



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN

Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.



O Giver of Peace,
We wait for you in hope;
eye has not seen and ear has not heard the wonders of your actions.
In gratitude we thank you for the incarnation of your Son, Jesus.
May we see with new insight and hear with new clarity
the joy of your message this summer and this advent.
Giver of Peace, hear our prayer.

We watch

Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. MARK 13:33

Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and it always has a theme of looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times. One of the prayers of the early Church which is linked with the season of waiting and longing, was the Aramaic word 'MARANATHA', which means 'Come Lord'. Use this prayer often this week as one way to begin preparation for Christmas.



Another way to bring Christ's coming into the family home is the custom of the Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. According to tradition, three of the candles are violet, and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may also be used. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it is blessed by a parent.

The word 'Maranatha' could be used as part of the blessing.

The lighting of the candles may fittingly be included as a part of the evening meal.

(Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.)

We watch and wait. To this waiting time we bring the experiences of the year past.

This circle of green reminds us of the love of God endless, but ever new.

As we focus on the candle, what memories of the year rise up for us?

1st Sunday of Advent - Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.

"It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with a particular task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on watch. Therefore, keep awake -in the evening or at midnight, or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake"

Ponder

Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013) noted that in the presence of God, during a recollected reading of the text it is good to practice *Lectio Divina* – the reading of God's word in prayer asking that it to 'enlighten and renew' us.

What word or phrase stands out for me as I read this text?

What invitation is this text offering me?

What troubles me about this text?

Re read the Gospel. From the above, which is the one word or phrase that stays with you?



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1st Sunday of Advent, 28-29 November 2020

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EMAIL

Jacinta will continue to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you have not received an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know at Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au. Alternatively, please ring the parish mobile 0434 224 483 to advise us of your email address.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, WE CAN NOW CELEBRATE 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: Rose Barnao

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Fiore D'Assisi, Julian Cole, Susan Neylon, Rosa Audini, Damien Hill, Sally Conway, Gangolf Honig, Ray Kyatt, Norman Kirwan, Gail Gaine, Carmel Brennan and Leo Hortin

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, Deanne Frangeskakis

Readings this week: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

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

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners

With the much welcomed news on the weekend we are now able to offer larger numbers to book in for our weekend parish masses.

From next weekend 5th / 6th December 2020 we will move to trybooking online.

For bookings please follow the information below:

Bookings will open on Tuesday 1st December at 9am and close on Friday 4th December at 12pm for Sat 5th Dec 6pm Vigil mass and Sun 6th Dec 9am mass.

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

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

Alternatively, go to: Trybooking.com then scroll down to "find event", click on Mass at Holy Spirit for the date you want and complete the details for your booking.

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 remain in the Chapel. To book please call the parish M: 0434 224 483 on Tuesday 1st Dec between 9am -2pm to book for both Wed 2nd Dec 9:30am and Fri 4th Dec 9:30am

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

Christmas 2020

As you are all be aware, our parish activities and Masses are governed by very strict guidelines issued by DHHS & the Archdiocese.

With this in mind, we will be able to offer several Masses over the Christmas Season. The number of seats available at each Mass will be limited, so bookings are essential. We will use Trybooking and details for booking will be in the word and on the parish website: www.holyspiritparish.org.au as soon as they are confirmed.

If you are unable to secure a seat at one of the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses, please consider the other feast days in the season- The Holy Family (26/27 December), Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1 January), the Epiphany of the Lord (2/3 January).

Christmas Eve Masses at Holy Spirit will be celebrated at 5:00pm (to be live-streamed), 7:30pm and 10:30pm. Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

We look forward to celebrating the peace and joy of Christmas with as many of our parish family as possible.



ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

The Diocese of Wollongong resource “Adore” is available to anyone who may like to get a booklet for private reflection during Advent.

Copies of the booklet can be collected from Mass or dropped into your letterbox. To request a booklet, please call Jacinta on 0434 224 483.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thank you to all who have taken a family number to provide Christmas Hampers to the families we visit. All hampers have now been allocated. We would still appreciate your support by donating cash, as we are unable to distribute the usual Buy a Meal Appeal envelopes. If you are able to donate, please contact Joan Ward on 0400 621 022 or email joanward@optusnet.com.au.

Many thanks

Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 2nd December @ 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)

[pwd=WnlNaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUrelJmQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?pwd=WnlNaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUrelJmQT09)

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

2020 CONFIRMATION

Due to the onset of the pandemic, our planned Confirmation Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in April was cancelled. Archbishop Comensoli has now given Fr Arsenio permission to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our Grade 6 students. This will take place over the next 2 weekends, with a small number of candidates and their parents attending each of the weekend Masses on 5/6 December and 12/13 December. This will be a very joyous and special celebration for the candidates and their families after such a long and uncertain year. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and on behalf of the Parish Community, congratulations!



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.

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 Rosary

The Holy Rosary via Zoom on Tuesday Nights is discontinued for now with the resumption of the Holy Hour of Adoration in the chapel on Wednesday Nights.



Holy Hour of Adoration - Wednesday Nights

The Holy Hour of Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on
Wednesday 18th November at 7pm.

The Hour is spent with the Holy Rosary, individual reflection,
and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and some music in between.

Because of Covid-19, attendance is limited to 10 people. If you wish to attend, you need to book with Dominic beforehand on 0434 841 907. Please note that bookings are a requirement of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Archdiocese for the purposes of contact tracing should someone unfortunately be infected with the Covid virus. Ah yes! Do not forget your face mask.



SPIRIT EXTRA #12 NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

[https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit Extra/spirit_extra_012.pdf](https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit%20Extra/spirit_extra_012.pdf)

Collection Notice

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

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

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

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

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

Please remember the following family and friends of our parishioners in your prayers:

Bill Frangeskakis, Vladas, Elena and Kes Urmelis, Con Canty, Lilian and Raymond Pathe, Colleen & Leo Grasby, Family & Friends of M. Nordio., MaryAnne Scott and Elizabeth Scott, Roland Jacinto, Jane Jacinto, Marie Jacinto, Diana Gonsalves, Joseph Gonsalves, Grenwell Nunez, Belinda Rodrigues, Effe Rodrigues, Violet Demello, Vilma Tinda, Suzie Mascarenhas, Felix Pinto, Catherine Pinto Trevor Dsouza, Souls of the Jacinto, D'Souza, Pinto & Rebello families, Giovanni De Vincenti & Iolanda De Vincenti, Secondo Bettiol & Rosa Bettiol, Margaret Cuskelly and Barry Cuskelly, Yolanda Babanto Ladan, Osabel, Wilfredo Argawanon Osabel, Vicenta Osabel, Felix Osabel, Carneta Baterna, Donna Carreon, Jesus Argawanon, Romulo Ladan, Eugenia Ladan, Antoine & Eileen Gueho, Henry Strohaker, Santos Francisco Vasquez, Stuart Hurley, Victims of Covid19, Hikoji Sugimoto, Lon Sugimoto, Kenzou Higuchi, Kinuko Higuchi, Masahide Akiba, all relatives of Hiroko & Yasu Sugimoto.

Children's Week Activity: "Just as I have loved you"

As people of faith strive to live by Jesus' message to his disciples: 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' (John 13:34) Jesus' commandment reminds us that we are each loved by God, who created us in his own image and likeness. We are then invited to show that same love to our neighbours - within our families, our local parish, school communities and the wider community.

How to participate

To celebrate Children's Week this year, we are inviting all children and young people (from the ages of 4 years to 17) to participate in an activity. We want you to share with us what the words "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34) mean to you through a drawing or artwork (mixed media).

[Download the activity flyer & submission form](#)

[Download activity colouring sheet \(for the little ones!\)](#)

Along with your artwork, please include an answer (150 words or less) to the following question: *In what ways do you feel part of the parish community and how do you try to make others feel welcome?*

Entries should include the completed submission form and can be sent to psu@cam.org.au before 5pm on 18 December 2020. (Parents are welcome to answer the question on behalf of their child/ren if they are too young to do so.)

For more information please visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/celebrating-childrens-week-2020>



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

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

This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists.

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

16 You, O Lord, are our father; “Our Redeemer from of old” is your name.

17 Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you?

Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage.

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence.

3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

2 Stir up your might, and come to save us. **R.**

14 Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and see;
have regard for this vine, 15 the stock that your right hand has planted. **R.**

17 Let your hand be upon the one at your right, the one whom you have made strong for yourself.

18 Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Christ Jesus our Lord is the revelation we long for.

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

My brothers and sisters:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you

because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—

6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—

7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift

as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

8 He will also strengthen you to the end,

so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 13.31-37++

Keep alert, for you do not know when the Lord will come.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples:

- 31** “Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
32 But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father.
33 Beware, keep alert;
for you do not know when the time will come.
34 “It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with a particular task,
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake—
in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or at dawn,
36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.
37 “And what I say to you I say to all:
Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Reflection.

There is a note of high hope about this advent season. It proclaims the message that God has not abandoned his people. And we are to wait in joyful hope for our Lord and Saviour to be revealed. Echoed and re-echoed throughout the readings is the warning 'Be on guard, stay awake because you never know when the time will come'. To be found wanting and unworthy of the kingdom on that occasion will be painfully frustrating. The real challenge of advent is to prepare ourselves in body and soul for that great moment, by letting God's presence and power get to work in our lives.

We are invited to listen to the voice of God in the countless ways he speaks to us every day and recognise his love. The challenge of God is around every corner, at work, on the street, while we are at friends or at home in the routine of life.

There is no day when he does not knock at the door of our hearts. One way we can let him in is by availing of the opportunities to serve and be neighbourly in our community. We pass through this world but once and any good we have to do should be done now. While advent is about waiting for God to come into our lives, it's good to remember that God has been waiting for us longer than we have been waiting for him. ~Fr. Arsenio

- * Hope
- * Prepare
- * Watch
- * Rejoice



Welcome the Lord

Prayers of Intercession

In anticipation of the promised coming of God's Kingdom of justice, peace and love, we open our hearts and minds to the grace of God, bringing to the altar our prayers for our needs and those of the whole world.

We pray that we may be alert to the many signs of God's loving presence and be a sign of hope and a beacon of light to those around us searching for meaning and purpose in their lives. **LORD HEAR US.**

May we not be discouraged by the many difficulties and challenges of life, but prepare with anticipation and expectation for the coming of new life and light of Christ's love into our hearts and our world. **LORD HEAR US.**

We give thanks for the many people in our parish community who generously give their time and talent to help us proclaim our faith. Bless them and give them all the inspiration to continue serving your kingdom. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for all people who are ill or living with a disability, their families and support workers; that they will experience God's tender love expressed through the welcoming acceptance and support of the whole community. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for a world torn apart by conflict; that people of good will may increase Christ's rule in places of struggle and need. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently, those remembered in the November Intentions and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Fiore D'Assisi, Julian Cole, Susan Neylon, Rosa Audini, Damien Hill, Sally Conway, Gangolf Honig, Ray Kyatt, Norman Kirwan, Gail Gaine, Carmel Brennan and Leo Hortin. 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

