



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**The Ascension of the Lord, 15-16 May 2021**

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## CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY

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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS, SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING. PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.**

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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter)

Recorded Masses available at: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources](http://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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

THE Parish Office will be attended most days and the staff continue to monitor the phone, mail and emails regularly.

Please ring the regular parish phone numbers (9876 3077 or 9876 3717) to speak to staff. If the office is unattended at the time, please leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Email: [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

### **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Mary Nix, Marita Hayes, Colleen Grasby, Kathy Meggs, Joan Parle, Luisa Bettiol, Secundo Bettiol, Tom de Vos, Charles Pellegrino, Maureen McGuirk, Placido Soligo, Peter Parkes, Leo Brophy and Gino Volombello

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

**Readings this week:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mark 16:15-20

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)

## A NOTE FROM FR ARSENIO

My dear Holy Spirit Community,

I would like to thank you for your patience in complying the Covid regulations set by DHHS and the Archdiocese on the temporary changes to our mass.

The most recent updates from the Archdiocesan office now are: we must now use the Government QR Code for contact tracing and that all venues must comply by 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021. We hope to have 2 Covid marshals at each mass to check in and assist people with checking in as this is a requirement. If you are able to help with this please contact Jacinta / Jenny / Ruth on 0434 224 483 or email your details to [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

The guidelines on mass gatherings are:

Religious gatherings can be held indoors or outdoors. Venues must apply the 1 person per two square metres rule to ensure people have enough room to maintain 1.5mt distance between them. Please do not move the chairs. Our maximum capacity with density quotients is (120).

The 5pm Sunday mass will re-start this weekend 16<sup>th</sup> May. 5pm mass will be celebrated each Sunday here at Holy Spirit, hopefully this will enable more parishioners to return to mass.

Sincerely,

Fr Arsenio

### QR Codes

We now have a new QR code from Services Victoria. This should work on any device and will hopefully make your check in process easier!

To comply with COVID regulations, anyone attending mass will need to use the QR code for electronic contact tracing purposes.

You will need to bring your mobile phone 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 marshals on duty to assist. For your convenience and to relieve congestion at the entrance, the code has been stuck to the back of each seat in the church. Please arrive early to ensure you are seated and registered well before Fr Arsenio is ready to commence Mass.

### Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://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

### Collection Notice

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

| <u><b>EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 17th– 24th May 2021</b></u> |   |
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| <b>MONDAY</b>   | 5.30-6.30 pm High Spirits, Holy Spirit Church   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>  | 9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel<br>8.00-9.30 Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  | 9.15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel<br>7.00pm Rosary Group, Holy Spirit Chapel  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>   | 6.00-6.45 pm Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel<br>8:00-9:00pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>   | 9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel<br>7.00 pm Confirmation Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>   | 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>   | <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> —please wear something red<br>9.00am Mass, Holy Spirit Church<br>5.00pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church<br>7.15-9.00 pm Alpha via Zoom |

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](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)  
Thank you.

## 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.

**Tuesday Meditation** Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. Numbers are limited, so please register with Len on 0401 519 727.

**Charismatic Prayer Group** Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Numbers are limited, so please register with Jacek or Ann to join in for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. Enquiries: Jacek 9870 7625 Ann 0437 127 326

## Holy Hour of Adoration/ Rosary - Wednesday Nights 7-8pm in the Chapel.

*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.*  
Please contact Ambrose: [ambrose\\_cornelio@hotmail.com](mailto:ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com) for details.

A centring prayer session will be held weekly in the Parish Chapel from 6:00 pm -6.30 pm. Sessions will be on Thursdays. Enquiries—please contact Kathy 0425852208

## Double Celebration!! Pentecost Sunday along with our Parish Feast Day 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Pentecost - known as the birthday of the Church. It is the day when Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to be with the disciples, just as he said he would. When the disciples started speaking in different languages, they told all the people about Jesus and over 3000 people were baptised that day!  
Pentecost was known as the start, or the birth, of the Church.

On Pentecost Sunday you will see Fr wear Red vestments as this is the colour of the Holy Spirit we would encourage you to wear something red on 23<sup>rd</sup> we would also like you to join us after each mass for coffee and cake to celebrate.

There are several Feasts of the Church wherein a “sequence” hymn may be sung.

**Most Sequence Hymns were written in the Middle ages and were sung just before the Gospel as the clergy processed to the place of Gospel.** Sometimes, in larger churches, the Gospel was chanted mid-way down the nave so it could be heard, and these hymns, for special feasts helped fill the time of that procession.

**Veni Sancte Spiritus**", sometimes called the **Golden Sequence**, is a [sequence](#) prescribed in the Roman Liturgy for the [Masses](#) of [Pentecost](#). It is usually attributed to either the thirteenth-century [Pope Innocent III](#) or to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal [Stephen Langton](#), although it has been attributed to others as well. "Veni Sancte Spiritus" is one of only four medieval Sequences which were preserved in the [Roman Missal](#) published in 1570 following the [Council of Trent](#) (1545–63). Before Trent many feasts had their own sequences. It is widely regarded as one of the masterpieces of sacred Latin poetry. It was obviously written by one who had experienced many sorrows but also consolations in those sorrows. The rhyme in this hymn is quite rich and complex. Lines 1 & 2 always rhyme and the third line of every verse ends in “ium”.

## 2021 Winter Shelter

We need MORE Volunteers!

In 2018 and 2019 we had 300+ volunteers. This year we only have 160 registered. Can you help us give a homeless person a meal and a bed for the night during Winter? Winter Shelter won the Maroondah Community Event of the Year in 2020. Let's make it even better this year.

To make our program a success as it has been in previous years, we need at least this many more volunteers: otherwise we will not be able to start on 1 June or at all:

Overnight 10pm-7am, 56 more for every night of the week, so that the shift can be split and is done fortnightly (we only have 8 so far)

Evening 5.30pm-10pm could be split to 5.30pm-10pm need 40 more for every night of the week, fortnightly. Some can go home by 8pm.

Am shift 7am-9am, we need 30 more for each morning of the week.

If you intend to volunteer and have yet not filled in the online application, please do it now. Previous volunteers need to also apply.

<https://wintershelter.fluro.io/>

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## Winter Shelter

We are excited to be getting closer to the kick off of Winter Shelter for this year and looking for a few more volunteers please.

In particular we are looking for:

- Overnight shift members (10pm to 7am) – you will be rostered on with two others, it is a great time to study or do other quiet activities (get through some of the reading or watching you've been looking forward to!))
- Morning shift members (7am to 9am) – morning shift members prepare and clean up after breakfast and help our guests get out the door in the morning. Then clean up the hall ready for mass in the evening.

If you are interested in helping out please register at <https://wintershelter.fluro.io>

If you would like to help out, but Fridays don't work for you, the churches hosting the other nights are also looking for more volunteers and would love to have you – just register at the link above.

Many thanks to everyone who has already signed up! Looking forward to working with you all.



## Volunteers Needed

Winter Shelter will be running each night from  
1 June 2021 to September 15th 2021

To register as a volunteer, fill out an application form  
on the website  
[www.wintershelter.org.au](http://www.wintershelter.org.au)

### Information Night

Thursday 22nd April, 7.00pm  
Nth Ringwood Uniting Church  
14 Dickson Crescent, Nth Ringwood

### Training Night Options

Thursday 6th May, 7pm  
Nth Ringwood Uniting Church  
14 Dickson Crescent, Nth Ringwood

OR

Tuesday 25th May, 7pm  
Nth Ringwood Uniting Church  
14 Dickson Crescent, Nth Ringwood

**Attending a training day is a requirement for all volunteers.**



Find us on Facebook or head to the Winter Shelter website  
for more information

Gitta Clayton  
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### Thank You!

A special thank you to Kerry O'Leary and Mary Yeo for preparing and serving the delicious meal for the Maroondah Fellowship of Churches gathering on Thursday night. Everyone was grateful for the warm soup on such a cold and miserable night!



### CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community, by providing pastoral and spiritual support. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued support to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death.

You can donate using the appeal envelopes, giving at the leaving collection or online at [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au)

**Maroondah Catenian Invitation:**

Come and join other Catholic men and women from nearby parishes for dinner and an evening of fellowship at a local restaurant with function room privacy on 19th May 7.45pm onwards. Please confirm attendance with John Klein 0432 553933 or Andrew Ruigrok on 0487 138140 for all details.

Our guest speaker on the night will be **Barry Kearney - Founder with his wife Jenny of "Open Doors Counselling & Educational Services"**.

On the night he will be speaking specifically on **"Prison Fellowship Victoria"** - Visiting prisoners in maximum security Port Phillip Prison.

Join us for dinner at 7.45pm with our speaker following dinner.

**A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE - Saturday 5th June @ 7:30pm**

**George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Yarra Valley Grammar School, Kalinda Road, Ringwood**

The Salvation Army Melbourne Staff Band presents a great night of music with Marina Prior and Michael Cormick

Songs from Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Guys & Doll and more!

Tickets available online via [www.msb.salvationarmy.org.au](http://www.msb.salvationarmy.org.au)

Adults \$30 / Concession \$25

**This week on the Journey (Ep 406)**

On the Journey this week: Fr Daniel McCaughan says the Ascension is a day of farewell but also great hope, changing Jesus' relationship with humanity from one with a few friends to an opportunity for all to have a personal relationship with him in any time or age. Mother Hilda discovers God's glory in the every-day events of life like washing windows. A Faith Testimony from Suzanne Madden and how an invite to join a parish Alpha group led to a transforming experience of who Jesus is in her life. And Michele Vass observes nature's resurrection; the forming, reforming & rising to new life in our midst but often un-noticed by us. Plus, more great music!

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**Ascension of Our Lord**

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.



### **Prayers of Intercession**

*The Lord has fed us for our journey and so we seek him confidently with our prayers.*

For our Church leaders; that as imitators of God they may inspire us to be kind and tender hearted to one another. In faith we pray:

**LORD HEAR US**

For our Parish community; that we may see and understand where God is already at work and carefully nourish the new life that this engenders. In faith we pray:

**LORD HEAR US**

For the work of CatholicCare's pastoral care team, chaplains and volunteers in providing compassion and care. In faith we pray:

**LORD HEAR US**

For young people in custody overcome with fear and isolation; that they will find the people they need to accompany them on their journey. In faith we pray:

**LORD HEAR US**

For those individuals and families facing severe upheavals; that they may experience God's embrace of mercy and peace. In faith we pray:

**LORD HEAR US**

For our children who are preparing to be Confirmed soon; that they will continue to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus and be filled with inspiration by the Holy Spirit. In faith we pray:

**LORD HEAR US**

Heavenly Father, let us all pray for our Catechumen Deborah, and her family, as she continually moves forward on her RCIA journey. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit draw her nearer to Christ and show her the wonderful gifts and way of life He has for her. In faith we pray:

**LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Mary Nix, Marita Hayes, Colleen Grasby, Kathy Meggs, Joan Parle, Luisa Bettiol, Secundo Bettiol, Tom de Vos, Charles Pellegrino, Maureen McGuirk, Placido Soligo, Peter Parkes, Leo Brophy and Gino Volombello. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. In faith we pray:

**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

Acts 1.1-11

*As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

1 In the first book, Theophilus,  
I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning  
2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven,  
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit  
to the apostles whom he had chosen.  
3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them  
by many convincing proofs,  
appearing to them during forty days  
and speaking about the kingdom of God.  
4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem,  
but to wait there for the promise of the Father.  
“This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me;  
5 for John baptized with water,  
but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”  
6 So when they had come together, they asked him,  
“Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”  
7 He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods  
that the Father has set by his own authority.  
8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”  
9 When he had said this, as they were watching,  
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.  
10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,  
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.  
11 They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?  
This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,  
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8 (R.5a)

**R.** God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
2 For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth. **R.**  
  
5 God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises. **R.**  
  
7 For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.  
8 God is king over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13

*We build up the body of Christ, until we come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

1 I, the prisoner in the Lord,  
beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,  
2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience,  
bearing with one another in love,  
3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
4 There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.  
7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.  
11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles,  
some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,  
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry,  
for building up the body of Christ,  
13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith  
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew

28.19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia

## GOSPEL

Mark 16.15-20

*The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven  
and sat down at the right hand of God.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

15 Jesus appeared to the eleven, and he said to them,  
"Go into all the world  
and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.  
16 The one who believes and is baptized will be saved;  
but the one who does not believe will be condemned.  
17 And these signs will accompany those who believe:  
by using my name they will cast out demons;  
they will speak in new tongues;  
18 they will pick up snakes in their hands,  
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them;  
they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."  
19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them,  
was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.  
20 And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere,  
while the Lord worked with them  
and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

The gospel of the Lord.