## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 5-6 September 2020

#### **HAPPY FATHERS' DAY**

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**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EMAIL** 

Jacinta will continue to make 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 at Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

Alternatively, please ring the parish mobile 0434 224 483 to

advise us of your email address.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, ALL MASSES, SACRAMENTS, LITURGIES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site: http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter

Recorded Masses (click on the You Tube icon), important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters will also be available on the website: <a href="http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au">http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au</a>

THE Parish Office will also be closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. Please ring the Parish Mobile number: 0434 224 483 and leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible. Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST- RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pamela Rowe

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Barbara Quinn, Gerard Dornom, Oliver Clayton, Bill Basile, Barbara Prowse, Robert Currie, John Coutts, Pat Hollis and Severino Bettiol

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:</u> Ben Lobo, John, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason

Readings this week: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at <a href="http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au">http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au</a>

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.

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You, son of man, i have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." (Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

## Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 9th September @ 5 - 5.30 pm

Join with parishioners for a pre-dinner chat on alternate Wednesday evenings. It's a great chance to see familiar faces and catch up on news.

**Holy Spirit Parish's Zoom Meeting** 

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?
pwd=WnlNaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUrelJmQT09

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Come alone or bring a family member or friend.

Please call Mary on 0410 654 357 for tech support if needed.

**ALL WELCOME** 

## **PARISH LETTER & DATA BASE UPDATE**

By now everyone should have received a letter from Fr Arsenio and a request to update your records on our data base.

With email the most cost effective and quickest form of communication, we need to ensure that we have everyone's details correct. Please take the time to check all information on the sheet included in your letter and advise us of any changes. If you can't get to the post office or a letterbox, emailed responses are fine. Please reply to ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

For those who do not have an email address and would like to be kept up to date with what is going on around the parish, please send your form back with a request for regular mail or phone contact. Thank you

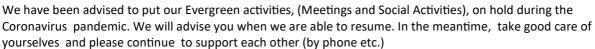


## SPIRIT MAGAZINE SEPTEMBER EDITION

The September edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available for you to read on the parish website: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine Thanks once again to Helen for organising and publishing this wonderful magazine!

#### **EVERGREENS**

Dear Evergreens,





If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)

#### Holy Spirit Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "Covid 19 News and Updates" (much of which is drawn from Jacinta's weekly email): ref home page & menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page
- >>>> We have changed our web address on Friday 03/07/2020. Refer the attached page for more info <<<<

#### **Collection Notice**

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

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries, spiritual formation, and various positions of leadership such as priests and ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. Fee-Help may be available. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at <a href="https://www.heartoflife.melbourne">www.heartoflife.melbourne</a> or tel 03 9890 1101.

#### **Father's Day Collection**



PRIESTS RETIREMENT The Foundation's Mission is to provide complete care to the retired clergy within the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Donations can be made to the Foundation in a number of ways, including online or by mail.

For details on how to donate, go to: *https://www.cam1.org.au/foundation* Donations are 100% tax deductible. Receipts are sent out in the first week of July.

The Journey This Week: Fr Mike Delaney's gospel reflection on the cost and process of solving family & community disputes, Mother Hilda on how God's Word consoled her and will do the same for us in difficult times, Darren McDowell on why understanding the difference between leadership and management is critical for parish mission, and Dave Callaghan challenges us to accept the love & mercy of God and become someone with renewed hope and direction in life just like Zacchaeus did in the Gospel stories. And more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



Next weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Canberra are organising care packs for Aboriginal people in Palliative care and they are after hand knitted items either squares, blankets or beanies for people in hospital on their final journey

So if you are at home and looking for a project, here is an opportunity to do something from home and support such an important program .

Here are the details of Sally who has initiated the program so you can email her directly: salfitz50@live.com

And below are instructions on what is required.

Blankets must be 8ply acrylic wool....any colour! The squares must be 20cm x 20cm....usually people use size 4mm needles!

If people are crocheting blankets the same applies to them.

However, if people want to crochet or knit a whole blanket...not squares....then go for it!!! BEANIES....beanies can be knitted or crocheted...they can use any pattern and any ply wool. There are many patterns on the internet!!

Any help would be most appreciated—they are hoping to send out the packages in time for Christmas!

## What Makes a Dad

He called it ... Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so,





# WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WINTER SHELTER IN 2020

Hello Winter Shelter Volunteers!

Welcome to all the new volunteers who have joined our program this year. It is good to see so many new faces joining our team. Thanks to the team from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Ringwood and to the team from Central Ringwood Community Centre for making soup every Sunday. Thanks to Jacki and her generous friends who not only cook meals but managed to fill a car and a half of groceries for our guests.

Between 1 Aug-26 Aug we have already distributed 1129 meals and 41 bags of groceries to more than 455 people. These meals include those made by our volunteers, meals donated from Fairshare and from the RACV Club, view a link to see more about the RACV donations <a href="https://youtu.be/HE3-c6hWBHM">https://youtu.be/HE3-c6hWBHM</a>. They do not include all the delicious sweet treats our volunteers also make. Winter Shelter has had a reputation of fattening up our guests over the last 2 years. I am sure that we are achieving the same again this year!

Thank you to all of you for your support in so many ways, including driving, cooking, baking and serving at the meals evenings.

We are still in need of the following:

- Warm socks, (for men or women)
- Underwear (for men or women)
- Toiletries (including women's personal hygiene items)
- · Polar fleece tops and warm jackets (secondhand are fine)
- Fresh fruit for the shelters



# Our Parish Website has moved

## We are now at www.holvspiritparish.org.au

As the heading says we have moved our web site. We are no longer at www.cam... Instead you can find us at: www.holvspiritparish.org.au.

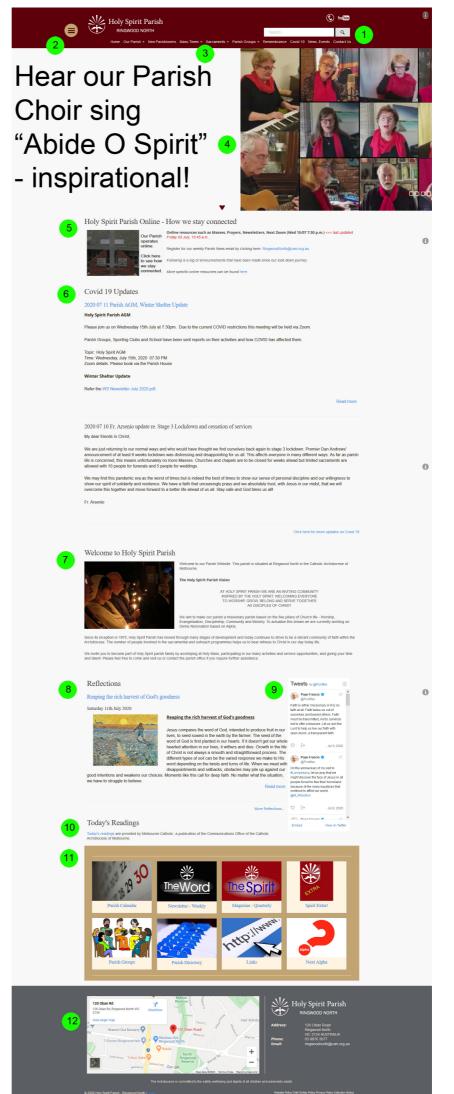
There have been some useful changes which are best explained by reading these notes in conjunction with the image of our home page (next page).

- The web site can now be searched. This is perhaps the best of the improvements. If you're looking for something and can't remember where it's placed start here.
- If you are on a small form factor device (smart phone or table) you will see the "hamburger" in the top left corner. Click this to see the menu
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#### The Menu

- a. The menu now sports "Covid 19". This is the full list of announcements we have made since the restrictions took place – mostly these come from Jacinta's weekly update. We also have the most recent two on the home page ("Covid 19 Updates" refer 6). Previously we had the most recent one on the home page and the rest on another page that was a bit less obvious to find and much harder to maintain. This change is mostly of benefit to me;)
- b. "News, Events" has been revamped. It used to be a menu list of articles which were difficult to navigate and appreciate what they might contain. Now it is a series of summaries each with an associated image and details should you wish to "clickin". This means a more manageable interface and better user experience.
- c. Contact Us can is now fits on our menu. Previously it was only available by the phone icon in the top right corner which is not the first place many people would look.
- The rotating banners are as they were a number of standard (e.g. current Mass season which clicks through to mass times) and newly

- featured items (e.g. click through the Choir image to see and hear our Choir in action) each of which allows the user to click-through to the content.
- "Holy Spirit Parish Online How we stay connected" is as it was – a place to click through to see a list of online resources such as weekly streamed masses and Zoom meeting updates, etc.
- Covid 19 Updates. As explained in 3a, this is the most recent two announcements and you can "click here for more updates on Covid 19".
- Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish. This too is unchanged and our Welcome message to the world.
- Reflections. This is as it was, a reflection from our Parish Priest. However, a significant recent change is that a new reflection is added reliably each week. It doesn't matter how sophisticated the web site is if it has no interesting content. Now we have something valuable to share regularly. Thanks Father Arsenio! (Click "More Reflections..." to previous ones).
- Tweets by @Pontifex is Pope Francis' Twitter Feed. This is as it was. It automatically updates daily. I have no interest in Twitter myself, but I feel that this feed is worthy of our time.
- At Today's Readings you can find today's Bible readings courtesy of Melbourne Catholic (Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne).
- 11. The 8 Icons at the bottom of every page are technically the same. They are a quick way to navigate to main sections of the site. With the change I have taken the opportunity to give "Spirit Extra!" its own button (Helen can lay claim to this new small piece of "screen real estate" next to her "Spirit Magazine").
- 12. The Footer is unchanged. It too shows at the bottom of every page and tells people who and where we are and also has links to the legal type documents that is required of us.



Please zoom in to read see the markers and text on the image

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33.7-9

If you do not speak to warn the wicked, I will require their blood at your hand.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me:

7 "So you, O mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

8 "If I say to the wicked,

'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

9 "But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life."

The word of the Lord.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a)

- **R.** If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
  let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
  2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
  let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! R.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
  7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. *R*.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. R.

#### **SECOND READING**

Romans 13.8-10 Love is the fulfilling of the law.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery;

You shall not murder;

You shall not steal;

You shall not covet";

and any other commandment,

are summed up in this word,

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.



The word of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N**

See 2 Corinthians 5.19

Alleluia, alleluia
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20

If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples.

15 "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the brother or sister listens to you, you have regained that one.

16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

17 If the brother or sister refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The gospel of the Lord.



#### Reflection.

The readings point to a clear message concerning our responsibility towards the salvation of others within the community. We all have the duty of doing good while we can by helping those who are weak or in need of assistance. This doesn't mean we are interfering in people's lives. The love of our neighbour is priority. There is no living together without pain and the gospel brings us the delicate way of counselling those people who are misbehaving, doing wrong and going astray. Correction is never easy and can be embarrassing as it may carry with it the risk of losing a long established friendship. Silence is golden but there are occasions when failure to speak out is to ignore an evil practice. What we have to say should be expressed in a spirit of charity and not for the sake of finding fault. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. To convey our genuine concern can often change the situation for the better. Christ himself emphasised the importance of being reconciled with our sisters and brothers.

Happy Fathers' Day! Stay healthy and safe. -Fr. Arsenio



#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Dear Friends. Let us pray for the Church; that we may be reconcilers and peacemakers through our words and compassionate care to all who are alienated or wounded.

We pray for the gift of listening; that the Spirit will open our minds and hearts to hear what others say and to listen to the word of God spoken deep within our hearts.

#### **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for a new spirit of reconciliation; that we may have the grace to forgive those who have injured us and the courage to try to work together again.

#### **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for Christian unity so that all who follow Christ may love one another and be a sign of hope and healing for the world.

#### **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for all children, young and vulnerable people; that they may be nourished, respected, loved and protected from any threat or harmful action. And that we, the Christian Community, commit to their care, safety and well being, as Jesus has taught in the gospel.

## **LORD HEAR US**

On this Father's Day, we pray for our dads, grandads, dads-to-be and our priests who we also call Father, so that with your grace we may truly say "well done, good and faithful father, your children have delighted in you and you are eternally blessed". We also remember all dads who have entered eternal life and are no longer with us.

#### **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently: Pamela Rowe and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Barbara Quinn, Gerard Dornom, Oliver Clayton, Bill Basile, Barbara Prowse, Robert Currie, John Coutts, Pat Hollis and Severino Bettiol. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

#### **LORD HEAR US**

#### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION,

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

