



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

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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, WE CAN NOW CELEBRATE MASS UNDER VERY STRICT GUIDELINES. 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

Recorded Masses available at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au

THE Parish Office remains 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: Ann Hookey, Flo West, Antoniette Di Cosmo, June & Leo Taffe, Jack Coffey, Jack Meagher, Vincent Ryan, Terry Maher, Murray Bouchier, Vincenzo Lo Bianco, Natasha Reid, Marie Brown, Joan Baxter, Antonio Menegol and Gerry Hill

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

Readings this week: Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5,15-16; 21.1-7; Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2.22-40

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

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners

With the much welcomed news that we are now able to offer larger numbers at weekend parish masses, you can now book online via TryBooking, or on arrival use the QR code to register for contact tracing. Please bring your mobile phone!

For bookings please follow the information below:

ALL WEEKEND MASSES UNTIL 31 JANUARY ARE NOW OPEN FOR BOOKING.

The bookings close for each weekend on the Friday preceding the weekend at 12 noon.

The link for Saturday evening Mass is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKHB>

The link for Sunday morning Mass is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKHK>

Alternatively, go to the parish website:

<https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Mass-Times/Weekly-Services> Should you have any questions please email the parish at ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au and we will respond to you.

WEEKDAY MASS BOOKINGS:

Our week day masses will resume in the Chapel on Friday 22 January 2021 at 9:30am.

The trybooking link for weekday Masses in 2021 is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNPRE> .

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

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

The restrictions are as follows:

- You must carry a face mask at all times.
- Sanitize your hands on arrival.

The chairs are not to be moved from the pre marked space.

Fr Arsenio will give instructions on receiving Holy Communion during the Fraction Rite.

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



The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

DECEMBER EDITION NOW AVAILABLE!

The December edition of the Spirit Magazine is now available on the parish website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

This is Helen Konynenburg's "swan song" as editor of the magazine. The parish community is greatly indebted to Helen for her many hours of dedication to this wonderful publication.

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.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in bringing our Christmas Celebrations to fruition. Nothing could have been achieved without all those who volunteered to help and those who joined the Celebrations. In particular, thank you to Fr Arsenio and Fr John Dupuche.

Arrangements in January.

Please note: the office will be **closed** between Christmas and New Year. Emergency calls can be made to the parish mobile number **0434 224 483**. It will be checked for messages daily and any urgent matters will be dealt with.

Fr Arsenio will be taking a short break during January. He will celebrate the weekend Masses as usual, but is not available during the week.

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. 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**

Daily Mass Books 2021 are available for \$25. Please email Jenny: jenny.philp@cam.org.au if you would like to get a copy.

PARISH LETTER & DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Thank you.

Holy Spirit 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

Holy Hour of Adoration/ Rosary - Wednesday Nights

There will be no Holy Hour of Adoration in the chapel on Wednesday Nights until the end of January 2021.

Collection Notice

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

FIRST READING

Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5,15-16; 21.1-7++

Your very own issue shall be your heir.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹ The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."
² But Abram said,
"O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"
³ And Abram said,
"You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."
⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him,
"This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."
⁵ The Lord brought Abraham outside and said,
"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them."
Then he said to him,
"So shall your descendants be."
⁶ And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
³ God said to him,
⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations."
¹⁵ God said to Abraham,
"As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.
¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her.
I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."
¹ The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised.
² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.
³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.
⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
⁶ Now Sarah said,
"God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me."
⁷ And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 105.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (R. 7a+8a)

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. **R.**
³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. **R.**
⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. **R.**
He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19
The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

11 By faith Sarah herself, though barren, received power to conceive, even when she was too old, because she considered God, who had made the promise, to be faithful.

12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

17 By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac.

He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son,

18 of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.”

19 Abraham considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, Alleluia

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now God speaks to us through the Son.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 2.22, 25-27, 34-35, 39-40++

The child grew, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

34 Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary,

“This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

39 When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

The gospel of the Lord.



Prayers of Intercession

We now pray to our loving and compassionate Father for our own needs and those of the whole world.

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

LORD HEAR US.

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

LORD HEAR US.

For those in relationships undergoing crisis. Help them to work together to provide harmony for themselves and their family.

LORD HEAR US.

We pray for families who lack the basic necessities of life; that their needs may not go unheeded.

LORD HEAR US.

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

LORD HEAR US.

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

Ann Hookey, Flo West, Antoniette Di Cosmo, June & Leo Taffe, Jack Coffey, Jack Meagher, Vincent Ryan, Terry Maher, Murray Bouchier, Vincenzo Lo Bianco, Natasha Reid, Marie Brown, Joan Baxter, Antonio Menegol and Gerry Hill. 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

