



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PHONE NUMBER

Please note we have transitioned to the NBN

phone number of **70369395** permanently.

Please delete the old numbers from your phone directories. They are now disconnected.

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. We also look forward to the time when all people can join together in various locations, and for the many activities that truly unite us fully as communities.

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

PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395

Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

Please contact us if you have any enquiries

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Steve Laussen (Husband of Sarah-Jo Mason, father of Ella, Will and Henry)
Polly McMahon (in America)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: John Hogan, Ann Hookey, Flo West, Antonietta Di Cosmo, June & Leo Taffe, Jack Coffey, Jack Meagher, Vincent Ryan, Terry Maher, Murray Bouchier, Vincenzo Lo Bianco, Natasha Reid, Marie Brown, Joan Baxter, Antonio Menegol and Gerry Hill

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Kerry O'Leary, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Enio Bordignon, John Hogan

Readings this week: Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

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

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From 26 December, Weekend Masses will be celebrated on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9am.

QR check will be required. NO BOOKING REQUIRED

As Fr Arsenio will be taking some leave, Weekday Masses will not be celebrated during January.

You will need to bring your mobile phone to all masses to use the QR code system. If you do not have a phone, or your phone does not work with the QR system, there will be a welcomer on duty to assist.

Please arrive early to ensure you register and are seated well before Father is ready to commence Mass.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated under guidelines, which have been approved by Archbishop Comensoli.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

The restrictions are as follows:

- **QR check in on arrival.**
- **Masks must be worn for those aged 8+.**
- **Sanitize your hands on arrival.**
- **Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.**

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

For those who might like to read the Archdiocesan Guidelines for parishes, they can be found on the CAM website: melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines

Collection Notice

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



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: ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com for inclusion weekly.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Please note that Tuesday evening's Charismatic Prayer Group which is held in the Chapel 8-9.30 pm will resume next year on Tuesday 1st February 2022.

Dear Parishioners.

Welcome back to church this Christmas! As we gather together again, we recognise that church has seemed a little different during the pandemic and will probably continue to. But God's word is the same and God's love hasn't changed. We are still missing many of our brothers and sisters. Many don't realise that there is just something powerful and amazing about meeting together as the church, in person and in our church! I hope everyone will come back. But I have a much more important hope too. I hope that we will not forget our pandemic experience, and we will bring a new set of expectations to parish life. The best way to have a church worth coming back to is to build one, that is, to build one together. Remember that the birth of Jesus brought people together more than ever before. Wishing everyone warm and humble celebrations for this Christmas and I hope it's full of love and joy. God bless you! -Fr. Arsenio

Holy Spirit Parish Vision

At Holy Spirit Parish, we are an inviting community inspired by the Holy Spirit; welcoming everyone to worship, grow, belong and serve together as Disciples of Christ.



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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 27th December 2021 - 2nd January 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 1st-2nd January 2022

Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan 9.00 am: Bernadette Loughron

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio 9.00 am: Jay de Graff

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh and Jean Smith

9.00 am: Don Schroder and Tina Toomey

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm: 9.00 am: Nola Ryan and Norma Brown

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

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page

PARISH 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 Office closure

Please note: the parish office will be closed from 4pm Friday 24 December until 9am on Tuesday 11 January. The phones and emails will be monitored over this time, but no staff will be in attendance.



Holy Spirit Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration 27th March 2022 – Spread the Word

Our parish – our community - will be fifty years old next year 2022. We are planning a celebration on Sunday 27 March 2022. We want this to be a wonderful, joyous coming together of all those who are, or have been a part of this wonderful community.

For now, we would like you to spread the word about this upcoming event when you catch up with old friends or past parishioners during this festive season. Also, let them know that we will be seeking people's stories, anecdotes, remembrances of special occasions, photos etc, and to start thinking about them.

We would like everyone to contribute, including those who may not have held any official role, or been part of any of the parish groups - those go-to people who always said yes when asked to assist.

We will advise details of where contributions can be sent to later.

Please get in touch with us on hsparish50@gmail.com if you would like to assist with planning, or if you have any questions.

Holy Spirit Parish Anniversary Team

Holy Spirit 50th Anniversary Celebration Conversation Cards

Cards are available now to write today and place in the return box, or to take home for other family and friends that you will be catching up with over the Christmas season.

If you can't do cards, email your stories: hs50@holyspiritparish.org.au, write or post to the Parish House. We can scan most things.

What to write? Any, or all, of the list below, and anything else you can think of!

Approximate dates of your time in parish, any office held, or group you belonged to.

Memories of good times or bad

Your funniest memory, the people you remember and why?

What does/has Holy Spirit mean to you?

Thank you for helping to make this celebration a joyous memory of our past for our future parishioners.



Daily Mass Books 2022 are available for \$25. Please contact Jenny: 70369395 jenny.philp@cam.org.au if you would like to get a copy.

On the Journey this week:

Bishop Brian Mascord's Christmas reflection and his story of the old Rabbi's observation, "the Messiah is among you". Mother Hilda's story on children providing a safe environment for one of their own, and more of the Spirit of Christmas and year in review from Fr Mike Delaney, Michelle Vass, Deacon Josh Clayton, and Fr Quyen Vu SJ. Plus, more great music for Christmas!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



Holy Spirit Parish 50th anniversary



Come and Celebrate 50 Years of Spirit
Sunday 27 March 2022
11:00 AM Celebration Mass
BYO lunch

It is a time to enjoy viewing photos and videos of
times past and reminisce on the good times!
And most importantly catch up with old friends
and meet new ones.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Dear Friends in Christ. We pray to our loving and compassionate Father for our own needs and those of the whole world.

For the family of Church; that by living the kind of life God wants, we may spread the light of Christ throughout the world. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For all who are preparing to marry and begin a new family; that they may grow together in love and mutual understanding. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For families who lack the basic necessities of life due to famine or war; that their needs may not go unheeded. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for those travelling during this holiday period. Give them adequate concentration and patience in reaching their destination safely. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for the bereaved who mourn the loss of family members and friends at this time; that they may be comforted in their sadness and experience healing and peace through the loving care of others. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those who have died recently Steve Laussen and Polly McMahon, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: John Hogan, Ann Hookey, Flo West, Antonietta Di Cosmo, June and Leo Taffe, Jack Coffey, Jack Meagher, Vincent Ryan, Terry Maher, Murray Bouchier, Vincenzo Lo Bianco, Natasha Reid, Marie Brown, Joan Baxter, Antonio Menegol and Gerry Hill.

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

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

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 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

FIRST READING

Samuel 1.11, 20-22, 24-28++

For as long as he lives, Samuel is given to the Lord.

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah, wife of Elkanah, had no children;

11 she prayed to the Lord and made this vow:

“O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant,
and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child,
then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death.

He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

20 In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son.

She named him Samuel, for she said,

“I have asked him of the Lord.”

21 Elkanah and all his household

went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow.

22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband,

“As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him,
that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever;
I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.”

24 When she had weaned him, she took him up with her,
along with a three-year-old bull, a measure of flour, and a skin of wine.
She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh;
and the child was young.

25 Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said,

“Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord,
I am the woman who was standing here in your presence,
praying to the Lord.

27 For this child I prayed;
and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him.

28 Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.”
She left him there for the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 84.1-2, 4-5, 8-9, 10 (R.4a)

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. **R.**

4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion. **R.**

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness. **R.**

17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right,
the one whom you have made strong for yourself.

18 Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3.1-2, 21-24

We are called children of God; and that is what we are.

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;

22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.

And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son

Alleluia

G O S P E L

Luke 2.41-52

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers,
and they were astonished.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

41 Now every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

44 Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this?

Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

49 He said to them,

"Why were you searching for me?

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

50 But they did not understand what he said to them.

51 Then Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

The gospel of the Lord.