



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 16-17 September 2023**

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Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am & 5pm

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TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm

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FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

## **Masses:**

Tuesdays

9am St Gerard's Warrandyte

Sundays

10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @

St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.

## **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's**

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

## **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jan Shinnars

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Stan Fisher, Sandra Salter, Suzie Vita, Mary Meyer, Bill McCormack, Elsie Flynn, William Gill, Maria Tremonti and Roberto Saro

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Angela Damora, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Darren Brock, Kerry McIntyre, Lyn Read, Judy Kennedy, Heather Doy, Evelyn Reinecke, Melanie Saba, Arthur McConnell, Penny Mifsud

**Readings this week:** Sirach 27.30-28.7, Romans 14.7-9, Matthew 18.21-35

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

## **Holy Spirit Parish Vision**

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



**Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.**

**EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—18th-24th September 2023**

<b>MONDAY</b>	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TILL MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7.00 pm Child Safety Meeting via Zoom 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am Communion Service, Holy Spirit Chapel 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00-9.00 pm ALPHA, Mary Bresnan Room/Parish House

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23rd-24th September 2023**

**Mass Coordinators:**

**6.00 pm:** Kevin O'Callaghan

**9.00 am:** Peter Parle

**5.00 pm:** Volunteers required

**Lectors:**

**6.00 pm:** Judy Barber

**9.00 am:** Jay de Graff

**Welcomers:**

**6.00 pm:** Maureen Taffe

**9.00 am:** Don Schroder

**Ministers of Communion:**

**6.00 pm:** Maureen & Terry Taffe

**9.00 am:** Volunteers please

**Tea and Coffee:** **9.00 am:** Nola Ryan and Catherine Anderson

**Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au):**

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

**Parish Database Update** Please remember to advise the parish staff of any changes to phone and email details so we can update our database via email to [Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or phone 7036 9395.



**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**

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

**Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio**

**Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [acornelio@connecteast.com.au](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.**

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

**Tuesday Meditation** Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during School holidays). Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

Collection Notice For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice)

**Please note that on Fete Day, Saturday 7th October, there will be no morning mass, reconciliation or Saturday 6pm mass. There will however, be mass on Sunday 8th October at 9am in the Church and 5pm in the Chapel. Thank you.**

## Winter Shelter 2023

A big thank you to all the beautiful cooks who provided delicious soups, main courses, vegetable dishes and salads, desserts and cakes for this year's Winter Shelter on Friday nights at Holy Spirit.– it has been an absolutely fantastic effort!

About 60 people cooked 126 dishes over the 14 week program which finishes this Friday night. The guests- around 26 different men at different times- enjoyed a menu like none of the other church shelter venues! Your generosity made coordinating the food roster an easy job. It was so heartwarming seeing the roster fill so effortlessly.

Cooking is such a labor of love and hard yakka so thanks again for your loving kindness to the homeless. They do appreciate it.

Ellen and the Winter Shelter team

P.S We have quite a few dishes and containers- many unnamed -to return to people. They can be collected after

Dear Parishioners

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

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

### GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNICANTS

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

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

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

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

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

17. Return reverently to your place.

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

## COMMUNION AT HOME

This ministry is available to those unable to attend Mass. If you or someone you know would like to be visited, please call the Parish Office on 70369395.



Help need! Are you a jammer?

We need people who are able to make jam, marmalade, chutney and relish for the fete. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We are able to help with funding ingredients, if that is needed.

It is easiest if the jars are all the same size, so if you are able to help, please grab a box of jars from the church kitchen. Any queries, please contact Yvette 040 787 3432.



*Aid to the Church in Need* is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur'an. ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people. To learn more and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal)



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

ALPHA is a safe space to ask questions about  
**Life, Faith and Meaning**  
there's a seat for **you** at the table  
**Sunday evening 7-9pm.**

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

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

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

Weekly sessions are on:

Sunday evenings (7-9pm) at Holy Spirit Parish House, North Ringwood



### SEPTEMBER EDITION!

Do you love "The Spirit Magazine"? We are looking for someone to help with compiling the magazine. The next one is due out in September, if you are competent with emails and word this could be for you!

Please contact Yvette 040 787 3432 or [collins.yvette8@gmail.com](mailto:collins.yvette8@gmail.com)

### Soul Inspired Art Exhibition

**CLOSING 5PM Thursday 21ST September**

*Please visit the gallery to share the joy and support our artists.*

**This exhibition can be viewed in The Arbour Space, Box Hill Community Arts Centre,  
470 Station Street Box Hill. Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.**

<https://creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au>

For Information sheet and further details please email: [tgae@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:tgae@holyspiritparish.org.au)

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. All enquiries to Sr Annie Bond [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 89124818.



**Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation** is offering a short series of contemplation and reflection.

**Waiting at the Well - 4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am-12.30pm** (in-person event)

Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/>

or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

**On the Journey this week:** Fr Mike Delaney asks; Will it cost me to look at forgiveness differently so that I can see God's mercy being poured out both as justice and compassion in every moment of my day? Mother Hilda's meeting with a new dad reminds her of God's excitement about being our father. Fr Tony Percy says that we need to forgive the way Christ forgives, as Christ forgives on the cross. A faith testimony from Mark Raue. Pete Gilmore wonders if we are constantly looking for a saviour but expecting him to be a mirror of myself? Plus, more great music! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime

# HOLY SPIRIT *Community Fete*



*10am - 5pm*

**Saturday 7 October 2023**  
**120 Oban Road, Ringwood North**

With thanks to some of our Sponsors



## RAFFLE TICKETS!!

**Fete raffle tickets** are ready for collection from the foyer of the Church for those on the fete distribution list. If anyone would like to receive books, there is a sign-up sheet on the table or you can contact the Parish House on 7036 9395 or via email: [holyspiritparish@cam.org.au](mailto:holyspiritparish@cam.org.au)



You can also purchase individual tickets from the foyer of the church. Tickets stubbs and monies can be returned to the clearly marked box. Tickets are great value at just \$2.00 each and there are wonderful prizes on offer:

<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>Eastland Voucher</b>	<b>Value \$1500</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>Hot Air Balloon Ride for 2</b>	<b>Value \$980</b>
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>JB HiFi Voucher</b>	<b>Value \$750</b>
<b>4th Prize</b>	<b>Haier 126L Bar Fridge</b>	<b>Value \$349</b>
<b>5th Prize</b>	<b>Flower Pot Florist Voucher</b>	<b>Value \$250</b>

We thank you for your support of our community fete.

## Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals**.

Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

### ***Celebrant:***

*Let us present these our prayers to our loving and compassionate God, as we work together to create a generous, safe and understanding world in which all people will be treated with respect.*

### ***Reader:***

We pray for those who have died in the Moroccan earthquake and Lybian floods and for the many thousands left injured, shattered, displaced and homeless. May they find the courage and strength that they will need to help them through the grieving process and the rebuilding of their homes and livelihoods.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that all Christians may recognize that we are God's people and faithfully mediate God's love, mercy and forgiveness through our lives.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For the grace to forgive those who have wronged us; that God will free our hearts to forgive as God forgives us. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For welfare and aid workers; that God will renew their strength, keep them safe in their service and sustain their families and loved ones.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For the growth of peace in every heart; that God will lead away from violence and into the paths of peace and reconciliation.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently Jan Shinnars, and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Stan Fisher, Sandra Salter, Suzie Vita, Mary Meyer, Bill McCormack, Elsie Flynn, William Gill, Maria Tremonti and Roberto Saro. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

### ***Celebrant:***

*Gracious and loving God, source of all truth, justice and healing. We implore you to hear the prayers we offer and to look favourably on the pleas of your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

## **REFLECTION: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8*

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

Sirach 27.30 - 28.7

*Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done,  
and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.*

A reading from the book of Sirach.

- 30 Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them.  
1 The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins.  
2 Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.  
3 Does anyone harbour anger against an other, and expect healing from the Lord?  
4 If one has no mercy toward an other like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins?  
5 If a mere mortal harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for that one's sins?  
6 Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside;  
remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments.  
7 Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 103.1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (R.8)

- R.** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.
- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**
- 3 It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**
- 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
12 as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 14.7-9

*Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- My brothers and sisters,  
7 we do not live to ourselves,  
and we do not die to ourselves.  
8 If we live, we live to the Lord,  
and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or whether we die,  
we are the Lord's.  
9 For to this end Christ died and lived again,  
so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia

## GOSPEL

Matthew 18.21-35

*Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

21 Peter came and said to Jesus,

“Lord, a brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive?  
As many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him,

“Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king  
who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 When he began the reckoning,  
one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold,  
together with his wife and children and all his possessions,  
and payment to be made.

26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,  
‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’

27 The lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

28 “But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves  
who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said,  
‘Pay what you owe.’

29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him,  
‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’

30 But he refused;  
then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

31 “When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed,  
and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him,  
‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

35 “So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you,  
if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord.