



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, 16-17 May 2020

Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

120 Oban Road, Ringwood North 3134

Phone: 0434 224 483

Fax: 9879 0642

Email: RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au

Website: www.holyspiritparish.org.au

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm, closed Mondays.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Jacinta Bibby

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

jacinta.bibby@cam.org.au

PARISH SECRETARIES

Ruth Frangeskakis

Tuesday & Wednesday

ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au

Jenny Philp

Thursday & Friday

jenny.philp@cam.org.au

HIGH SPIRITS COORDINATORS

Etta D'Souza

Sundays 4-5:00pm (School terms)

Elma Gama

Sundays 4-5:00pm (School terms)

PARISH HOSTESSES

Mary Yeo and Kerry O'Leary

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—Holy Spirit

Duncan Arendse —9876 1103

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

plt@holyspiritparish.org.au

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Secretary

ppc-sec@holyspiritparish.org.au

FETE COMMITTEE

John Cilia (Chairperson) -

fete@holyspiritparish.org.au

PARISH OF ST GERARD AND ST ANNE

St Gerard's: McCulloch Street, Warrandyte 3113

St Anne's: 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards 3114

Phone: 9876 1509

Fax: 9876 6179

Email: ParkOrchards@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam.org.au/parkorchardswarrandyte

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm, closed Mondays.

PARISH SECRETARIES

Ana Saro

Tuesday & Wednesday

Kerry McGowan

Thursday & Friday

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

PARISH EMAIL

Jacinta would like to continue making 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.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

PLEASE NOTE:

With the easing of some COVID19 restrictions, Fr Arsenio will now be able to celebrate Mass on a very limited basis at 10am on Wednesday mornings in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

The Archdiocese and the Victorian government have set very strict guidelines governing the service. There will only be 10 places available and we will need to register attendance. We will also try to fair-share to provide as many people access as we can. The first mass will be held on **Wednesday 20th May 2020 at 10am.**

To register interest please ring only on the Parish mobile number **0434 224 483 by 3pm Tuesday.**

You will be contacted after 4pm on Tuesday to be advise if you have been successful.

Due to the COVID19 health & sanitation requirements, toilet facilities are not available on the parish property.

Please note: weekend Masses will not be resuming at this stage. The Church, Chapel and parish office will remain closed at all other times until further notice. However please feel free to call or email the parish if you need to.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Mary Nix, Marita Hayes, Colleen Grasby, Kathy Meggs, Joan Parle, Luisa Bettiol, Tom de Vos, Charles Pellegrino, Maureen McGuirk, Placido Soligo, Peter Parkes, Leo Brophy, Gino Volombello and Secundo Bettiol

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Ben Lobo, John, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero, Pam Rowe, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis Sean Hill, Brian Price

We are more than happy to add names to the list of people who are ill and needing prayerful support. However, it is time to refresh our list for prayers. Please contact the Parish office on 9876 3077 to add or reinstate names. Thank you.

Readings this week: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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

HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

Envelopes: \$
 Credit Cards: \$2,498.12
 Direct Debits: \$ 622.23
TOTAL LAST WEEK: \$

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

Envelopes: \$
 Loose collection: \$
TOTAL: \$

THANK YOU to everyone who supports Holy Spirit Parish financially. PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH HOUSE IF YOUR CREDIT CARD IS LOST/STOLEN OR YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER HAS CHANGED.

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.

Holy Spirit Web Site

Recent Updates to www.holyspiritparish.org.au (Refer News / Events in the menu)

A Parish blog re. news and procedures re. our position on COVID-19 is on our home page -

<http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/>

Holy Spirit Parish Updates: Online resources to get us by during the restrictions caused by the pandemic - bit.ly/hspupdates



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

In this time of crisis there will be more calls to our Vinnies Conference to provide assistance to those adversely affected by the COVID19 Pandemic.

If you are in a position to donate any non-perishable goods, a basket will be on the doorstep of the parish house. The donations will be cleared every morning and afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Mass Live Streamed The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to share the news that Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will live-streamed on our **website and YouTube Channel**.

Please go to www.cam.org.au

St Simons Parish Rowville and St John's Mitcham are also livestreaming their weekly masses: www.stsimonsparish.com.au or www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Collection Notice

For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to www.holyspiritparish.org.au

EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will advise you when we are able to resume.

In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and please continue to support each other, (by phone etc) . If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)



6th Sunday of Easter

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:17)

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

SPIRIT EXTRA -

We have very quickly put together a "Spirit Extra" for your enjoyment. Only available online, we just wanted to show you in one more way during this Corona Virus time, that your parish community is still alive, functioning and caring for you, albeit a little differently. We hope you will find some of the information helpful and assist with getting you through this necessary isolation. If you enjoy it and think worthwhile let us know by emailing: RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au or myself: helen@konynenburg.com with Spirit Extra in the Subject line. Enjoy.

Check out: <http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/Spirit-Extra>

Ad Hoc set up team needed!

Occasionally when a funeral or special Mass is to be held in the church during the week and the chairs have been disassembled, we need to reset the church for the occasion. We are looking for some volunteers who are prepared to come and help with the set up on an ad-hoc basis. It would usually be the evening before the funeral / Mass at a time that suits most volunteers. If you would be prepared to assist with this, could you contact the Parish Office and register with us? We hope this would only be on rare occasions! Thankyou.

RCIA resumes

Our weekly RCIA program has resumed online. We gather together from our homes into a group session over the internet. What an amazing world we live in !

Andrew and Sam are so looking forward to reception into the Catholic Church as soon as the authorities give us the "all clear" to meet with our community once again at the table of The Lord.

Please keep Andrew and Sam in your thoughts and prayers.

From Tina and Lawry.

PROJECT COMPASSION:

For those of you who have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes waiting to be returned to the parish, please hold onto them until we are given permission to reopen. Donations can be made directly online if you would prefer to use that option. Please go to www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800024413.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA



Wednesday 13 May 2020

Members of the Catholic community in Victoria,
The Catholic Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Throughout this situation of the Coronavirus pandemic our prayers and solidarity have been with you all, and will continue to guide the challenging decisions we have been called to make.

Despite the many weeks of worry and social restrictions, we are delighted that as of 11.59pm yesterday, Tuesday 12 May 2020, churches in Victoria may now be open in certain circumstances.

This opportunity for small gatherings and for some quiet moments of prayer in the sacramental presence of Our Lord is a gentle first step in the right direction, and rightly a moment of rejoicing for God's people. We are pleased to work constructively with our communities to make appropriate adjustments. Strict restrictions still govern our actions due to the risks of COVID-19 and we are all being asked to show patience and fortitude.

Each Diocese is communicating with their parishes about how various ministries, including sacramental care, will be conducted in this first stage of the easing of social restrictions. We wish to be fully compliant with the directives that apply across Victoria, so that we ensure the protection of elderly and vulnerable people, and work together for the common good of our communities.

The conditions under which a church can be open include a collection of contact details (for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary), strict monitoring of numbers, ongoing hygiene requirements, publicising the scheduled times for private worship, and public worship limited to ten people at a time.

Arrangements for liturgies and access to churches while ensuring these conditions are met will vary, depending on the facilities and resources that are available in each particular community. We recognise that deciding on these arrangements and putting them in place is not straightforward, and we ask for patience and understanding during this time.

This new stage of restrictions is subject to changing guidance that we receive from the State Government authorities, and we are advised this will be reviewed at the end of May.

After a difficult time for all of us, including many new pressures on families and great challenges for healthcare and emergency workers, we share in the disappointment that social restrictions are likely to continue for some time.

Nevertheless, we act with one accord in doing what is most prudent and loving for the sake of those most susceptible to the virus. We rejoice that Christ is with us and will walk with us as we begin the long journey out of the current stage of restrictions.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSSR MA, DD
BISHOP OF BALLARAT

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay
BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Rev Peter Slater
DELEGATE OF DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR,
SALE

Winter Shelter 2020

Many people have told me how disappointed they were when we had to cancel this year's Winter Shelter program.

Although we can't have a sleep in, WS will be providing take away meals and a showering service both designed to comply with today's safety precautions.

WS has started providing simple home cooked hot meals served in take away containers from a venue in Croydon. The Vive Café near the Croydon transport hub serves meals to people-in-need 5 days a week.

Winter Shelter has taken on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 till 6:30pm. Each week this service requires 4-6 cooks providing 6 meals each (like a pasta bake) in takeaway containers which WS will supply, 2 drivers who collect the containers keeping them hot in Eski's until delivered to the café and 2-3 volunteers to put out the food and marshal the clients. Observing proper distancing, people enter the café from a specific door, one at a time and exit from another door.

At this time we have volunteers to cover this service until July but more will be needed after July.

The showering service is provided from the change rooms in the Cooper Smith Pavilion, East Ringwood near the corner of Mt Dandenong Rd and Dublin Rd. WS will open the change rooms for 2 hrs on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. This is a Maroondah City Council site and the Council is providing the cleaning staff, towels and laundering of the towels.

After each shower is used it will be professionally cleaned before it can be used again. There are 4 showers available. WS is providing 2 male and 2 female volunteers for marshalling of the clients. It may also be possible to provide other support services at this time but nothing is firm yet.

So Winter Shelter, as best it can, is trying to support our local people-in-need in these crazy times and of course it can't happen without volunteers and funding. Of course all process adhere to the protocols established to prevent the spread of the Corona virus and have the blessing of the Maroondah City Council.

However there is no filtering of the clients as we would do for sleep overs so please be aware.

It is also recommended for their own protection, that those over 70 should not volunteer at this time. Sorry about that. But there is hope. If we can get past this isolation we hope to perhaps still do a proper Winter Shelter later in the year, God willing.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me via email svolomb1@gmail.com. If interested in volunteering for Winter Shelter 2020 and you have previously served, please use the attached form. Otherwise if you are interested in volunteering for the first time or you wish to donate please submit via the web site www.wintershelter.org.au.



Winter Shelter 2020

If you are able to assist please return this form as soon as possible to boswalds1@gmail.com

Name:-

I was a 2019 Winter Shelter volunteer Yes No

I would like to assist with cooking pasta bake meals for Winter Shelter 2020

Yes No

How often? Fortnightly Monthly

I am able to donate some tinned food, etc to be used

Yes please specify

No

My Address:- (so we can organise groups in the same area which will make it easier for volunteer drivers when picking up meals)

Phone:-

Thank you, we will be in touch as soon as we can.
Gitta and Beth

FIRST READING

Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

Peter and John laid their hands on them,
and they received the Holy Spirit.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

A severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem,
and all except the apostles were scattered.

- 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria
and proclaimed the Messiah to them.
6 The crowds with one accord listened eagerly
to what was said by Philip,
7 hearing and seeing the signs that he did,
for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks,
came out of many who were possessed;
and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured.
8 So there was great joy in that city.

- 14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard
that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent Peter and John to them.
15 The two went down and prayed for them
that they might receive the Holy Spirit;
16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them;
they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).
17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them,
and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

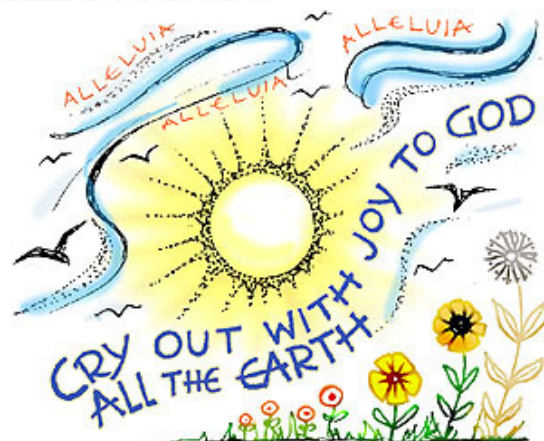
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 66.1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20 (R.1)

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
2 sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.
3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" **R.**
4 "All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."
5 Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. **R.**
6 He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
7 There we rejoiced in him,
who rules by his might forever. **R.**
16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Peter 3.15-18

Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

- 15 In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.
Always be ready to make your defence
to anyone who demands from you an accounting
for the hope that is in you;
- 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence.
Keep your conscience clear,
so that, when you are maligned,
those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ
may be put to shame.
- 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good,
if suffering should be God's will,
than to suffer for doing evil.
- 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God.
He was put to death in the flesh,
but made alive in the spirit.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14.23

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

GOSPEL

John 14.15-21

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

- 15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever.
- 17 This is the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.
You know him, because he abides with you,
and he will be in you.
- 18 "I will not leave you orphaned;
I am coming to you.
- 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me;
because I live, you also will live.
- 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father,
and you in me, and I in you.
- 21 "They who have my commandments and keep them
are those who love me;
and those who love me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The gospel of the Lord.



**The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send
in my name, will teach
you everything, and remind
you of all that
I have said to you.**

John 14.26

Reflection:

How interesting and timely the words of our Lord Jesus are for us. A personal moment is recorded when he speaks in the privacy of the upper room where he is celebrating the last supper with his closest friends- his apostles. He has the consoling promise that on his departure he will not leave them orphans but will send them his spirit. This is a preparation for Pentecost and the foundation of the church when the breath of the Holy Spirit will transform them into fearless preachers with a mission of spreading the gospel. Jesus did not leave the apostles to struggle with the Christian life without the help of the spirit and he won't leave us either as we have his word for this.

There is a great mystery of hope contained in Christ's words and we should take courage from it -"if you love me keep my commandments." He invites us to remain faithful. His words are not about easy successes. In the struggle to build a better world we are his instruments given with opening eyes, ears, and hearts to what is good, true and beautiful. We can do this by living our lives of remarkable goodness in simple ways. If we are willing to place our lives in his hands, he will accept and bless us and make such use of us beyond our greatest expectations. – Fr. Arsenio



A Mother's Love

A Prayer of
Our Lady of Fatima

CRS
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Prayer by Edward O'N. Hoyt/CRS
Original photo by Sam Phelps for CRS

We praise you, Lord, and
bless you,
For in a time of horrific war,
And pandemic plague,
You sent us your mother,
Our Lady of Fatima.

We sing praises to you,
For even in times of sorrow
and fear
The earth is still touched by
one such as she.
And we are reminded,
Knowing that whatever war,
visits itself upon us,
Whatever deprivations,
Whatever want,
Whatever illness,
Whatever calamity endured
by humankind,
That may cause us to look
to the sky and despair,

That your children do not toil
in this world apart from
your grace,
That our prayers are not
unheard
And we do not go forth
without a mother's love.

Keep us devoted to you,
O Lord:
Devoted in our prayer,
our words and our acts
That all souls in this world,
may know your
compassion, peace and
mercy
That all souls who have
departed this world may
find salvation.

Lúcia, Jacinta, and Francisco,
pray for us.
Our Lady of Fatima,
pray for us.

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends. As faithful believers in God's love for us and for the whole world, let us with confidence bring our prayers and our needs before Him.

We pray that we may live and love as Jesus did and so reveal to others God's abiding love for them.

LORD HEAR US

That our love for God and for each other may be truly practical through lives of genuine prayer and sincere service of one another.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for the unity of all Christians and peoples of religious faith; that the Spirit of God will heal all divisions and lead us to unity of mind and action in our mutual love and concern for the world.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for the wisdom and courage to care for our threatened earth, carefully preserving the precious God-given gifts of water, land and climate.

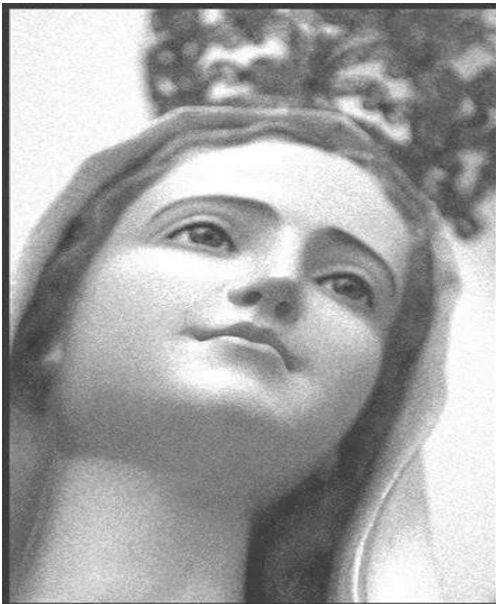
LORD HEAR US

That our nation's political, business and religious leaders may truly embody God's love for our country and work together to eliminate poverty and injustice and to promote equity and fairness for all people in our society.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Mary Nix, Marita Hayes, Colleen Grasby, Kathy Meggs, Joan Parle, Luisa Bettiol, Tom de Vos, Charles Pellegrino, Maureen McGuirk, Placido Soligo, Peter Parkes, Leo Brophy, Gino Volombello and Secundo Bettiol. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

LORD HEAR US



The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

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.



Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress,
the God in whom I trust."

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for his angels stand close by your side,
guarding you always and bearing you gently,
watching over your life.

Those who cling to the Lord live secure in his love;
lifted high those who trust in his name.
Call on the Lord, he will never forsake you.
He will bring you salvation and joy.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.
We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.
(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Amen.