

24TH Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12-13 September 2020

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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:

Secretary

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: Kes Urmelis (Ruth Frangeskakis' brother)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Olive Hawking, Sandra Salter, Mary Meyer, Bill McCormack, Elsie Flynn, Williams Gill, Anns Schobben, Maria Tremonti, Leone English, Roberto Saro and Fantina Pezzimenti

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: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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

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.

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For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 23rd 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 <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?</u> <u>pwd=WnINaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUreIJmQT09</u> 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,

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 - <u>www.holyspiritparish.org.au</u>:

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

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=WnINaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUreIJmQT09

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!



This 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



Dear Friends

In Child Protection Week, our whole nation is invited to 'put children first'. In fact, that is the theme in 2020, which marks thirty years of Child Protection Week in Australia.

Although the Pandemic has changed the way we are all living and working, it doesn't change what is most important. For Christians, the Lord Jesus shows us that at all times, the most vulnerable among us are those requiring our greatest care. In particular, the safety and protection of children is one of our most important priorities.

The Professional Standards Office of our Archdiocese along with our Mission Team have developed some resources to be of help for all in our communities. These are designed to support children and young people's right to be safe and feel safe.

My heart breaks for those who were not cared for and protected in the past. When a child is neglected or abused, the pain and suffering endures throughout their whole life. I am sad and angered that the Church has not always been a place that has put children first. We continue to address the horror of abuse, to walk with those in need, and to build a culture of safety and protection for our most vulnerable. Personally, I will continue to meet with survivors of abuse; listening to them, hearing them and trusting them, and helping our Church be continually converted.

Please pray with me that we put children first always, and protect their safety.

Most Rev Peter A COmensoli Archbishop of Melbourne

THE BLESSING

Thanks to Bill & Maree Buttler, the Blessing project has come to fruition and is now on our website. go to <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZZvvT8xNJWBAMZhMtrQrhw</u> 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

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 <u>https://youtu.be/HE3-c6hWBHM</u>. 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.holvspiritbarish.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 (3)
- 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 loons 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

TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Sirach 27.30 - 28.7

Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.

A reading from the book of Sirach.

30 Anger and wrath, these are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them.

- 1 The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins.
- 2 Forgive your neighbour the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.
- 3 Does anyone harbour anger against an other, and expect healing from the Lord?
- 4 If one has no mercy toward an other like oneself, can one then seek pardon for one's own sins?
- 5 If a mere mortal harbours wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for that one's sins?
- 6 Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments.
- 7 Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour;
- remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (R.8)

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. R.

³ It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. *R*.

9 He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. *R*.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. *R*.

SECOND READING

Romans 14.7-9 Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

My brothers and sisters, 7 we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The word of the Lord.



GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia I give you a new commandment: Iove one another as I have loved you. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 18.21-35

Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

- 21 Peter came and said to Jesus,
- "Lord, a brother or sister sins against me,
- how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him,
- "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.
- 23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
- who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.
- 24 When he began the reckoning,
- one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;
- 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold,
- together with his wife and children and all his possessions,
- and payment to be made.
- 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,
- 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'
- 27 The lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.
- 28 "But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves
- who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said,
- 'Pay what you owe.'
- 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him,
- 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'
- 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.
- 31 "When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed,
- and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.
- 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him,
- 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.
- 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'
- 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.
- 35 "So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you,
- if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The gospel of the Lord.



Reflection.

The theme of the gospel is all about forgiveness and mercy which are basic attitudes that every Christian must put into practice. Apart from the command to love one another there is no obligation which Christ taught more forcefully than of showing forgiveness. In actual fact of everyday life, forgiveness is more often talked about than put into practice because it is difficult and demanding. It takes a great deal out of us. Perhaps within families small incidents get blown out of proportion and rifts develop. It can happen among neighbours and children and can cause unholy battles. In any community differences brought about by thoughtless words, selfish actions and jealousy provoke clashes. As a nation, it can prefer to emphasise old issues rather than reach out the hand of reconciliation.

The great Christian cry of forgiveness which comes from the heart was echoed on the hill of Calvary. What Jesus proclaimed in words from the cross, he had lived out in deeds. The purpose of his life and death was to win forgiveness for all people. What comes through our focus is the measure of the depth of our Christianity. The forgiveness that we offer others is the condition which makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to meaningfully pray the words "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. What is required is limitless forgiving and an ability to overcome faults and to keep on loving. If we are to be true channels of the Lord's grace then Christ must be the standard by which we measure and shape our ways. Be well and healthy. -Fr. Arsenio.



Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends. Conscious that the life and death of each person is precious in the eyes of the Lord, let us place our prayers before God who is kind and merciful and rich in compassion.

We pray for families; that they grow stronger and more resilient in their love and care for one another so that children are raised in safe and nurturing environments.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for our community; that we have the strength to stand in solidarity with victims, the humility to come to terms with the sinful crimes of the past and the patience to stop and listen to children and the vulnerable. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for parents, relatives, mentors, teachers, coaches and other adults; that they may always follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, by treating children and young people with respect and care. **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 those who have died recently, Kes Urmelis and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Olive Hawking, Sandra Salter, Mary Meyer, Bill McCormack, Elsie Flynn, William Gill, Anns Schobben, Maria Tremonti, Leone Engish, Roberto Saro and Fantina Pezzimenti.

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.

