

Third Sunday of Advent 11-12 December 2021



God of our waiting, We light this candle to remind us that Mary accepted your invitation to be the mother of God. We pray that you may deepen our spirit of joy so that we may carry the light of hope into the dark places of our world.

An invitation into an Advent of peace, prayer, hope and gladness

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and it always has a theme of looking towards the future coming of Christ at the end times. In what ways are you preparing a way for the Lord to come into your life?



Use the Advent Wreath as a focus for prayer. Pray for all those who need to hear the word of God in their lives. This week, find ways to be 'good news' to others, especially those who are sick, alienated or marginalized.

A Joyful Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete Sunday*. The word "*gaudete*" is derived from the Latin words "*gaudium*," joy, and "*gaudeo*," to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

Gaudete is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

3rd Sunday of Advent – Luke 3:10-18

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REFLECTION: Through John the Baptist's preaching, Luke is showing the community how to deal with possessions and power. It is a reflection on Christian values – share with others, do not extort money from others, it is foolish to horde wealth.

What does this mean for us in our time? not to be greedy, to be in right relationship with others, to share with others; Preach the gospel and be creative.



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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 UNDER STRICT GUIDELINES. Please see following page 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: <u>www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources</u> Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website: <u>www.holyspiritparish.org.au</u>

PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395 Please contact us if you have any enquiries Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST- RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: John Fraraccio, Lesley Linnell, Eduardo Garcia, Barbara Carach, Peter Konynenburg, Bernie O'Callaghan, Pat Cahill, Wilhelmina Dykstra and Peter Marangos.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Kerry O'Leary, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Enio Bordignon,

Readings this week: Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke:1-6

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

PARISH OF ST GERARD AND ST ANNE

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Tuesday & Wednesday Thursday & Friday

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PHONE NUMBER Please note we have transitioned to the NBN phone number of 70369395 permanently. Please delete the old numbers from your phone directories. They are now disconnected. Dear Parishioners,

As we emerge from lockdown, we are pleased to be able to join together to celebrate Mass again. Weekend Masses will be celebrated on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9am for fully vaccinated parishioners. <u>QR check in and proof of vaccination will be required.</u> NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Sunday Mass for those with unknown vaccination status will be celebrated at 5pm each Sunday. <u>Maximum capacity is 50</u>. NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Weekday Mass celebrated Wednesday & Friday mornings at 9:15am in the Chapel. THE WEDNESDAY 9:15 MASS WILL BE FOR FULLY VACCINATED ONLY. FRIDAY MORNING MASS WIL CONTINUE TO BE A "VACCINATION STATUS UNKNOWN" MASS, Max 15. You will still need to book for Friday Mass by ringing the Parish Office. 70369395

The chapel will remain open on Wednesday and Friday mornings after Mass has been celebrated for Private Worship.

You will need to bring your mobile phone to all masses 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 COVID Marshals on duty to assist.

Please arrive early to ensure you register and are seated well before Father is ready to commence Mass.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated under 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 show proof of vaccination at "Fully Vaccinated" Masses
- Masks must be carried.
- Sanitize your hands on arrival.
- Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.

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

For those who might like to read the Archdiocesan Guidelines for parishes, they can be found on the CAM website: melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines

COMBINED PARISHES PENITENTIAL SERVICE & INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION Tuesday 21st December, St Anne's Church Park Orchards ALL WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO COME!





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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 13th-19th December 2021

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Chapel (VACCINATION STATUS UNKNOWN) 7.00 pm Grade 6 Graduation Mass, Holy Spirit Church 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Chapel (VACCINATION STATUS UNKNOWN)
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (FULLY VACCINATED) 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom SCHOOL FINISHES FOR THE YEAR
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church (FULLY VACCINATED)
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (VACCINATION STATUS UNKNOWN)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church (FULLY VACCINATED)
SUNDAY	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church (FULLY VACCINATED) 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church (VACCINATION STATUS UNKNOWN)

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th-19th December 2021 Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

COVID Marshalls: 6.00 pm: Maureer	9.00 am: Ruth & Linda Parlee			
Mass Coordinators:				
6.00 pm: Mary Ryan	9.00 am: Bill Lanigan	5.00 pm: Volunteer please		
Lectors:				
6.00 pm: Judy Barber	9.00 am: Maryann Street	5.00 pm: Volunteer please		
Welcomers:				
6.00 pm: Shirley Graham				
9.00 am: Sally Weekes and Nola Ryan				
5.00 pm: Volunteers please				
Tea & Coffee:6.00 pm:Volunteers9.00 am:Edna Danelutti and Anna Fantin				

As we resume our "Covid normal" celebration of Mass, we will be returning to most of our usual practices. Everything we do must be in accordance with the DHHS guidelines, so there will be some changes to the way we operate!

We are required by the State Health Department and the Archdiocese to provide <u>Covid Marshals at all parish</u> <u>masses and events in order for them to take place</u>. If we there is no Covid Marshal, the event cannot proceed. If you are able to assist with being a Covid Marshal please call the parish office urgently on 7036 9395. We also need volunteers for all roles for the 5pm Sunday Mass.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ruth: <u>ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au</u> or Jenny: <u>jenny.philp@cam.org.</u>au Phone: 70369395

Holy Spirit Web Site - <u>www.holyspiritparish.org.au</u>:

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

Daily Mass Books 2022 are available for **\$**25. Please contact Jenny: 70369395 jenny.philp@cam.org.au if you would like to get a copy.

Collection Notice

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

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.



PARISH 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: <u>Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au</u> Thank you.

A few moments of silence

Last week Father Arsenio reminded us that we begin the Church's new year today, the First Sunday of Advent. And as a way of marking that new year, we shall be asking you to take a moment of personal reflection after each of the 2 readings before the Gospel. This silence is for each of us to reflect on what God is inviting us to in the reading, and how we might want to respond. So, after the First and Second Reading, the reader will pause for about 20 seconds before continuing.

Christmas volunteers needed!

To prepare for our Christmas Masses, we need volunteers for various roles. Christmas Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve: 5pm (Fully Vaccinated); 7:30pm (Fully Vaccinated) and 10:30pm (Fully Vaccinated). There will be Carol singing from 10pm on

Christmas Eve. Masses on Christmas Day will be celebrated at 9am (Fully Vaccinated) and 11am (Vaccination Status Unknown with a maximum of 50). As always, we are looking for people to assist with roles in the Masses, however, we also need volunteers to help with setting up the church. In particular, we need help on Sunday 12th December after 9am Mass to erect the Nativity Scene, and Sunday 19th December to set up extra chairs.

If you can help with anything, please add your name to the sign up sheets.

Thank you, the Liturgy Team.



St. Vincent de Paul Society Last Sunday (December 5) we delivered approx..75 Christmas Hampers, food vouchers and children's gifts. Sincere thanks to the Holy Spirit community for providing your very generous goods.

On the Journey this week:

Fr Patrick Vaughan's Gospel reflection. Mother Hilda on curing an arthritic heart, Sharon Brewer on her journey into the spirit of Advent and Christmas discovers the clues to answer the question put to John the Baptist; what must we do? Michelle Vass takes us into the spiritual world of brother fire. Plus, Fr Dave Callaghan and Trish McCarthy, and more great Advent music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Tuesday 14th December a Luncheon is being organised for the Ladies of the Parish at Club Ringwood 523-535 Maroondah Hwy. Ringwood. If you are available on this day and would like to attend please contact Maureen Taffe by email: <u>maureentaffe@hotmail.com</u> or by text, mobile: 0422508637

MENS COFFEE MORNING

If there are any men out there who would like to meet up for a coffee on a Thursday morning every fortnight at 10am held at" Food For All Seasons" 254 Yarra St, Warrandyte please contact Terry Taffe by text on mobile 0418679760.

As we all have our freedom now our Zoom chats will no longer continue.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm 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.

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. Numbers are limited, so please register with Len on 0401 519 727. Last session for 2021 will be Tuesday 14th December. We will resume in February 2022Please note: this is a "Vaccination Status Unknown" session. Maximum allowed in the Chapel is 15.

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 Please note: this is a "Vaccination Status Unknown" session. Maximum allowed in the Chapel is 15.



Holy Spirit Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration 27th March 2022 – Spread the Word

Our parish – our community - will be fifty years old next year 2022. We are planning a celebration on Sunday 27 March 2022. We want this to be a wonderful, joyous coming together of all those who are, or have been a part of this wonderful community.

For now, we would like you to spread the word about this upcoming event when you catch up with old friends or past parishioners during this festive season. Also, let them know that we will be seeking people's stories, anecdotes, remembrances of special occasions, photos etc, and to start thinking about them.

We would like everyone to contribute, including those who may not have held any official role, or been part of any of the parish groups - those go-to people who always said yes when asked to assist.

We will advise details of where contributions can be sent to later.

Please get in touch with us on hsparish50@gmail.com if you would like to assist with planning, or if you have any questions.

Holy Spirit Parish Anniversary Team

Overview

Caritas Ambassador

As a Caritas Ambassador, it's my role to connect the local Catholic community to the mission of Carit

I am responsible for promoting the work of Caritas Australia within the parish and schools where possible through advocacy and relationship building.

I am appointed by the Caritas Australia in communication with the Parish Priest.

For this role. I need to be committed to:

- the mission of Caritas Australia (CA) in our quest to end poverty and injustice through the realisation of human dignity for all people

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- the principles of Catholic Social Teaching which underpin our work, such as dignity of the human person and the common good
- our Code of Conduct which outlines the professional behaviour that is expected of me
- the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in line with laws, standards and Caritas Australia's policies and procedures

In my role, I aim to:

- At a minimum, speak during Lent about the annual Caritas' Project Compassion campaign using provided materials.
- If able to, connect with schools in the parish to encourage them to register for on-line Caritas Conversations and use the Caritas Justice Resources.

What Caritas will do for you:

- · Connect you to our International program staff through on-line events, so
- you can engage with the Project Compassion stories personally. Connect you into a local network of other Caritas Ambassadors. Provide a Caritas welcoming and commission ceremony and provide
- resources for your local parish to do the same.

For this role I need to have:

- A strong commitment to the mission of CA, the ethos of the Catholic Church and Catholic Social Teaching
- Adequate organisational and interpersonal skills
- A preparedness to work collaboratively with your Pariah Priest and Caritas Dioce

In my role, I will interact primarily with:

- The Caritas Diocesan Director for my dioces
- Clergy and parish representatives and volunteers to promote the mission of CA
 - Schools in the parish /education representatives to promote the mission of CA





December 2021

Hello Winter Shelter Volunteers, Friends and Supporters,

It is hard to believe that this year is almost over. We have had an interesting couple of years with the Winter Shelter program.

In 2020 we did not provide overnight shelter due to the pandemic and lockdowns, Instead we provided takeaway meals 4 times per week. Meals were distributed from Croydon and Ringwood and delivered to motels and to the local community.

In 2021 our overnight shelter program lasted only 4 weeks due to more lockdowns. We offered takeaway meals programs, twice per week and we continue to do this. The meals have been kindly donated by our volunteers, teams organised through Holy Spirit, The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Ringwood, Yarrunga Community Centre and some local cafe/businesses.

Winter Shelter is known as being the largest meals distributor in Maroondah. From January 2021-November 2021 we have given out more than 6000 meals. We could not do this without your help.

The meals program will have a break after 17 December and then we will resume from 14/1/22. We will need your help with meals/baking for 2022. We hope that you can still help us.

We also plan to offer the "normal" overnight shelter starting in June 2022. We will keep you posted on how this goes.

Thank you for your support. Beth and I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very enjoyable holiday season and we look forward to your support in 2022.

Gitta and Beth

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Dear Friends in Christ. During this time of Advent, may we grow in faith and confidence that the Lord will come to us, leading us out of any darkness in our lives into the glorious light of God's Kingdom of Justice, Peace and Joy.

(At 5pm Mass only: God of all creation, we ask that you look kindly on your servant Deborah; make her strong in spirit, joyful in hope, and always ready to serve in your name. Lead her Lord, to the baptism of new birth, so that, living a fruitful life in the company of your people, she may receive the eternal reward that you promise. Lord hear us. ALL: Lord hear our prayer)

We pray for government leaders; that those who direct our lives by laws and regulations may always seek to achieve the best outcome for all men, women and children. Lord hear us. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray that the transforming fire of the Holy Spirit imparted to us when we were baptized, may burn brightly in our lives and transform us into children of the light. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those that work in Christian mission, especially the Melbourne Overseas Mission; may they be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their efforts to working towards providing the basics of life for those most in need. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for this time of ongoing discernment as we turn confidently to God and continue to "Take the Way of the Gospel". May the Holy Spirit open our hearts helping us to reach out to our neighbours and reframe our thinking and inspiring decisions that bring renewed life. Lord hear us. LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: John Fraraccio, Lesley Linnell, Eduardo Garcia, Barbara Carach, Peter Konynenburg, Bernie O'Callaghan, Pat Cahill, Wilhelmina Dykstra and Peter Marangos.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

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



REFLECTION 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Zephaniah 3.14-18a

FIRST READING

Daughter of Zion, the Lord will rejoice over you with gladness.

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. **16** On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17 The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; The Lord, your God, will exult over you with loud singing 18 as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2 Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
3 With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. *R*.

4 Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. *R*.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *R*.



Rejoice

in the Lord always again I will say,

Rejoice

Philippians 4:4

Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (R.6)

SECOND READING

Philippians 4.4-7 The Lord is close at hand.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.
7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia**

GOSPEL

Luke 3.10-18

The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

A reading from the gospel according to Luke.

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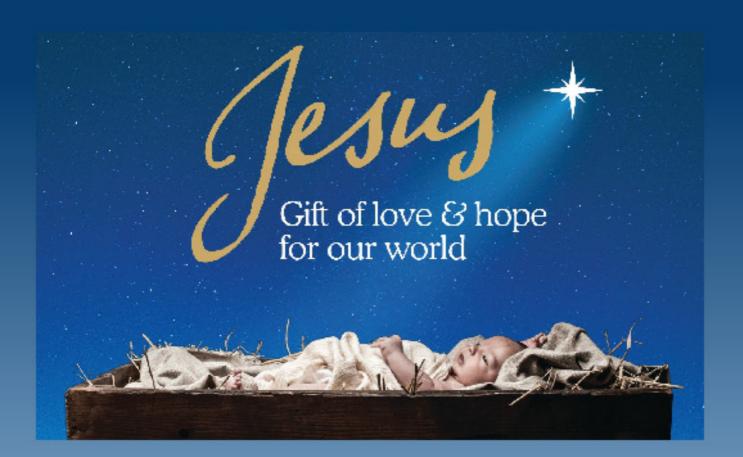
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The gospel of the Lord.



CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021

Tuesday 21 December: 7:00pm Combined Parish Penitential Service at St Anne's, Knees Rd, Park Orchards Christmas Eve: 5:00pm (Fully Vaccinated proof of vaccination required) 7:30pm (Fully Vaccinated proof of vaccination required) 10:00pm Carols followed by Mass @10:30pm (Fully Vaccinated proof of vaccination required)

Christmas Day: 9:00am (Fully Vaccinated proof of vaccination required) 11:00am (Vaccination Status Unknown Max 50) Bookings for 11am essential: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/BVWFX</u>

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