Paul De Iulio (Treasurer) Belle Godfrey or Lauren Cefai (P&F President) if you'd like to get involved.

Next meeting is Tuesday 15 August at 7.30pm

Sponsorship Extended

We have a special extended offer for our Holy Spirit families. We will be offering our social media packages for \$350.00 until the end of August (Public sponsorship closed 30 June). If you have a family business and interested in sponsorship we would love your support.

Advertising runs through to February the following year. Included in a wristband valued at \$60.00 as well as \$20.00 worth of hospitality vouchers. Our social media package is awesome value!

Thank you for the support received over the years from our families and community. Please let us know if you would like to take up an offer this year by contacting Belle Godfrey, Sponsorship & Marketing Manager on 0492 200 676 or email

admin@frontlinelocksmiths.com.au

Sponsor Packages

Speaker title, speaker & speaker's affiliation	Abstract Title	Field Name Title	Field Topic	Other Topic	Session Title	Session Topic
Speaker Title: Speaker Affiliation: with 10 speaker's affiliation to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						
Abstract: to be inserted on next slide						

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

God our Father. You sent your Son Jesus into the world as a member of a family. In union with Jesus, we make these our prayers to you.

Reader:

We pray for the children making their First Eucharist Saturday night. May they be blessed with Jesus' love as they share in this special meal by coming to the table of the Lord for the very first time. We also pray for their families and friends. May they know how important their love and support has been during this time of preparation for First Eucharist. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are engaged in outreach; that they may cast a wide net through offering hospitality and witness to the Good News of God's love to all they encounter. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all children and young adults; that God will fill their minds and hearts with wisdom and self understanding so that they may recognize their gifts and use them in the service of God. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all parents; that God's wisdom and understanding assists them in nurturing and guiding the children entrusted to their care. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for your loving kindness. May those who feel alone or abandoned be comforted in the knowledge that God's love is unending. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Dean Moloney, Norma MacDonald, Marea Millburn, Phil O'Sullivan, Daniel Hurley, Mary Keogh, Cath Versteegen, Shirley Radford, Paul Saba, Loris Bresnan, Mary Quinlan, John Quinlan and Peter Heskett. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Loving God. We thank you for the many ways you have blessed us especially for the gift of our families and friends. May we learn a new wisdom of your teaching and walk in your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."-Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3.5-12++

You have asked for an understanding mind.

A reading from the first book of Kings.

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

6 And Solomon said,

"You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

7 "And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this, your great people?"

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

11 God said to him,

"Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

57 The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

72 The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. *R.*

76 Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise to your servant.

77 Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. *R.*

127 Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.

128 Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way. *R.*

129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. *R.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8.28-30

God predestined us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

30 And those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.44-52

*Anyone who finds a treasure in a field,
sells all and buys that field.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;
then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

49 "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all this?"

They answered, "Yes."

52 And he said to them,

"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven
is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The gospel of the Lord.

