



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, NO MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS, SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING UNTIL CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ARE EASED.

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

Recorded Masses available at: 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

The Parish Office will be CLOSED, staff continue to monitor the phone, mail and emails regularly.

Please ring the parish on 9876 3077 or [Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Bridie Canty, Vera Wright, Tom van Leishout

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Helen Graham, Caterina D'Amore, Marian Prowse, Suzie Vita, Sofia Rewer, Syd Wheatley, Timothy Moran and Ian Alleson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Christopher Woolley

Readings this week: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20; James 3.16 - 4.; Mark 9.30-37

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 20th–26th September 2021

MONDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TILL MONDAY 4th OCTOBER—LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

When we resume our “Covid normal” celebration of Mass, we will be returning to some of our usual practices. Everything we do must be in accordance with the DHHS guidelines, so there will be some changes to the way we operate! **We particularly need volunteers for the 5pm Sunday Mass.**
If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au



The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

The September edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available on the parish website:
www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

Once again, many great articles, photos and reflections for you to peruse!

Thanks to our new editor, Yvette for her wonderful efforts in producing her first edition.!!

PARISH DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Thank you.



Holy Spirit is a child safe parish. At Holy Spirit we hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

Holy Spirit Web Site - 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 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

Dear Parishioners

Due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid restrictions and shutdowns, the planned First Eucharist Masses are currently under review. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they await the outcome.



Parish 50th anniversary.

Next year marks our 50th Anniversary. We would like expressions of interest from any parishioner who would like to join a subcommittee to plan our celebrations in March 2022.

Please contact the parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 9876 3077.

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

On the Journey this week:

On the Journey this week: Fr Brian Lucas on a gospel with two themes – power versus eternal glory and fear, the enemy of faith. Mother Hilda using Jesus' compassion to heal. Michelle Vass asking us to embrace the great silence, and Torrien Lau overcoming fear to allow Jesus to work miracles through us. Plus, 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.

**'Treasuring Our Later Years' (Reflection series via ZOOM),
6 x Wednesdays, 22 September to 27 October 2021, 12.45pm-3pm.**

Facilitated by Nicole Rotaru rsm, this series offers participants the opportunity to explore new possibilities that ageing offers daily. It will include input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and

integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. Topics covered include: ageing; spirituality; relationships; meaning; gratitude; death. Cost \$180 for the series, or \$30 per session. Bookings and payment via Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation website at www.heartoflife.melbourne



Collection Notice

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



Lockdown Light—week three

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Resources for Christian living: Making the most of lockdown

In this blog post, local Melbourne mum of six, Kate Moriarty, shares some fun and creative ideas to help families make the most of their time together in lockdown. Find out more at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3

Getting to know your Bible: Opening up the Old Testament

Getting Started: This video by Bible Snap brings you the Old Testament in 8 minutes, with a comprehensive overview of where the books and people fit in the timeline of history. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3

Going Deeper:

Exodus is one of the key books of the Old Testament. Hear about the pivotal events in Exodus from a range of other Christian Biblical scholars and theological experts in this 10-minute video. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper3



HOLY SPIRIT RAFFLE

This year, more than ever, we need to sell as many tickets as possible! Tickets have been delivered to those on our list. If you have not received tickets but would like to buy and/or sell tickets, please contact the Parish Office 98763077 and we will organize tickets to be delivered.

In an effort to ensure everyone has a chance to win, please return raffle tickets as soon as they are sold. Currently, you have the option to complete the credit card payment slip in order to make payment or you can now make a bank transfer for payment – how easy!

Once you have either completed the CC slip or transferred the money, simply return the raffle book stubs via post to the parish (or drop in parish letterbox) at 120 Oban Road Ringwood North.

Make sure to note on the slip if you have paid via bank transfer and ensure to include the name the transfer is under and the ticket numbers.

Bank details – BSB: 063-167 Account: 0090 3467

Reference: Surname and Ticket numbers

Any questions or concerns, please call Katherine on 0467 056 685

\$2.00per ticket

1st Prize Eastland Voucher	Value \$1,500
2nd Prize Peak Cycles Voucher	Value \$1,000
3rd Prize JB HiFi Voucher	Value \$750
4th Prize Haier 126L Bar Fridge	Value \$349
5th Prize Flower Pot Florist Voucher	Value \$200



HOLY SPIRIT FETE 2022

Holy Spirit Fete first ran in 1982, nearly 40 years ago, making it one of the largest and longest running fetes, widely regarded as one of the best in the Eastern suburbs.

Our Fete does rely solely upon School & Parish volunteers to run. Many people contribute to make this event so fantastic but without help the Fete be unable to continue.

HELP NEEDED FOR FETE NEXT YEAR

We have had a number of amazing volunteers who have helped run the Fete & Stalls for many years step down.

If you would like to take over one of these roles please contact Katherine & Kerry.

Perhaps get together with a few friends or parents to share the job together!

fete@holyspiritparish.org.au

STALL OWNERS

1. Pre Loved Clothing
2. Silent Auction
3. Poffertjes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Fete Committee needs new members for 2022 for the Fete to be able to continue.

Some of these roles will be shared

Without new volunteers in these roles the 2022 Fete cannot proceed.

1. Secretary
2. Treasurer
3. Bookkeeper
4. Stalls Manager
5. Food Safety Officer
6. Food Co Ordinator
7. Operations Assistant
8. Events Co-ordinator
9. Social Media Manager



**THANK YOU TO THE
AMAZING 2021 FETE
VOLUNTEERS!**



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St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

Migrant and Refugee Sunday - St Vincent de Paul Society Social Justice and Advocacy Asylum Seekers & Refugees Portfolio

On this year's Migrant and Refugee Sunday Pope Francis has chosen the theme: *Towards an ever wider "we"*. He refers to our world as "crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism" and that "... the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as *others*: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries".

The Vincentian Refugee Network (VRN) has joined with *Catholics for Refugees* and a number of other Catholic agencies to support "150 days of Action for People Seeking Refuge", a campaign initiated by the Josephite Justice Network in Sydney. The campaign was launched in May and leads up to Migrant & Refugee Sunday on September 26. Its focus has been to call on the Government "to remove temporary protection visas and provide a permanent and safe resettlement pathway for all refugees and those who arrive here seeking protection." This campaign is especially relevant for refugees and asylum seekers, such as those from Afghanistan, who cannot settle and plan their lives, as their visa status presumes they will be 'sent back' when their country is no longer deemed dangerous for them. The 150 day campaign was to culminate in a 'Day of Lamentation and Call to Action' on Migrant and Refugee Sunday. While many plans for in-person vigils and gatherings have been cancelled, we are all invited to join together in a virtual 'Call to Lamentation and Commitment' on 26 September at 7 pm (via zoom). The link to register <https://bit.ly/Calltolamentation>

Focus on Afghanistan

We are all aware of the precarious situation in Afghanistan, especially for ethnic and religious minorities and women. In Australia, there are more than 5000 Afghans living on temporary protection or bridging visas, many with families still in Afghanistan and without any hope of reunion or certainty for their own future. The Vincentian Refugee Network, with other members of CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum) is calling for an increased humanitarian intake from Afghanistan and guarantee of permanent residency to visa holders. Together with CAPSA the VRN is also assisting in the work of *Christians United for Afghanistan* and the Afghan Australian Advocacy Network to call on politicians to urgently review current policy, to increase the intake of people fleeing persecution in Afghanistan, and to provide permanent protection and enable family reunion for Afghan refugees currently in Australia on temporary visas.

See [Action for Afghanistan - CAPSA](#) .
[Christians United for Afghanistan](#)

Mary Jo Fortuna

Social Justice & Advocacy Committee representative on Vincentian Refugee Network.

Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021



'Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Reflection: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

(Instrumentum Laboris n.133)



Prayers of Intercession

Through our inner struggles and powerlessness, God draws us to the life beyond this present world and to ultimate peace and happiness. With confidence, we present these our intercessions.

We pray for the grace of generosity; that we may wholeheartedly place ourselves at the service of others and thereby learn the fullness of God's love for all.

LORD HEAR US

For our priests and bishops; that they might have the joy of seeing their communities of faith grow in Wisdom, peace and compassion.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for the grace to be peacemakers; may we be kind and considerate to each other and show compassion to others.

LORD HEAR US

For all who are marginalized and forgotten by our society; that we may hear their voices, understand their pain and humbly walk alongside of them as we follow God's call.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who are ill; that the dying and rising of Jesus may bring them healing and hope.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for those who have died recently , Bridie Canty, Vera Wright , Tom van Leishout , and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Helen Graham, Caterina D'Amore, Marian Prowse, Suzie Vita, Sofia Rewer, Syd Wheatley, Timothy Morgan and Ian Alleson.

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



FIRST READING

Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

The godless say.

12 “Let us lie in wait for the righteous one,
who makes life inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
who reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.

17 “Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

18 for if the righteous one is God’s child, God will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

19 “Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.

20 Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 54.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R.4b)

R. The Lord upholds my life.

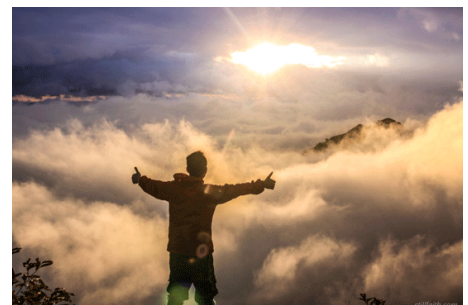
1 Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

2 Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth. **R.**

3 For the insolent have risen against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them. **R**

4 But surely, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

6 With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, for it is good. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 3.16 - 4.3

A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace.

A reading from the letter of James.

16 Where there is envy and selfish ambition,
there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from?
Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder.
And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.
You do not have, because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly,
in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

God has called us with the gospel,
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

G O S P E L

Mark 9.30-37

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain

30 Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee.
He did not want anyone to know it;

31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,
"The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands,
and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33 Then they came to Capernaum;
and when he was in the house Jesus asked them,
"What were you arguing about on the way?"

34 But they were silent,
for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

35 Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,
"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

36 Then he took a little child and put it among them;
and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION

The disciples are an interesting bunch of people. When Jesus is telling them his coming passion and death, they are not even listening. They are so immersed in a quarrel over who is the greatest among them. Somehow we would really expect better from his followers. When asked by Jesus what were they arguing about, they were anything but proud of their discussion. They were in fact clearly embarrassed and remained silent. Jesus uses this occasion to point out to them what constitutes true greatness in God's eyes. He says that true greatness does not come from having power and influence over people but consists in humble service. He tells his ambitious disciples that everyone is important and that greatness comes from being available to all people.

This is a very basic instruction on the kind of followers Jesus wants us all to be and challenges us. Isn't it true that we are rather like the disciples arguing on the road about which of them was the greatest. Are we always putting ourselves first and wanting the best of everything? It is easy for us to think of what we have as completely ours with no thanks to anyone else. We fail to remember that we are stewards of the many precious gifts which God entrusts us and which he intends to be used in his service. Being available for the needs of others means being present in a hundred and one ways as people need to be listened to, understood and appreciated. We are called to do the Lord's work so that Jesus can give his love to others through us. Every life gives opportunities to serve those around. To be a disciple means being open to what God may ask of us at any given moment even in very small things.

Please do stay safe and well. God bless you all! -Fr. Arsenio

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve
and said, "Anyone who wants to be first
must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 9:35

