



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11-12 July 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:

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 will be available from the parish web site: www.holyspiritparish.org.au

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.

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: Enzo Angelico

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Molly Mitchell, Afra Bettiol, Ray Steele, Jan Creber, Gerard Kennedy, Kathryn Pilsbury, Michael Plostins, Annette Ali, Maureen Pote and Maisie Hibberson

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

Readings this week: Isaiah 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

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

HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

Envelopes: \$
 Credit Cards: \$
 Direct Debits: \$
TOTAL LAST WEEK: \$

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

Envelopes: \$
 Loose collection: \$
TOTAL: \$

THANK YOU to everyone who supports Holy Spirit Parish financially. PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH HOUSE IF YOUR CREDIT CARD IS LOST/STOLEN OR YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER HAS CHANGED.

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." (Matthew 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

Collection Notice

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

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: ref 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 <<<<

VINNIES COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL

Not only have the people who usually rely on our assistance been disproportionately affected, but there will be many more thousands who have lost their jobs and finding themselves suffering from financial strain and struggling to keep a roof over their heads or even food on the table. Due to very strict numbers at weekend Masses, where we traditionally held the Winter Appeal, we are making the transition to digital as there will be no cash collections. Parishioners wanting to donate can do so by :-

Phone by calling 13 18 12 and nominate North Ringwood Conference or

Online at vinnies.org.au and nominate North Ringwood in the "comments" field.

Donations over \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Winter Appeal

**Vinnies
changes
lives
everyday.**

Show your support and
give to our annual appeal

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

AGM

Please join us on Wednesday 15th July at 7:30pm

Due to the current COVID restrictions this meeting will be held via Zoom.
Parish Groups, Sporting Clubs and School have been sent reports on their activities
and how COVID has affected them.

Please join the meeting using the following information:

Topic: Holy Spirit AGM
Time: Jul 15, 2020 07:30 PM Melbourne
Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706
Password: 2p7ssZ

Reflection.

Jesus compares the word of God, intended to produce fruit in our lives, to seed sowed in the earth by the farmer. The seed of the word of God is first planted in our hearts. If it doesn't get our whole hearted attention in our lives, it withers and dies. Growth in the life of Christ is not always a smooth and straightforward process. The different types of soil can be the varied response we make to his word depending on the twists and turns of life. When we meet with disappointments and setbacks, obstacles may pile up against our good intentions and weakens our choices. Moments like this call for deep faith. No matter what the situation, we have to struggle to believe.

The word of God has a mysterious power to change us. The thorny patch that our lives may be currently experiencing could be Christ's way of calling us to a deeper union with him. Experience tells us we have to work for anything that is worth having. Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness depends on our openness to receive his word. There is good soil in every human heart and given time and effort the Spirit of the living God will put deep roots in our lives assuring us of our salvation.
-Fr. Arsenio.



EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Corona-virus 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)



You're Invited to an Alpha Celebration Evening



A group of people, who have just finished the Alpha course, would like
YOUR company at their Celebration Evening!

You are invited to join via Zoom to hear about their experience of Alpha and watch a
video entitled:

“Is there more to life than this?”

Time & Location

Wednesday 22nd July 2020, 7:45pm - 9:30pm

Via Zoom – link to be sent directly to those who register.

RSVP by July 21st: by email to alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au or sending a text
message to Maryann (0429 876 434) or Kerry (0407 764 302).

If you have not used Zoom before, or would like more information, please call
Maryann (0429 876 434).

Big News - Our web site has moved.

We are now at www.holyspiritparish.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.holyspiritparish.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, here on the next page of this newsletter.

- a) 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.
- b) 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)
- c) The Menu
 1. 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 ;)
 2. "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 "click-in". This means a more manageable interface and better user experience.
 3. Contact Us can now fit 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.
4. 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.
5. "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. [Do we have a new time yet?]
6. Covid 19 Updates. As explained in 3a, this is the most recent two announcements. There's also "Click here for more updates on Covid 19" missing from the graphic to see the rest.
7. Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish. This too is unchanged and our Welcome message to the world.
8. 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!
9. 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.
10. The 8 Icons 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").
11. 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.

winter shelter

JULY 2020 NEWS



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WINTER SHELTER 2020

Hello Winter Shelter Volunteers.

We are fortunate to have over 300 volunteers registered to help in our Winter Shelter program but as you know, this year has been very different and we have not been able to place everyone into volunteering roles. Because of Covid19 we haven't encouraged our senior aged volunteers to come out of home to participate in our rostered "on ground" programs. Instead many of you are cooking or baking at home and this is an enormous help, thank you. Our current programs require volunteers from late afternoons and this also limits some volunteers availability because many are working. Over May and June we distributed more than 1200 meals made by our volunteers and including some donated by RACV and Fairshare. We have been busy!

However, we do still need your help. If you are not already volunteering or would like to do more, here are some ways to help:

- we really need warm socks and underwear for men (new)
- we need toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap
- we would love your home baked slices, biscuits for our Wednesday, Sunday or Mondays (please package individually or in small quantities)
- donations of fresh fruit, and individual small bottles of water for Wednesday, Sunday or Mondays (please deliver them to any of the venues we are distributing meals from - or check with us)
- Volunteers for the Shower program in East Ringwood on Tuesdays 1.00pm-3pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm. It is an easy role and really just means being there with another volunteer to supervise the use of the facility.
- Cooking 8 serves of meals for Wednesday nights (we can pick up)

If you can assist with any of these requests please let us know.

CONTAINERS for VOLUNTEER COOKS

Please let us or your volunteer driver know ASAP, if you need more containers to put your cooked meals into.

YOU CAN ALSO HELP

Ringwood Church of Christ is preparing to start a takeaway lunch program.

They need volunteers. If you are available here are the details:

Ringwood Church of Christ are recommencing a take away soup lunch on Thursdays from July 16 as part of our Nourish program – Physically Distant but Socially Connected. As with many of our voluntary programs among our churches, many of our team are in the at risk groups and unable to help for the time being. We would welcome additional soup makers – this can be on the day in our kitchen, at home and delivered or frozen and delivered on Wednesdays between 10am and 12 noon.

Contact Andrea Salmon on: 0408 795 014 if you would like further information.

Please Note - Flu injections - see flyer

Community immunisation program will conduct two upcoming open days to administer FREE flu-shots to vulnerable people in the community this includes ALL Winter Shelter volunteers providing care to homeless people - even if you haven't been actively involved this year, you are invited to get a flu shot.

Thank you everyone,

Gitta & Beth

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103 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55.10-11

The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

- 10 "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65.9abcd, 9e-10, 11-12, 13 (R. Lk 8.8)

R. Your word, O Lord, brings forth life.++

or: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

- 9 You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain. **R.**
For so you have prepared the earth:
10 you water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges, softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth. **R.**
11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your pathways overflow with richness.
12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy. **R.**
13 The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.18-23

Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing with the glory
about to be revealed to us.
19 For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God;
20 for the creation was subjected to futility,
not of its own will
but by the will of the one who subjected it,
21 in hope that the creation itself
will be set free from its bondage to decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
22 We know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23 and not only the creation,
but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 8.11

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

And he told them many things in parables.

“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Let anyone with ears listen!”

Then the disciples came and asked Jesus, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”

He answered,

“To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance;

but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

“The reason I speak to them in parables is that ‘seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.’

With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

‘You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing,

and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes,

and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn - and I would heal them.’

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower.

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it,

the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word

and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root,

but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises

on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word,

but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word,

and it yields nothing.

“But as for what was sown on good soil,

this is the one who hears the word and understands it,

who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold,

in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends. On this Sunday when the Church looks at its Golden Harvest, let us remember to spread hope, joy, understanding and Good News with great generosity so that all may experience the compassionate mercy of God.

God of all creation, we ask that you look kindly on your RCIA servants Andrew and Sam. Make them strong in spirit, joyful in hope and always ready to serve in your name. Lead them Lord, to the baptism of new birth, so that living a fruitful life in the company of your people, they may receive the eternal reward that you promise.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for a greater love for the Word of God; that we may find quiet in our lives to allow the Word of God to challenge us and help us to bear abundant fruit.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for the grace to share our faith through stories; that we may offer others the joy of coming to know God's love through sharing the story of our journey with God.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for strength and patience; that God will sustain us and guide us through the sufferings and yearnings that we face each day and empower us to live in the freedom of God's children.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for leaders of government and business; that the seeds of justice will bear fruit in their hearts and ours so that all people can find ways to meet their basic needs.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Molly Mitchell, Afra Bettiol, Ray Steele, Jan Creber, Gerard Kennedy, Kathryn Pilsbury, Michael Plostins, Annette Ali, Maureen Pote and Maisie Hibberson.

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

