



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 15-16 July 2023

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TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm

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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.

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Kathryn Pilsbury, Annette Ali, Maureen Pote, Stephen Bennett, Afra Bettiol, Gerard Kennedy, Michael Plostins, Christopher Cameron and one month anniversary of Bruno Mafrici (19th July)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, 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, Pam, Angela Cannistra

Readings this week: Isaiah 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—17th-23rd July 2023

MONDAY	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
TUESDAY	9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	11.00 am Baptism Information Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room 7.30 pm Choir Practice, Holy Spirit Chapel
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church (FIRST EUCHARIST MASS)
SUNDAY	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church (FIRST EUCHARIST MASS) 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church (FIRST EUCHARIST MASS) 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd-23rd July 2023

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan **9.00 am:** Don Schroder **5.00 pm:** Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio **9.00 am:** Tina Toomey **5.00 pm:** Volunteer

Welcomers

6.00 pm: Marita North-Coombes **9.00 am:** Nola Ryan

Tea and Coffee: **9.00 am:** Anna Fantin and Emma D'Aristotle

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

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.



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 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.

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On the Journey this week: Fr Benedict Mackenzie says the Gospel is advice on what we will encounter as we sow the seeds of evangelisation. Mother Hilda has advice on reversing injury we may have to another in the past. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney on using unexpected delays to advantage, Trish McCarthy and the stillness of silence, Fr Dave Callaghan searching for Wally, and more great music!
Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime

St John Bosco Relics

We would like to warmly invite all parishioners to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honor of St John Bosco's relics being at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre, 465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield, on Tuesday 18th July 2023. Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

Stewardship Program 2023 Reminder.

Many thanks to those who have already updated their contributions. If you have not yet done so and intend to, please do it today. If you have any questions speak to Jenny or Ruth Tuesday through Friday and I am sure they can help you. Also if you happen to have missed out, the Donate Button on the website now has all the text and videos of the presentations. Thank you again.

5pm Mass Sunday 23rd July & Sunday 30th July.

Please note that 5pm Mass on 23 July will be celebrated in the Holy Spirit Church as there will be a small number of children receiving their First Communion.

On Sunday 30th July, 5pm Mass will be held at St Anne's for First Communion children from St Anne's School.

Dear Parishioners

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

More information will be included in the word over the coming weeks.

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.

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch & entertainment on Wednesday 9th August at 11am in the Church. This will be a pupil free day, so there will be ample parking onsite for anyone attending the Mass. Please note that 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day. For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office:

ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Friday 4th August.

LORD, My God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Psalm 30:2



FIRST EUCHARIST 2023

Level 4 children from Holy Spirit School will be receiving the sacrament of Eucharist at parish masses on the weekend of 22 & 23 July and also on Saturday 29 July.

Please keep the children, their families and teachers in your prayers over the coming weeks.



POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Parish Positions

- **Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish**
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Other Positions

- **Administration Manager – The Redemptorist Community**
- **Engagement & Projects Lead -CSSV**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector or scan the QR code.





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
on **Sunday August 6th**



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!

STARTING Sunday 6th August @ 7pm

**Venue: Holy Spirit Parish House, 120 Oban Road,
Ringwood North**

This evening is a wine and cheese supper with discussion about the topic '**Is there more to life than this?**'. We finish at 9 p.m. sharp. No cost. What have you got to lose?

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

Link to short Try Alpha video: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/182479526>

Maybe you have done Alpha before and want to support this program. You can do so in several ways – offering prayer support, offering to help with catering, making a financial donation towards the cost of running Alpha at Holy Spirit Parish. If you would like to contribute, please contact Maryann [0429 876 434] or Kerry [0407764302] or send us an email: alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au

Forum on the **"Voice to Parliament" Referendum**

Do you feel you know enough about the upcoming **Voice to Parliament Referendum**?

Would you like the chance to explore its implications and ask questions?

If you are seeking more information or understanding this is the forum for you.

It will be presented by Dr Heather Wearne who is a volunteer educator with the "Yes 23' national campaign. Heather is a retired academic who worked in tertiary and secondary education and she has much experience with Indigenous issues. She will provide background information about the **"Uluru Statement From the Heart"** and the **"Voice to Parliament"**. She will share her understanding and knowledge about **Constitutional recognition** and the reasons why it matters so much to many First Nations Peoples. She will speak to the role and function of the Voice to Parliament and discuss what is at stake with the **Referendum**. Heather will make sure that there will be time to answer your questions and uncertainties about the Voice.

Date and Time: The Forum will be held at St John's Church, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham on Sunday 6th August from 12:00 noon (after the 11:15am Mass) until about 2:30pm. Light lunch provided.

Our Lady of Sion College Talk and Tour Mornings for Term 3

FRIDAY 21 JULY, 9.30 AM; TUESDAY 1 AUGUST, 9.30 AM; MONDAY 14 AUGUST, 9.30 AM

Please visit the website to book a tour: sion.catholic.edu.au

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2025 (current Year 5s) close 18 August 2023



HOLY SPIRIT LADIES MORNING TEA

To all ladies and friends of Holy Spirit Parish please come and join us on the 28th July 2023 for lunch at the Ringwood Club. As we need numbers for the booking, please sign up using the sheet in the foyer at church or contact the Parish Office on 70369395 by Wednesday 26th July. Thank you, Judy



The June edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available. Please take a copy as you leave today. It is also available on the parish website.

Soul Inspired Art Exhibition – September 4 – 22, 2023

An Exhibition Celebrating Life – Regeneration

Soul Inspired expressions of life and the world around us.

Born out of COVID seclusions, our inaugural Exhibition of 2022 celebrated the resilience and appreciation of our Ringwood North community as part of the Holy Spirit Parish 50th Anniversary year. We continue to celebrate all aspects of community and the courage of artists by inviting you to exhibit your work in our 2023 Exhibition.

We welcome artists of all abilities and stages of your artistic journey.

This exhibition will be held in The Arbour Space, Box Hill Community Arts Centre, 470 Station Street, Box Hill Vic 3128 <https://www.bhcac.com.au/>

For Information sheet and further details please email: Helen@konynenburg.com

Subject: Soul Inspired Art Exhibition

Sing Australia Ringwood - Concert

Where? Holy Spirit Church - 120 Oban Road Ringwood North.
Parking is available at the venue or at the nearby shopping centre.

When? Sunday July 30th 2023 at 2:00pm

Why? Because it is fun, toe-tapping, thought provoking and you will feel welcomed.

Afternoon tea provided

Admittance: General \$15. Concession \$10. Children free



CSS webinar: 'The Church, Catholic Social Teaching and Engagement with First Nations Peoples'

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV), in conjunction with Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA), is pleased to invite you to join for a series of webinars to learn more about the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament. The webinars will be exploring questions like:

- What is the history of the referendum?
- Should First Nations Peoples have a Voice? And why now?
- How has the Catholic Church engaged with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples over time?
- How might Catholic Social Teaching be applied to the questions that lie before us in 2023?

This month, hear from Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Australian Jesuit priest, human rights lawyer and academic. Fr Frank will speak from his extensive experience on how the Church has engaged with First Nations Peoples over time and what particular work is required now. He will unpack how Catholic Social Teaching might be applied to the questions before us in 2023 regarding the Voice referendum, and reconciliation more broadly. He will also share about how First Nations spirituality has contributed to the Church thus far and how it might enrich all Australians, Church liturgy and ways of being in the world.

Cost: CSSA and CSSV Members (including all staff, board members and volunteers), free of charge. Non-members, \$12 per session or \$30 for the full series. For more information, email Kate at office@css.org.au.

Driver needed.

A local mum needs assistance with driving her 10 year old son to & from school from their home in East Ringwood to Dorset Primary School. (8:30am & 3:30pm). If you can help please call Hemila on 0455 660 526.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

Dear Friends. On this Sunday when the Church looks at its Golden Harvest, let us remember to spread hope, joy, understanding and Good News with great generosity so that all may experience the compassionate mercy of God.

Reader:

We pray for a greater love for the Word of God; that we may find quiet in our lives to allow the Word of God to challenge us and help us to bear abundant fruit. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the grace to share our faith through stories; that we may offer others the joy of coming to know God's love through sharing the story of our journey with God. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for strength and patience; that God will sustain us and guide us through the sufferings and yearnings that we face each day and empower us to live in the freedom of God's children. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders of government and business; that the seeds of justice will bear fruit in their hearts and ours so that all people can find ways to meet their basic needs. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our children preparing for their First Eucharist next weekend. May we, their Faith Family, guide them and love them during this time of preparation. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Kathryn Pilsbury, Annette Ali, Maureen Pote, Stephen Bennett, Afra Bettiol, Gerard Kennedy, Michael Plostins, Christopher Cameron and one month anniversary of Bruno Mafrici.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Loving God. Accept these our prayers of intercession. Help us to live our lives true to the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."-Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.10-11

The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

10 "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65.9abcd, 9e-10, 11-12, 13 (R. Lk 8.8)

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

9 You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain. **R.**

For so you have prepared the earth: **10** you water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. **R.**

11 You crown the year with your bounty; your pathways overflow with richness.
12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy. **R.**

13 The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.18-23

Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing with the glory
about to be revealed to us.
19 For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God;
20 for the creation was subjected to futility,
not of its own will
but by the will of the one who subjected it,
21 in hope that the creation itself
will be set free from its bondage to decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
22 We know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23 and not only the creation,
but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.**

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.1-23

Listen: A sower went out to sow.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

- 1** Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
- 2** Such great crowds gathered around him
that he got into a boat and sat there,
while the whole crowd stood on the beach.
- 3** And he told them many things in parables.
“Listen! A sower went out to sow.
- 4** And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path,
and the birds came and ate them up.
- 5** Other seeds fell on rocky ground,
where they did not have much soil,
and they sprang up quickly,
since they had no depth of soil.
- 6** But when the sun rose, they were scorched;
and since they had no root, they withered away.
- 7** Other seeds fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked them.
- 8** Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
- 9** Let anyone with ears listen!”

The gospel of the Lord.