



Holy Spirit Parish *50th Anniversary*



Come and Celebrate 50 Years of Spirit

Sunday 27 March 2022

11am Mass of Thanksgiving

Principal Celebrant & Homilist.

Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli


Archbishop of Melbourne

BYO picnic lunch plus the Italian stall

Alcohol free event.

It is a time to enjoy viewing photos and videos of times past
and reminisce on the good times!

And most importantly catch up with old friends and meet new
ones.





The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Third Sunday of Lent, 19-20 March 2022

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



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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

PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395

Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

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

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED: Betty McWade, Ian Grant

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Sr Mary Kelly sss, Anthony Doensen, Rosemary Jolly, Caleb D'Alberto, Betty Howgate, Joe Fonteio, Margaret Purchase, Roy McWade, Ross O'Donald, Neil Hogan, Alicia Estevez and Griffen Barlett

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

Readings this week: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

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.

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 21st—27th March 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel
7:30 pm 50th Anniversary Team meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel

WEDNESDAY

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
7.30-9.00 pm RCIA, via Zoom

THURSDAY

6.00-6.30 Centering Prayer Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel
7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church

FRIDAY

9.15 am Mass followed by Rosary & Stations of the Cross, Holy Spirit Chapel
10.30 am—12 noon, Lenten Group Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room

SATURDAY

6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
11:00am 50th Anniversary Mass
4.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 26th—27th March 2022

Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan

11:00 am: 50th Anniv team

5.00 pm: No Mass

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio

11:00 am: 50th Anniv team

5.00 pm: No Mass

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Marita North-Coombes

11.00 am: 50th Anniv team

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



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

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

HELP NEEDED! If you are available to assist with set up and clean on the weekend of 26 & 27 March, please add your name to the sign up sheets at the rear of the church or just come along!



**Third Sunday of Lent
19 & 20 March**



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:

The next set of thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. We have less than 50 people on the envelope system and as we are slowly becoming a cashless society, we have convenient credit card and direct debit facilities which guarantees your regular contribution to the Parish. If you are interested in changing from the envelope system, contact the Parish House and we can arrange everything for you. Thank you again to those who contribute financially to our wonderful Parish.

LENT 2022

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



SPIRIT MAGAZINE MARCH 2022

The March edition of the Spirit magazine is now available for you take home or read on line via the parish website: [MASTER_Holy_Spirit_Mag_MARCH_2022_VERSION_2.indd \(holyspiritparish.org.au\)](http://MASTER_Holy_Spirit_Mag_MARCH_2022_VERSION_2.indd(holyspiritparish.org.au)) Hope you enjoy it.

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 Thank you.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

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

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

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

Vinnie's bin

Please note the Vinnie's donation bin has been permanently removed. Donations can be taken to the Vinnie's shop on Maroondah Highway.

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



On the Journey this week:

Fr Antony Jukes says the Gospel is a reminder that events around us are an opportunity to question what is truly important in life. Mother Hilda says the gardener of our soul, God himself, will enable us to bear much fruit. There's Lenten connections from Darren McDowell and Ken Bryant, and Huw from Alpha Australia. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

Collection Notice

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

INFORMATION SESSION - PERMANENT DIACONATE

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

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

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

For more information:

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

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>

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

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

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



Harmony Week (21-27 March) celebrates Australia's exciting and diverse cultural reality. Harmony Week is also an opportunity to reflect on how inclusive we really are when it comes to child safeguarding. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards ask us to contemplate how the promotion of cultural safety for children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds occurs in parishes and entities.

- **Standard 3: Partnering with families, carers and communities** Families, carers and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safeguarding and wellbeing.
- **Standard 4: Equity is promoted and diversity is respected** Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

Parents and carers are critical partners in promoting the safety of children and young people. By reaching out and engaging with families and children from diverse communities, in turn we are building culturally safe environments that foster trust and inclusion.

First Reconciliation

Our level 3 students are currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.



EASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

We are preparing some very special liturgies for each of our Easter Services so that everyone will experience and understand the significance of Easter. For this to happen, especially for the large number of people who join us to celebrate Easter, we need many more members of our parish to help at each of the Masses.

We want everyone to feel welcome, to feel that they belong to an active, vibrant community, and to return home feeling they have experienced something truly moving and meaningful. Please consider volunteering in some capacity at one of the services, by adding your name onto one of the lists at the back of the church. For further information contact the Parish House on 9876 3717.

Areas where you can help include:

- Special Ministers
- Offertory Procession
- Readers
- Collectors
- Altar Servers (particularly Holy Thursday & Good Friday)
- Welcomers
- Clean-up/reset team after each Mass –
- We particularly need people to help set up for Palm Sunday as the palms need to be collected and put up on the Saturday morning.

Please consider offering to help make our Easter Services this year truly moving and meaningful celebrations. Add your name to the sign up sheets or contact the parish Office on 7036 9395

The Liturgy Team



Easter Services at Holy Spirit are:

Palm Sunday, 9/10 April:	Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am & 5pm
Tuesday, 12 April:	Rite of Forgiveness, 7:30pm
Holy Thursday, 14 April:	Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30pm
Good Friday, 15 April:	Stations of the Cross, 10am Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm
Holy Saturday, 16 April:	Easter Vigil: 7:30pm
Easter Sunday, 17 April:	Normal Mass time: 9:00am

YOUR DONATION CAN HELP!



Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Ukraine has called for support and assistance as it continues to support the country's most vulnerable as the crisis escalates.

Millions of Ukrainians are now living through air raids and attacks, on top of three million people already in need of humanitarian assistance after eight long years of conflict in eastern Ukraine.

In addition to the needs of displaced families, children in Ukrainian residential institutions – particularly those in close proximity to the front line and nearby shelling – are at risk of physical harm and immense trauma.

Caritas Ukraine is one of the few agencies who are directly on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

"The events which began [on 24th February] will inevitably lead to a colossal humanitarian catastrophe. It is impossible to believe that in the 21st century in the centre of Europe people have to wake up at 5 am from explosions and the sound of air raid sirens." said Tetiana Stawnychy, President of Caritas Ukraine, from her base in Kyiv.

Ukraine is a country already suffering. After eight years of conflict, violence and insecurity have loomed large in the lives of Ukrainians. Over one million people were already displaced and a staggering three million already relied on humanitarian assistance. This escalation in conflict will have dire consequences for all Ukrainians, particularly the most vulnerable.

As the situation continues to worsen, the need for humanitarian support has also increased, furthering the restriction of people's movements, disrupting essential public services including water, power, transport and banking, and damaging vital infrastructure and homes.

"Over the years there has been extensive damage to water, gas and electricity infrastructure. We are especially worried about the reports of attacks on water facilities – there is already a water shortage and this will only make things worse," said Ms. Robertson.

Humanitarian priorities include basic food and hygiene kits, access to clean drinking water and fuel to vulnerable households to survive the cold weather condition.

Caritas Australia is working closely with our partner Caritas Ukraine to provide much-needed support in the form of food security, water, sanitation and hygiene and emergency shelter.

Caritas Ukraine is also working to provide transportation and accommodation to displaced families, as well as setting up Child Friendly Spaces for children to heal from trauma.

Your urgent support today will provide immediate assistance to vulnerable communities impacted by this crisis. Please donate now to make a real difference to the lives of people in Ukraine.

To donate, please go to: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/>

The funds raised through this appeal will be used to provide immediate and longer-term humanitarian assistance to communities affected by crises in Ukraine



Winter Shelter Community Meals Program Update

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

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

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

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

Each cook needs to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #1](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #2](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #3](#)

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

Our guests really appreciate these treats!

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

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

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 1](#)

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 2](#)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May their words and actions foster peace and reconciliation throughout our world. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for political, civil and business leaders throughout the world. May they move beyond power and control, and work for the good of all people. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those affected by violence and war, especially those in Ukraine and Russia. May the healing, merciful love of God flood the lives of those who suffer violence, and transform the hearts of those who perpetrate it, so that all homes, communities and nations might become havens of peace. Lord, hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all gathered here today. May we be inspired by God's Spirit of love, compassion and understanding, to be a source of healing and hope for all. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For the children of our land; may all families, institutions and social settings work together to ensure the happiness of every child and create an environment of safety and protection where they may flourish. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the work of Caritas Australia through Project Compassion. We pray also for greater respect for the environment. May we care deeply for the Earth that God has entrusted to our care. May we realise that we are on Holy Ground. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who have died recently, especially Betty McWade and Ian Grant. And for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sr Mary Kelly, Anthony Doensen, Rosemary Jolly, Caleb D'Alberto, Betty Howgate, Joe Fonteio, Margaret Purchase, Roy McWade, Ross O'Donald, Neil Hogan, Alicia Estevez and Griffen Barlett. May God's merciful love shine upon them. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



REFLECTION 3rd Sunday of Lent

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

Moses, you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; Moses looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.
3 Then Moses said,
“I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.”
4 When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to see,
God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!”
And Moses said, “Here I am.”
5 Then God said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet,
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”
6 God said further, “I am the God of your father,
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”
And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
7 Then the Lord said,
“I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt;
I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters.
Indeed, I know their sufferings,
8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians,
and to bring them up out of that land
to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.”
13 But Moses said to God,
“If I come to the Israelites and say to them,
‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’
what shall I say to them?”
14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”
He said further,
“Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”
15 God also said to Moses,
“Thus you shall say to the Israelites,
‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’
This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8+11 (R.8a)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
3 It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the Pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**
6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. **R.**
8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Our ancestor's experience in the desert under Moses is recorded to instruct us.

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

- 1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
that our ancestors were all under the cloud; all passed through the sea;
- 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 all ate the same spiritual food,
- 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink.
For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.
- 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of our ancestors,
and they were struck down in the wilderness.
- 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.
- 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
- 11 These things happened to our ancestors to serve as an example,
and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
- 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 13.1-9

Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did.

A reading from the gospel according to Luke.

- 1 Jesus was teaching the crowds;
some of those present told Jesus about the Galileans
whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
- 2 Jesus asked them,
“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way
they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”
- 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.
- 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—
do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?
- 5 No, I tell you;
but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”
- 6 Then Jesus told this parable:
“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.
- 7 So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree,
and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’
- 8 The gardener replied,
‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.
- 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The gospel of the Lord.