



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

4th Sunday of Lent, 13-14 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:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Fr Peter Robinson, Marjorie Neate, Cesare Bettiol, Sandra Day, Decima Perera, Mick Walsh, John Doensen and Paul Murphy

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

Readings this week: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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

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EMAIL SCAM!

Please do not reply to any emails from the following:

Fr. Arsenio Tuazon <parishpastor091@gmail.com>

Hi how are you doing?

Please reply to my email once seen

Regards,

Fr. Arsenio Tuazon

This is a scam email and is not from Fr Arsenio.

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.

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

Jacinta Bibby Pastoral Associate Mobile : 0434 224 483

REFLECTION: 4th Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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 - 15th-21st March 2021

MONDAY	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Community Centre
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 - ST PATRICK'S DAY 11.45 am Year 4 Reconciliation, Church 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 7.15-9.00 pm Alpha via Zoom

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20th-21st March 2021 **Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters**

Mass Coordinator:

6pm: Dominic North-Coombes

9am: Silvio Volombello

Lectors:

6pm: Bernadette Hally

9am: Tina Toomey

Welcomers:

6pm: Shirley Graham Marita North-Coombes

9am: Don Schroder

Ministers of Communion:

6pm: Etta D'Souza

9am: Kate Graham

Tea & Coffee:

6pm:

9am: Bill and Trish Lanigan

Garden Maintenance: Ian Stuart, Bill and Shelah Batson

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 & Stations of the Cross - 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.

Fr Peter Robinson OA

A book has just been released for the anniversary of Fr Peter's death. Because of Covid, many people were unable to pay their respects to him at his funeral. As supplies of the book are limited, loan copies can be made available.

Tina Toomey will coordinate this. If you would like to borrow a copy, please write your details on the list and Tina will be in touch!



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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE



Week 4: Indonesia

This week we focus on Arsad, an Indonesian farmer. Arsad had no toilet in his home, so he had to walk into the forest to the open defecation area, even at night or in the rain.

Around 17 percent of Indonesia's rural population practice open defecation, with many unaware that it contributes to spreading diseases.

Arsad's family was often sick and open defecation caused neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, he took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He decided to fund the building of a toilet in his house and facilitated others in his neighbourhood to save up for toilets.

Now, Arsad and his family are healthier and have reduced their medical expenses. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. A community event, called 'Declaration of Open Defecation-Free' was even held to acknowledge their achievements.

You can watch Arsad's Story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dqWclbMCf0>

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



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH **Celebrate Holy Week** **and Easter with us**

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 27th March – 6.00 pm

SUNDAY 28th MARCH – 9.00 am

THURSDAY 1st APRIL

7.30 pm – Mass of the Last Supper

FRIDAY 2nd APRIL

10.00 am – Stations of the Cross

**3.00 pm – Solemn Celebration
of the Lord's Passion**

SATURDAY 3rd APRIL

7.30 pm – Easter Vigil

(including lighting of the Easter fire)

SUNDAY 4th APRIL

9.00 am – Easter Mass



Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BPMDU

HOLY WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT

Thankfully, we will be able to celebrate our Holy Week liturgies at Holy Spirit this year, although they will be a bit different to those of the past.

As we are still under strict Covid guidelines and our numbers are restricted, we have reintroduced the TryBooking system for Holy Week & Easter. Go to: www.trybooking.com/BPMDU and select the services you would like to attend. Please remember to confirm your booking. Bookings open on Tuesday 16th March. If you need assistance with booking, please contact Jacinta on 0434224483.

Should there be “walk ups” at any of the services and no seats are available inside the church, there will be the option of sitting/standing outside on the asphalt (at 1.5 meter distancing!)

We will need assistance with each of the services, so if you are available, please add your name to the sign up sheet and a member of the Liturgy team will be in touch.

We need you to bring your own olive branches/ cypress/ palms for Palm Sunday.

If you would like to assist with the set up on Saturday 27th March, the Liturgy Team will be there from 8:30am. The setup should take an hour or so.



Sacrament of Reconciliation
In place of our traditional Rite of Forgiveness,
Fr Arsenio will be available to hear Individual Confessions
in the Chapel on
Saturday 27th March from 10am - 11am and
Wednesday 31st March from 7pm -8pm



The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

SPIRIT MAGAZINE

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

https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/The_Spirit_Magazine/spirit_magazine_2021_03.pdf

On the Journey this week: Mons Graham Schmitzer says God's all-inclusive love is directed to all people, both children of the light & the darkness. Mother Hilda has a great story that's a symbol of our sins strung out behind Jesus on the way to Calvary, and Michelle Vass asks are we listening & looking for the finger of God reaching out to us in our life? Plus, Trish McCarthy, Susanna Edmunds and Ken Bryant, and great music for Lent!

Prayers of Intercession

We come together to celebrate the presence of God among us. Let us bring our prayers before Him confident that they will be heard.

We pray for the inspiration and courage to shine the light on global injustices and to let our own light shine unto others, so that we may be agents of change who bring about the kingdom of God on earth.

LORD HEAR US.

Let us pray that the Church, always mindful of God's wonderful gifts, may bring to all the people of the world a knowledge of the joy and healing that God can bring to their lives. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for new growth in our Christian faith; that the Holy Spirit will enlighten our often darkened vision so that we may trust more fully in God's presence with us in the challenges we face each day. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray that Jesus Christ our light will help us know our many blind spots; that the eyes of our hearts may be opened to know and love God's love and serve others more faithfully. **LORD HEAR US.**

May the poorer communities in the world who are working for a more just and peaceful society be blessed with a happy and secure environment where their families can flourish. **LORD HEAR US.**

Dear Lord. We ask you to send the Holy Spirit into the hearts and minds of all those taking part in the Alpha online programme that is being run on Sunday nights. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Fr Peter Robinson, Marjorie Neate, Cesare Bettiol, Sandra Day, Decima Perera, Mick Walsh, John Doensen and Paul Murphy. 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

2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++

The wrath and steadfast kindness of the Lord are shown by the exile and restoration of the people.

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

14 All the leading priests and the people were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the Lord that he had consecrated in Jerusalem.
15 The Lord, the God of their ancestors, persistently sent his messengers to them, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place;
16 but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord against his people became so great that there was no remedy.
17 Therefore the Lord brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans,
19 who burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels.
20 The king took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia,
21 to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had made up for its sabbaths.
All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years.
22 In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in fulfilment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom and also declared in a written edict:
“Thus says King Cyrus of Persia:
The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him! Let him go up.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R.6)

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

1 By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

2 On the willows there we hung up our harps. **R.**

3 For there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” **R.**

4 How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**

6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. **R..**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2.4-10

Even when we were dead through our trespasses, God made us alive.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

4 God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us
5 even when we were dead through our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ—
for it is by grace you have been saved
And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
7 so that in the ages to come, God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.
9 This is not the result of works, so that no one may boast.
10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

John 3.16

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 3.14-21

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that we may have eternal life.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

14 “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.
17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.
18 Those who believe in him are not condemned;
but those who do not believe are condemned already,
because they have not believed
in the name of the only Son of God.
“And this is the judgment,
that the light has come into the world,
and people loved darkness rather than light
because their deeds were evil.
20 For all who do evil hate the light
and do not come to the light,
so that their deeds may not be exposed.
21 But those who do what is true come to the light,
so that it may be clearly seen
that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

