



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

3rd Sunday of Lent, 6-7 March 2021

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PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS, SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING. 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 will be attended part time, 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: Maria Riseley

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

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: Exodus 20:1-7; Corinthians 1:22-29; John 2:13-25

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

ST VINNIES \$2 COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners

Booking via TryBooking is no longer required for regular Masses at Holy Spirit.

To comply with COVID regulations, we will use the QR code for electronic contact tracing purposes.

You will need to bring your mobile phone to use the QR code system. If you do not have a phone, or your phone does not work with the QR system, there will be welcomers on duty to assist.

Alternatively, you will have to write your details in a register.

Please arrive early to ensure you register and are seated well before Fr Arsenio is ready to commence Mass.

Weekend Masses are Saturday evening at 6pm, Sunday morning at 9am in the Church. We have resumed collections and Tea/Coffee after weekend Masses.

Please note: our maximum capacity in the church is 120.

Wednesday & Friday morning Masses will be celebrated at **9:15am** in the Chapel. Maximum capacity is 12.

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:

- **You must carry a face mask at all times.**
- **Masks must be worn if singing (cantors exempted).**
- **Sanitize your hands on arrival.**
- **Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.**

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

REFLECTION: 3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 8th-14th March 2021

MONDAY

TUESDAY 9:15-10:00am Meditation Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
8:00-9:30pm Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel

WEDNESDAY 9:15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
7:00pm Rosary group via ZOOM

THURSDAY 8:00pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church

FRIDAY 9.15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

SATURDAY 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY 9.00am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13th-14th March 2021
Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

Mass Coordinator:

6pm: Jacek Holewa **9am:** John and Bernadette Loughron

Lectors:

6pm: Vin Dwyer **9am:** Linda Parlee

Welcomers:

6pm: Dale Sebire and Maureen Taffe **9am:** Sally Weekes and Nola Ryan

Ministers of Communion:

6pm: Maureen or Terry Taffe **9am:** Jocelyn D'Souza

Tea & Coffee:

6pm: **9am:** Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

Garden Maintenance: Dale Sebire and Jacek Holewa

As we resume our "Covid normal" celebration of Mass, we will be returning to some of our usual practices. Everything we do must be in accordance with the DHHS guidelines, so there will be some changes to the way we operate!

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au

The next set of yearly thanksgiving envelopes (April 2021 to end March 2022) are available for collection from the back of the Church. If you know that someone is unable to collect their envelopes, would you be so kind as to deliver them to their house. Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to our wonderful Parish especially during these very difficult times and circumstances. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Ruth, Thanksgiving Secretary

PARISH 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.

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

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 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**

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. Numbers are limited, so please register with Len on 0401 519 727.

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

Holy Hour of Adoration/ Rosary - Wednesday Nights

*Join with parishioners in prayer and devotion to Our Lady
for the intentions of your own heart, our community, our neighbourhood, our city and our world.*

Please contact Ambrose: ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com for details.

Simply Jesus: Reflect. Renew. Recommit.

This Lent, across our archdiocese, we are being invited to reflect on the way and person of Jesus, renew ourselves in his love, and recommit ourselves to the path of discipleship. After a year where the regular structures that help us live a life of faith and grow in our relationship with Jesus were largely absent, we are encouraged to use Lent to reflect more deeply on our relationship with Jesus and be more attentive to nurturing its growth. To aid us in this, a Way of the Cross resource has been developed incorporating images, Scripture, music, reflection and prayer. The resource provides a meaningful way into the powerful story of Jesus' Passion, inviting a new or renewed intimacy with him. Along with other resources, it can be accessed at: www.melbournecatholic.org/lent2021



Try Alpha Online

**Starting
Sunday 14th March, 7:30-8:45pm**

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/holy-spirit-parish-alpha-2021-registration-140784077967>

Email: alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au

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

#Try Alpha – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PS_Eb2-Qkt4

winter shelter

Maroondah Winter Shelter – 2021

Throughout the lockdown period MWS has not been able to provide our usual shelter and meals for our local homeless community but we have not been idle. Homelessness and poverty still haunts Maroondah. The seven local churches of MWS has changed focus for this period to provide take away meals delivered to accommodation houses and distributed from Café Vive in Croydon and Urban Café in Ringwood. Obviously compliance with Covid19 Restrictions have been implemented to protect both clients and volunteers. It must have worked because MWS distributed over 1325 meals, delivered 247 meals to housing, supporting 526 people in the month of Aug 2020 alone.

Holy Spirit's involvement has been provided by Jacki Wooten and her team of cooks. Our deepest appreciation goes to Jacki and those other generous people.

With the new year comes a new look.

Holy Spirit will be teaming with Uniting Church North Ringwood (Dickson Cres) to provide meals from the café's on Sunday evenings once a month. We will need 85 meals so that means cooks and volunteers to facilitate the distribution. Jacki will again be coordinating the program. Our first Sunday is on Feb 28.

How can you help?

If you can cook we can use your service. The more cooks we have then the fewer times each will be called upon.

If you are good with people we need volunteers to manage the distribution.

If you would like to donate, we would prefer Supermarket Vouchers that can be given out to clients (esp. families).

We aren't taking general groceries but we can use Long Life Milk, Bottled Water, Breakfast Cereals and Tinned Soups. These can be left at the School Admin during the week or at the Church (at mass times). To donate cash, please go to the Maroondah Winter Shelter webpage and donate online.

If you can help please call Jacki on 0488 013 666 or jacki.carman@hotmail.com or Silvio on 0431 399 938 or svolomb1@gmail.com.



Week 3: Tanzania

This week we focus on Oliva, a 22 year old from Tanzania who lives with her farmer husband, two young sons and an adopted niece and nephew.



Oliva didn't have the opportunity to go to school and was embarrassed that she couldn't read, write or count. Around 25 percent of Tanzanian girls and women over 15 years cannot read or write, with many families unable to afford school fees or uniforms. Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a classroom at home to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, as have some of her students. Attendance at her

classes is growing, her small business is thriving and she can help her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election. Oliva's determination and leadership truly is to be admired! A great story for us to focus on this Sunday, in the lead up to International Women's Day on March 8th.

You can watch Oliva's Story here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gENizPmzsEM&feature=emb_title

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.





The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

SPIRIT MAGAZINE

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

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2021 on Saturday, 13th March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A 'socially distanced' Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour" will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome & entry is free.

On the Journey this week: Mons Graham Schmitzer says God's presence, once localized in the Temple sanctuary, now resides in the Body of Christ, us, and Lent is a time to restore our temple. Mother Hilda says Jesus' zeal for the father's house is zeal for us, our welfare & ultimate happiness, and Pete Gilmore says silence lets us absorb the wholeness of our relationship with Jesus. Plus, Sr Therese Mills and Darren McDowell, and great music for Lent!

Prayers of Intercession

As we gather here, we are reminded of the freedom that Christ won for us by his death and resurrection. Trusting in God's wisdom and strength, we bring our prayers to him.

For the Church of God; that by her words, her worship and her actions, she may be seen as the body of Christ and the temple of God's Spirit. **LORD HEAR US.**

For those who look to us, we pray that the poorer communities in the world whose vision of the future has been clouded by illness and hardship, know the hope of new life at Easter. **LORD HEAR US.**

For those that cannot find God, or who feel they are beyond God's forgiveness; that they will be able to entrust themselves to the gentle mercy of Christ whose heart burns with love for us all. **LORD HEAR US.**

For our community; that we may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to support our own parish family with patience and love. **LORD HEAR US.**

For rulers of nations, for religious leaders, for all those in power; that they will strive to serve the people entrusted to their care and always seek the common good. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently, Maria Riseley, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Gerard Walton, Helen Sullivan, Tullio Cecconello, Mick Pertile, Maria Pellegrino, Mary O'Callaghan, Chiarina Soccio, Tom Diepenhorst, Louis de Silva, Sheila Murcott, Bill Waugh, Josephine Engel, Diana Crean and Anna Massarotti.

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



FIRST READING

Exodus 20.1-3, 7-8, 12-17
The law was given through Moses.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 1 God spoke all these words:
2 I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery;
3 you shall have no other gods before me.
7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God,
for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
12 Honour your father and your mother,
so that your days may be long in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you.
13 You shall not murder.
14 You shall not commit adultery.
15 You shall not steal.
16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house;
you shall not covet your neighbour's wife,
or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19.7, 8, 9, 10 (R. Jn 6.68)

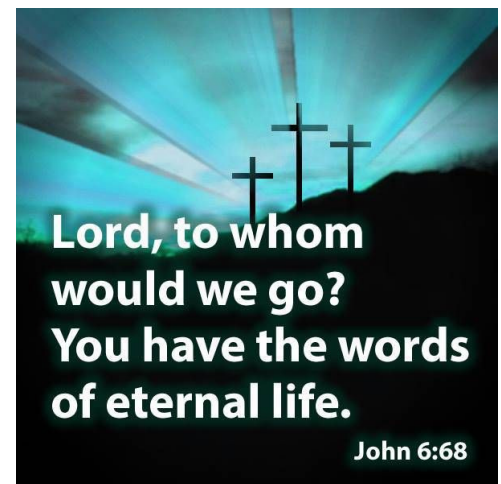
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple. **R.**

8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes. **R.**

9 The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether. **R.**

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++

*We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to some,
but to those who are the called, the wisdom of God.*

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

18 The message about the cross
is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
23 but we proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

G O S P E L

John 2.13-25

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves,
and the money changers seated at their tables.
15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple,
both the sheep and the cattle.
He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.
16 He told those who were selling the doves,
"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"
17 His disciples remembered that it was written,
"Zeal for your house will consume me."
18 The people then said to him,
"What sign can you show us for doing this?"
19 Jesus answered them,
"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
20 They then said,
"This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"
21 But Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body.
22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this;
and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.
23 When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival,
many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing.
24 But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them,
because he knew all people
25 and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

The gospel of the Lord.