



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



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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: <http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au>

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:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Bill Walker, John Snaidero, Marjorie Edgell, Betty Tay, Brian & Joy Quirk, Maria Police, Anne Brophy, Harry Lambert, Bryce Davies, Silvano Nisi, Susan Molyneux, Betty Willis, Genevieve Hurtel, Robert Schell

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

Readings this week: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves... - Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 7th October @ 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](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

Collection Notice

For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to:

<http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice>



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,

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)



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 <<<<

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY



Every Tuesday night @ 7- 8 pm

*Join with parishioners in prayer and devotion to Our Lady
for the intentions of your own heart, our community, our neighbourhood, our city and our world.*

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

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: ambrose.cornelio@hotmail.com for inclusion weekly.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

A PARISH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

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!

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI

Hello friends,

I think I was in roughly this place last week, and I remember that those lovely blossoms that are behind me were just starting to bud. And a few days of lovely warm weather – it's amazing what it can do that – these are in full blossom now. It's a lovely reminder of the Lord's ongoing creative presence among us. He is present, not only in our lives but in the whole of creation. And this is a beautiful image for us of the Lord's presence.

As you know friends, as Catholic Christians, we are very sacramental in our character of faith. The sacraments are a part of our personal journey of life, and a life in the Lord. So in Baptism – we are cleansed of our original sin, and we receive an entry into the life of the Kingdom. In Confirmation that is strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Reconciliation, we are in a sense cleansed once again like we were at our Baptism, receiving the Lord's forgiveness for those times that we turn away. In the Eucharist we are nourished – the healing that happens there continues to nourish us throughout our life. In something like the Anointing of the Sick, those who are dying are able to receive the Lord's tenderness and forgiveness and healing in a spiritual, and also at times, in a physical way. In those beautiful sacraments of service to the life of the communion of the Church: marriage; in the ordained ministry, and so on. And so these sacramental ways in which we give expression to our lives, are deeply, deeply ingrained within us, as Catholic Christians.

For that reason, it's all the more challenging I know in this time of exile from the sacramental life that you are having to go through. It is a deprivation of this sacramental reality for your life. I just want to let you know that I'm working hard, particularly in terms of Baptism and the Eucharist – that we might be able to, through seeking permissions from Government, bring these sacraments back to life in their full presence for you. It will probably have to happen outdoors. Thankfully the weather's improving. But as you know, there is great resistance and caution about doing anything indoors at the moment here in at least Metropolitan Melbourne. But it's those two sacraments particularly – our entry into the gift of salvation in Baptism, and our ongoing nourishment in the Lord in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life. And so just to let you know that that particularly I'm working on with Government and health care officials and I hope that we might be able to find ways in which those sacraments might be opened up once again to you.

In the meantime, be assured of my ongoing prayer for you and care. And may you be able to reach out to one another with the hand of the Lord.'

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli



THE BLESSING

Thanks to Bill & Maree Buttler, the Blessing project has come to fruition and is now on our website. go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZZvvT8xNJWBAMZhMtrQrhw> to see our parish in action! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the project—it's so lovely to see all those familiar faces and some budding talent too.

winter shelter

AUGUST 2020

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.

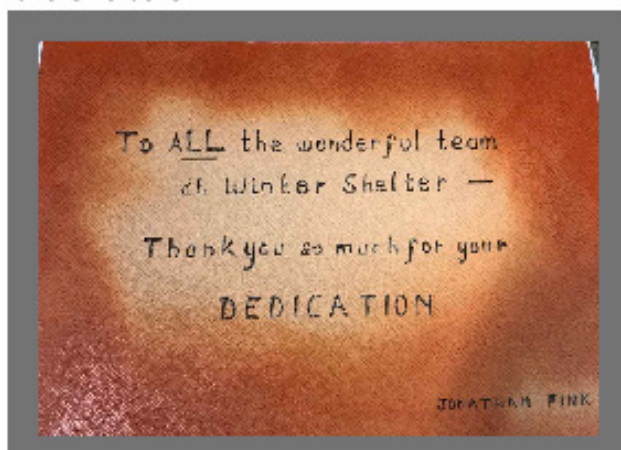
Between 1 Aug-26 Aug we have already distributed 1129 meals and 41 bags of groceries to more than 455 people. These meals include those made by our volunteers, meals donated from Fairshare and from the RACV Club, view a link to see more about the RACV donations <https://youtu.be/HE3-c6hWBHM>. They do 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





SPIRIT EXTRA

THE 11TH EDITION OF SPIRIT EXTRA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE THIS WEEKEND.

ONCE AGAIN, THANKS TO HELEN & MIKE FOR PRODUCING THIS GREAT RESOURCE!

<http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Spirit-Extra>

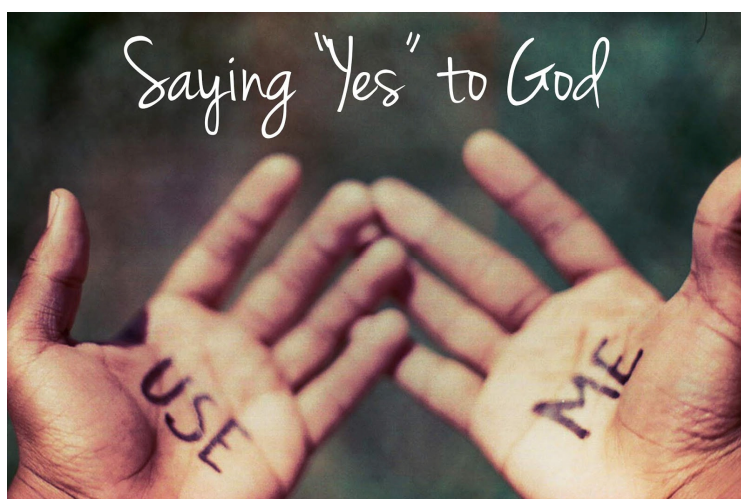
'Walking with Wisdom' Contemplative Sessions (via Zoom) – Thursdays, 10am-12.30pm (AEST) on 8, 15, 22 & 29 October 2020. We invite you to join us for a series of contemplative sessions with Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath, providing opportunities for Deep Listening: to oneself at this unique time in our lives; to Divine Wisdom in the Heart, and in the Hearts of Others; and to engage in a gentle, creative response. Join for one or all sessions. \$85 for the Series or \$25 per session. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/BLILH. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, tel 03 9890 1101, www.heartoflife.melbourne

Reflection.

The liturgical reading today points out that there must be a connection between what we say and what we do. We possess the freedom to say yes or no to God and ability to change the direction of our lives. And one way or another we are responsible for our conduct and accountable for our behaviour. The varying attitudes of the two sons in the gospel give us cause to think carefully because whether we like it or not, there is a mixture of both personalities in us. If Christian faith is not accompanied by upright Christian living, what we profess to believe has no value and amounts to lip service or idle promises which are worthless. We are uttering words but are not changing our hearts.

The lesson the gospel offers us is that we may be saying yes to God often and turning our back on what we profess in many ways. Many of us who say yes to the body of Christ don't realise that we are saying no to the community of Christ. The age old difference between families prevents us from speaking to a neighbour. Newly married couples have no problems saying yes on their wedding day but find it difficult to keep their promise through the trials of life. The biggest test of our faithfulness to Christ is in keeping the promises that we have made and accepting his will whatever it may be

Be well and healthy. -Fr. Arsenio.



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18.25-28

*When the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed,
they shall save their life.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this:

“You object, O House of Israel!

²⁵ You say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’

Hear now, O house of Israel:

Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

²⁶ “When the righteous turn away from their righteousness
and commit iniquity, they shall die for it;
for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

²⁷ “Again, when the wicked turn away
from the wickedness they have committed
and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸ Because they considered and turned away
from all the transgressions that they had committed,
they shall surely live; they shall not die.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9 (R.6)

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

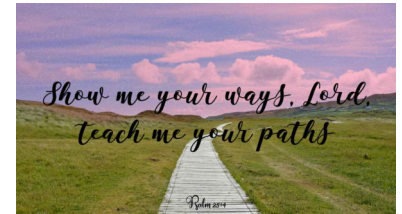
⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷ According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! **R.**

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. **R.**



SECOND READING

Philippians 2.1-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

¹ If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love,
any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy,

² then make my joy complete: be of the same mind,
having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 21.28-32

*The son changed his mind and went.
The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going
into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus entered the temple,
the chief priests and elders of the people came to him
as he was teaching, and challenged his authority.
So Jesus asked them this question.

28 “What do you think?

A man had two sons;
he went to the first and said,
‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

29 He answered, ‘I will not’;
but later he changed his mind and went.

30 The father went to the second and said the same;
and he answered, ‘I am going, sir’;
but he did not go.

31 “Which of the two did the will of his father?”
They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them,
“Truly I tell you,
the tax collectors and the prostitutes
are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness
and you did not believe him,
but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him;
and even after you saw it,
you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the Church so that we may put on the attitude of Christ and empty ourselves into God's loving care and the service of others.

We pray for grace to be faithful. Where there is hunger may we bring food, where there is despair may we bring hope as signs of your love in the world. Also for the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of God's will for those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those in this great country who tonight sleep in the streets, in a refuge or on a borrowed bed. We also pray for safety and peace for those who work providing care to such people and to make secure housing available.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for refugees, family and friends in fear of violence and persecution in their search for peace and safety.

May they be cared for and supported in the hope of a new life lived in peace.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for inner peace and stillness. May we experience your love so that we can separate the urgent from the important and can still be at your service and achieve a balance. Put in us a heart for contemplation, O God, that we may truly be your children.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Bill Walker, John Snaidero, Marjorie Edgell, Betty Tay, Brian & Joy Quirk, Maria Police, Anne Brophy, Harry Lambert, Bryce Davies, Silvano Nisi, Susan Molyneaux, Betty Willis, Genevieve Hurtel and Robert Schell. 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.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

