



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, 26-27 March 2022**

**Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon**  
**Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche**

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



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**Fr Kevin Mogg's final farewell and internment of remains will be on Saturday 2nd April at 11am from St Macartan's 4 Drake Street Mornington. Mass will be followed by tea and sandwiches in the hall.**

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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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter)

Recorded Masses available at: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources](http://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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

**PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395** [Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto: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:** Peter Brady, Kathleen Hine

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Marisa Fantin, Carmel Cahill, Claude Swinson, Bunny Wilcox, Anne Lambert, Michael Sazenis, Enio Bordignon, Giuseppina Dioguardi and Val Morphet

**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, John Hogan, Christopher Woolley, Eve Foreman

**Readings this week:** Joshua 5:9-12; 2Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

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—28th March—3rd April 2022**

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 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 and Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Benediction
SATURDAY	9.00 am Confession (1st Saturday of month only) 9:15 am Mass followed by Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet followed by Benediction 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	5th SUNDAY OF LENT 9.00 am St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church

### **HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2nd-3rd April 2022**

**Web:** [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)

#### **Mass Coordinators:**

6.00 pm: Jacek Holewa                      9.00 am: Kevin O'Callaghan                      5.00 pm: Volunteers

#### **Lectors:**

6.00 pm: Vin Dwyer                      9.00 am: Vinnies Rep                      5.00 pm: Volunteers

#### **Welcomers:**

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh and Jean Smith

9.00 am: Shelah Batson

#### **Tea and Coffee:**

9.00 am: Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

### **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



#### **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](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.

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)

**Rosalie 44**, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her reintegrate into society.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*.**

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](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## 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.



## 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.**

## 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](http://MASTER_Holy_Spirit_Mag_MARCH_2022_VERSION_2.indd) ([holyspiritparish.org.au](http://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](mailto: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.

**On the Journey this week:** Fr Antony Jukes says like the prodigal son, instead of turning to God, we often fill our emptiness with rubbish, and so there must come a time when, like the prodigal son, we also come to our senses. Mother Hilda says don't bother looking for the someone else in this parable, it's each of us God is seeking. Fr Mike Delaney on safety and trust, and Cathy Jenkins asks which season of life are you in. 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.

**'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm.** Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

## 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. Please note: Under Archdiocesan guidelines, our volunteers need to have a Working With Children Check and be fully vaccinated.

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:

<b>Palm Sunday, 9/10 April:</b>	<b>Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am &amp; 5pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12 April:</b>	<b>Rite of Forgiveness, 7:30pm</b>
<b>Holy Thursday, 14 April:</b>	<b>Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30pm</b>
<b>Good Friday, 15 April:</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross, 10am</b> <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm</b>
<b>Holy Saturday, 16 April:</b>	<b>Easter Vigil: 7:30pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday, 17 April:</b>	<b>Easter Mass time: 9:00am NB: No 5pm Mass.</b>



# Festival Mass

## 2022 RINGWOOD REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL MASS AND GATHERING

*Celebrating the 50th Anniversary  
of the Ringwood North Conference  
and the 75th Anniversary of the Mitcham Conference*

**WHEN:** Sunday 3rd April, 9am  
**WHERE:** Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
120 Oban Rd, Ringwood North  
**RSVP:** by Friday 25th March  
[rohans@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:rohans@svdp-vic.org.au)

*Please note RSVP is essential, as numbers may need to be limited due to COVID restrictions.*

*This inspiring event~ which celebrates our year in service ~ will include:*

- Mass
- Commissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Presidents.
- Commissioning and recommissioning of St Vincent de Paul Society Members, Associate Members and Volunteers.
- Presentation of long service badges and acknowledgment of Emeritus Vincentians.
- Social gathering with morning tea provided.

*"[Festivals] encourage and maintain unity of both spirit and action among members and volunteers." The Rule*

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



**St Vincent de Paul Society**

VICTORIA

*good works*



## 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*

## Act of Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD  
(25 MARCH 2022)



O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you.

As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

(continued...)

*Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.*

*Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.*

*Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.*

*Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.*

*Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.*

*Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.*

*Queen of the Rosary, make us realise our need to pray and to love.*

*Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.*

*Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.*

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (Jn 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "Fiat", on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope", water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace.

Amen.





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

*As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Parish, let us bring our petitions to our God, who has called us to be building stones of this our parish and given us a unique sense of dignity and identity as His people.*

We pray with gratitude for our Parish Priests, Jim Nippard, Kevin Mogg, Allan Mithen, Eugene San, Shibu Joseph, Jose Joseph and Arsenio Tuazon. We give thanks for their vision, servant leadership and humble service to this faith community. Please bless them and keep them in the fullness of your love. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all those who have assisted us in a particular role along the journey. The many visiting Priests, Fr. Tim, Fr. Leenus, Fr. Frank O'Dea, Fr. John Depuche, religious Sr. Toni Matha and Parish House Staff. Each has been a genuine sign of Christ's loving presence among us. Lord, hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord, we are so grateful for those who acted on their vision to build a Holy Spirit Community School. They worked tirelessly to create a wonderful resource for our children which has been such a blessing in building Community. We give thanks for our past and present Principals, Jill Martin-Doyle, Peter Moran, Josie Middleton, Phillip Tierney, Peter Camilleri and Duncan Arendse. Bless them all, heavenly Father. Lord, hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the men, women and children who over the past 50 years have belonged and contributed their time, talent and money to create the vibrant community we enjoy today. May all current and future parishioners value their efforts and continue to honour the rich legacy of belonging to Holy Spirit Parish. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord, you have called our Parish Community to be a sign of your love in the world. Continue to guide us with your grace, enlighten us with your word and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit. May our efforts to fulfil your mission bear rich fruit as we journey forward in faith. Lord hear us.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those people in our Parish family who have died. Each is a golden thread in the tapestry of our 50 year history. For those who have died recently, Peter Brady and Kathleen Hine and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Marisa Fantin, Carmel Cahill, Claude Swinson, Bunny Wilcox, Anne Lambert, Michael Sazenis, Enio Bordignon, Giuseppina Dioguardi and Val Morphett. May they rest in the 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.**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**



## **REFLECTION 4th Sunday of Lent**

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

## FIRST READING

Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

*Having entered the promised land, the people of God celebrated the passover.*

A reading from the book of Joshua.

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river,  
and entered the promised land,

9 the Lord said to Joshua,

“Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.”

10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal

they kept the Passover

in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month

in the plains of Jericho.

11 On the day after the Passover, on that very day,

they ate the produce of the land,

unleavened cakes and parched grain.

12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land,

and the Israelites no longer had manna;

they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R.8a)

**R.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise continually shall be in my mouth.

2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**

3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. **R.**

5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5.17-21

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

17 If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new!

18 All this is from God,

who reconciled us to himself through Christ,

and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,

not counting their trespasses against them,

and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ,

since God is making his appeal through us;

we entreat you on behalf of Christ,

be reconciled to God.

21 For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin,

so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Alleluia

## GOSPEL

**Luke 15.1-3, 11-32**

*This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life.*

A reading from the gospel according to Luke.

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.

2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,  
"This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them a parable:

11 "There was a man who had two sons.

12 The younger of them said to his father,  
'Father, give me the share of the property  
that will belong to me.'

So the father divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had  
and travelled to a distant country,  
and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

14 "When he had spent everything,  
a severe famine took place throughout that country,  
and he began to be in need.

15 So he went and hired himself out  
to one of the citizens of that country,  
who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

16 The young man would gladly have filled himself  
with the pods that the pigs were eating;  
and no one gave him anything.

17 "But when he came to himself he said,  
'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare,  
but here I am dying of hunger!

18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son;  
treat me like one of your hired hands.'"

20 "So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off,  
his father saw him and was filled with compassion;  
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

21 "Then the son said to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;  
I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 But the father said to his slaves,  
'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him;  
put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

23 And get the fatted calf and kill it,  
and let us eat and celebrate;

24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again;  
he was lost and is found!

And they began to celebrate.

## GOSPEL cont'd

25 "Now his elder son was in the field;  
and when he came and approached the house,  
he heard music and dancing.

26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

27 The slave replied, 'Your brother has come,  
and your father has killed the fatted calf,  
because he has got him back safe and sound.'

28 "Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in.  
His father came out and began to plead with him.

29 But he answered his father,  
'Listen! For all these years  
I have been working like a slave for you,  
and I have never disobeyed your command;  
yet you have never given me even a young goat  
so that I might celebrate with my friends.

30 But when this son of yours came back,  
who has devoured your property with prostitutes,  
you killed the fatted calf for him!'

31 "Then the father said to him,  
'Son, you are always with me,  
and all that is mine is yours.

32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice,  
because this brother of yours was dead  
and has come to life;  
he was lost and has been found.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

