



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 29-30 August 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 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: Tom Boal, Keith Shepherd, Paul Camilleri, Maria Frazzetto, Joe Borg, Therese McCarthy, Robert Weir, Shirley Bell, Ray Kelsey, Mick Callaghan, Valentina Negrin, Guido Favretto and Paolo Uliana

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: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26)

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Parish Zoom Chat with Fr Arsenio

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 9th 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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?pwd=WnlNaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUrelJmQT09)

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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 most parishioners 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 Extra

Spirit Extra nine is now available on the website.

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



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 <<<<

Collection Notice

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

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

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – *The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries, spiritual formation, and various positions of leadership such as priests and ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. Fee-Help may be available. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.*



Standing together 30th August 2pm Sunday

Gather with Christians from across the State as we uphold our Nation, our State and its citizens during this pandemic.

Christian leaders from across the breadth of the Church have felt a need to stand together to uphold our State, our government, our front line health workers, our communities and one another as we work our way through this time of restrictions and uncertainty.

The gathering is virtual and will be screened on Youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJUWPLY-otYVinUhepFIIQ>



This event is a collaboration of many Churches and Christian leaders from across Victoria.

The Victorian Council of Churches has enabled this event to happen.

On the eve of Spring, an invitation from the churches of Victoria
to be a light in the darkness.

Light in the Darkness

Time Out for a Suffering World

Monday
31 August 2020
7.00pm

As the last light of the last day of winter fades, stand in your front garden and spend some time in silence, perhaps light a candle, to remember all those who have lost their lives to the Coronavirus or to violence. Then, as the first night of spring begins, look to the future with prayer and hope. Let us move from the cold and the dark into warmth and light together.



Victorian
Council of Churches



**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE**



24 Aug 2020

Dear Winter Shelter Partner Church,

2020 has been a year unlike any other. We are sure that you have had to adapt to changing circumstances, we trust that you have seen God move and work amongst your church community in ways that you did not expect.

I am writing to you, your ministers, leadership and broader church community to thank you for the support, prayers and volunteers that have been part of the Winter Shelter ministry in 2020.

In March this year, the Winter Shelter team met to discuss the upcoming season of the Winter Shelter ministry and how Covid-19 would impact it. Early on we determined that for the safety of the guests, volunteers and church communities we would not be able to run the program as we had in previous years. Our team immediately began to explore how we could serve the most vulnerable in our local community. Through a mix of creativity, determination, and love, coupled with our wonderful volunteers and partnerships with Maroondah Council and Wesley-Uniting we decided to serve through a mix of food and providing shower facilities.

In July, the Winter Shelter team distributed nearly 1500 meals for individuals and families in need!

We want to express our team's appreciation for the support of your church, leadership and volunteers. Without these partnerships we would not be able to accomplish all we have. We have also built fruitful relationships with Vive café, ADRA and the RACV Country club that we are incredibly grateful for.

In 2020, the Winter Shelter program has been financially supported by a mix of grants, individual donors, and the surplus we have built from previous years. We did not deem it necessary to call on local churches for financial support during this trying season and are thankful for God's provision for all our needs.

I would finally like to acknowledge our program co-ordinator Gitta Clayton; her selfless leadership, generous heart and organisations skills give great direction to our team. Our team of volunteers have been incredible under trying circumstance, from Beth co-ordinating the massive administrative task behind the scenes, cooks working hard over a hot stoves in homes, drivers delivering and helpers serving at the Vive café and people helping at the shower block. Each person serving has helped to make a difference in Maroondah,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev Andrew Harris on behalf of the Winter Shelter Executive

Our Parish Website 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 (next page).

1. 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.
2. 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)
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 "click-in". This means a more manageable interface and better user experience.
 - c. 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.
6. 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".
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! (Click "More Reflections..." to previous ones).
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. At Today's Readings you can find today's Bible readings courtesy of Melbourne Catholic (Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne).
11. 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").
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.

Online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom (Wed 15/07 7:30 p.m.) <<< last updated Friday 02 July, 10:45 a.m....

Register for our weekly Parish News email by clicking here: RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au

Following is a log of announcements that have been made since our look down journey.

More specific online resources can be found [here](#).

2020 07 11 Parish AGM, Winter Shelter Update

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

Topic: Holy Spirit AGM

Time: Wednesday, July 15th, 2020 07:30 PM
Zoom details: Please book via the Parish House

Winter Shelter Update

Refer the [WS Newsletter July 2020.pdf](#)

[Read more](#)

2020 07 10 Fr. Arsenio update re. Stage 3 Lockdown and cessation of services

My dear friends in Christ,

We are just returning to our normal ways and who would have thought we find ourselves back again to stage 3 lockdown. Premier Dan Andrews' announcement of at least 6 weeks lockdown was distressing and disappointing for us all. This affects everyone in many different ways. As far as parish life is concerned, this means unfortunately no more Masses. Churches and chapels are to be closed for weeks ahead but limited sacraments are allowed with 10 people for funerals and 5 people for weddings.

We may find this pandemic era as the worst of times but is indeed the best of times to show our sense of personal discipline and our willingness to show our spirit of solidarity and resilience. We have a faith that unceasingly prays and we absolutely trust, with Jesus in our midst, that we will overcome this together and move forward to a better life ahead of us all. Stay safe and God bless us all!

Er Arsenio

[Click here for more updates on Covid 19](#)

Welcome to our Parish Website. This parish is situated at Ringwood North in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

The 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

We aim to make our parish a missionary parish based on the five pillars of Church life - Worship, Evangelization, Discipleship, Community and Ministry. To actualise this dream we are currently working on Divine Renovation based on Alpha.

Since its inception in 1972, Holy Spirit Parish has moved through many stages of development and today continues to strive to be a vibrant community of faith within the Archdiocese. The number of people involved in the sacramental and outreach programmes helps us to bear witness to Christ in our day today life.

We invite you to become part of Holy Spirit parish family by worshipping at Holy Mass, participating in our many activities and service opportunities, and giving your time and talent. Please feel free to come and visit us or contact the parish office if you require further assistance.

Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness

Saturday 11th July 2020



Reaping the rich harvest of God's goodness









Jesus compares the word of God, intended to produce fruit in our lives, to seed sown 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

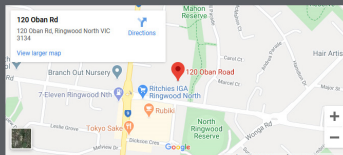
good intentions and weakens our choices. Moments like this call for deep faith. No matter what the situation we have to struggle to believe.

[Read more](#)

[More Reflections](#)

Today's readings are provided by Melbourne Catholic, a publication of the Communications Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

			
Parish Calendar	Newsletter - Weekly	Magazine - Quarterly	Spirit Extra!
			
Parish Groups	Parish Directory	Links	Next Alpha



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The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

124 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20.7-9

The word of the Lord has become for me reproach and derision all day long.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord:

7 “O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

9 “If I say, ‘I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,’
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (R.1a)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1 O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **R.**

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you. **R.**

4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**

7 For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. **R.**



SECOND READING

Romans 12.1-2
Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God—
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia

Ephesians 1:17-18

GOSPEL

Matthew 16.21-27

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus sternly warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes,
and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

22 And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying,
“God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”

23 But he turned and said to Peter,
“Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me;
for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

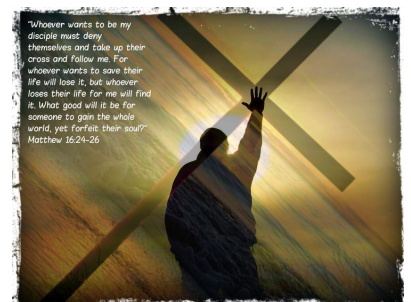
24 Then Jesus told his disciples,
“If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

25 For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?
Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels
in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.”

The gospel of the Lord.

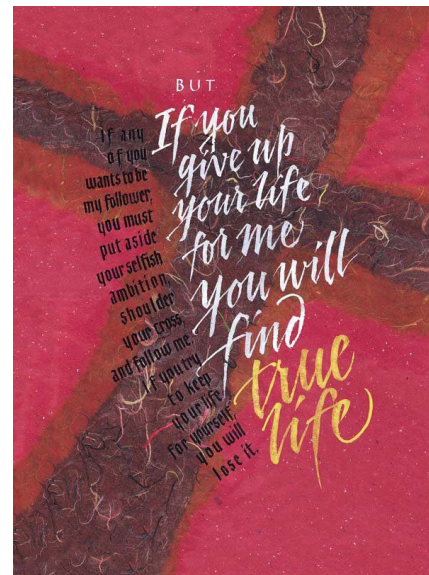


Reflection.

Peter found it difficult to accept that the mission of Jesus would end with the cross and crucifixion. He did not see why pain and suffering were necessary for discipleship. He was against the idea that such should take place. He thought that being part of the kingdom was a matter of success. He had yet to learn that the standards of Christ were not those of power and privilege. The outcome was a reprimand from Jesus who cautioned him against embracing the standards of the world.

If we look on our earthly pilgrimage, the road is never a straight one and suffering is a reality of human life, with trials and tribulations. We have all experienced our share of hardship in the form of sickness, loss of job, or death in the family. When things go wrong and pain comes our way we cry out and protest in rebellion. It's a natural tendency to escape from trouble but running away can never bring joy, as if to pretend that it does not exist. Christ tells us that discipleship involves denying ourselves, taking up the cross in trust and with confidence following his footsteps. It's a hard teaching but the measure of greatness in the kingdom of heaven is the standard of the cross. Let us reflect on our own commitment to Christ because it's easy to lose sight of our final goal in life. Our hearts are tempted to seek comfort in this world and to avoid hardship. God bless us all.

Stay well and safe. -Fr. Arsenio.



Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends. Let us bring to God our prayers and petitions; those we speak publicly and those that remain in the silence of our hearts.

We pray for the grace to bear the cross; that we may embrace the way of Christ even as we experience opposition, ridicule and rejection.

LORD HEAR US

For those who struggle with their own burdens; that through our prayers and help, they will come to know that the Lord is in their midst.

LORD HEAR US

For those who are witness to the Gospel, particularly in the face of adversity; that they will be strengthened by the consolation of the truth.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for a growth in Faith; that we may give up our desire for control, comfort, stability and approval and entrust all to God who journeys with us each moment of our life.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Tom Boal, Keith Shepherd, Paul Camilleri, Maria Frazzetto, Joe Borg, Therese McCarthy, Robert Weir, Shirley Bell, Ray Kelsey, Mick Callaghan, Valentina Negrin, Guide Favretto and Paolo Uliana.

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.

