



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

2nd Sunday of Advent 3-4 December 2022



**COME LORD
A LIGHT PIERCES THE NIGHT!**

**Stay awake, you must be ready!
Matt 24:37-44**

What does the word "repent" mean for us?
How can we change our lives?

'PREPARING WITH JOY FOR CHRIST'S COMING'

Second 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?



The Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. According to tradition, three of the candles are violet, and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may also be used.

The candles represent the four weeks of Advent.

The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it is blessed by a parent. The word 'Maranatha' could be used as part of the blessing.

Use the Advent Wreath as a focus for prayer. Pray for all those who need to hear the word of God in their lives. In today's gospel, we are invited to:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

Perhaps you could pray these words as you light the candles on the Advent Wreath as part of the evening meal.

COME LORD, WE MUST BE CONVERTED!

Stay awake, you must be ready

Matt 24:37-44

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Today, as we gather on the Second Sunday of Advent, we light the second of the Candles, remembering how God's love was manifest to the people of Israel through law and the prophets.

Maranatha! Maranatha!

Come Lord Jesus Come



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PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFICE: 70369395

Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

Please contact us via the new phone number or email if you have any enquiries.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Cornelius Doensen and Mary Harry (Jean Smith's sister).

Marie Cridland's Funeral to be held Wednesday 7th December, 11 am at Holy Spirit Church

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Doro Barro, Denise Love, Peter Skuskavnieks, John Patrick, Desmond Gill, Bernie O'Callaghan, Peter Konynenburg, Leo Hortin and Lesley Linnell

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Eve Foreman, Carol Vallance, Sinead Dalton, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler (4yo having surgery), Helen, Justine, Denise Carl,

Readings this week: Isaiah 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Matt 3:1-12

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

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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—5th-11th December 2022

MONDAY	7.00pm Vinnie's Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
TUESDAY	9.15am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Vinnies end of year mass in Chapel followed by supper in Mary Bresnan Room
WEDNESDAY	9.15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom 7.00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Christmas Dinner
THURSDAY	12.00 pm Men's Chat Group Lunch, Coach Hotel, Ringwood 5.45 pm Centering Prayer Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 11.00 am Parish House Staff Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room followed by Christmas lunch
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 10th-11th December 2022

Web: www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Jacek Holewa

9.00 am: Silvio Volombello

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin

9.00 am: Sharon Hipwell

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Dale Sebire and Maureen Taffe

9.00 am: Shelah Batson

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Bill and Trish Lanigan



BUY A MEAL APPEAL

Appeal envelopes will be available this weekend. If you are unable to make up a Christmas Hamper, this is an opportunity to help make a family's Christmas that much happier!

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2023

Daily Mass Book 2023 are now available to purchase from the Parish House. (\$30 each)

Please see Ruth or Jenny to get a copy.

Men's Chat Group Christmas Lunch.

The men's Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday December 8th at The Coach in Ringwood at 12.00 pm.

All are welcome.

If you wish to attend please rsvp to terrytaffe1951@gmail.com by Tuesday 29th of November so we can firm up numbers for the booking.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. If interested, contact Jacek on 0490 884 914 or Ann on 0437 127 326.

Parish Database Update Please remember to advise the parish staff of any changes to phone and email details so we can update our database via email to Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or phone 7036 9395 Thank you.

Holy Spirit Web Site - 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



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: acornelio@connecteast.com.au for inclusion weekly.

CENTERING PRAYER MEDITATION: Held fortnightly on a Thursday night at 5.45 pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel for 30 minutes. Please contact Kathy on 0425 852 208 for any further information.

All are welcome for a very relaxing, peaceful and short meditation.

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel (not during school holidays).

Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

The Word: Please note in order to get the Parish email distributed each week, submissions for the word need to be received by 2pm Thursday. Thank you, Jenny.



Volunteers Needed

Winter Shelter Community Meals Program is an ongoing program which is offered throughout the year. It began in 2020 when Covid stopped us providing the "usual" Winter Shelter overnight accommodation program. We began to provide "take away" meals to those in lockdown whether in homes, motels or those without accommodation. After Covid restrictions were lifted the take away meals program has been expanded to a sit down 3 course meal to those in the community who are needing support because of financial or social disadvantage.

These meals are provided twice a week, Wednesdays from St John the Divine in Croydon and Fridays from Urban Life in Ringwood.

Our volunteers support the program in an area they feel comfortable

- off site - cooking in teams (or individually) to provide the meals
- driving - collecting and delivering meals to venues
- available during the week to collect or deliver donations, etc
- at a venue - setting up/cleaning up
- in the kitchen
- serving meals
- organising tea, coffee, etc
- interacting and chatting with the guests

We need volunteers who can help from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Please let me know if you, or anyone you know of, would be interested in volunteering.

Thanks again

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Christmas Volunteers needed!

We need volunteers for all Christmas Masses, setting up the Nativity etc. If you can help please add your name to the sign up sheets at the back of the Church, or contact the Parish Office 70369395 or Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au As the old saying goes “many hands make light work”. We are always looking for new people to join the Liturgy committee, so this may be a good time to consider how you can help!

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available for purchase from the table at the back of the Church at \$10.00 each. As always, these are beautiful calendars and would make a lovely Christmas present. Proceeds go to support the wonderful work of St Columban’s Mission Society.



CHRISTMAS 2022 HAMPERS & CHILDRENS GIFT WISH TREE

Please select a family from the lists on the table at the back of the church, include your name and contact no. and then take the family no. pack from the trays.

If you wish to provide gifts specifically for children ,age & gender tags can be found on the Gift Wish Tree at the back of the church.

Please bring your hamper to the Parish House on Friday 9 before 3:00 pm OR drop it into the Church on Friday 9 December between 4.00 PM - 6.00PM.

If you are unable attend Mass and still wish to provide a hamper, please contact Sue Egan on 0434224483 or Kevin O’Callaghan on 0411280775 and we will allocate a family to you.



Christmas Calendar

Sunday 4 December	2nd Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 6 December	Vinnies Christmas Mass & Supper
Wednesday 7 December	PPC Final Meeting 2022 & Christmas Supper
Thursday 8 December	12pm Men’s Chat Group Lunch “The Coach”
Friday 9 December	Vinnies Hamper drop off
Saturday 10 December	Vinnies Hamper collection & distribution
Sunday 11 December	3rd Sunday of Advent, Nativity setup after 9am Mass
Monday 12 December	6pm Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Wednesday 14 December	7pm Grade 6 Graduation Mass
Thursday 15 December	12pm School End of Year Mass
Sunday 18 December	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 20 December	7pm Combined parish Reconciliation Service
Saturday 24 December	Christmas Eve Masses: 5pm; 7:30pm; 10:30pm
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day Mass 9am



**COMBINED PARISHES PENITENTIAL SERVICE
& INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**
7pm Tuesday 20th December, Holy Spirit Church
ALL WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO COME!



On the Journey this week: Fr Michael Meagher's Gospel reflection – An open-hearted welcome. Mother Hilda tells how to pray when we feel there's nothing in it for us. Plus, extra Advent reflections from Fr Mark De Battista and Ken Bryant, and Fr Mike Delaney wonders if you know what your strengths are? Do you have some people who are there to help you when things become difficult and you're not sure what to do next? and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.
Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Internship Program - Expressions of Interest
- Front-End Developer

Catholic Development Fund

- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker – St Luke's, Lalor
- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South
- Pastoral Worker – St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen
- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Cleaner – St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully

Other Positions

- Engagement & Projects Lead – Catholic Social Services (CSSV)
- Retail Shop Assistant – Central Catholic Bookshop expression of interest
- MAMI Officer – Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Pastoral Care Co-ordinator - St Vincent's Private Hospital

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

CELEBRANT:

Dear Friends in Christ. Waiting expectantly for the coming of God's Kingdom of justice, peace and love, we open our hearts and minds to welcome the Lord, bringing to the altar our prayers for our needs and the needs of the whole world.

We pray for the Church; that Pope Francis, Bishops and Clergy may lead their flocks in a spirit of humility and repentance.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations; that they may be inspired by a spirit of justice to show a special concern for those who are weak, vulnerable and poor in the societies they govern.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that we may not be discouraged by the many difficulties and challenges of life, but prepare with anticipation and expectation for the coming of the new life and light of Christ's love into our hearts and into our world.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For peace in our world; that all those who suffer anxiety, hunger and homelessness because of the violence of war, may find a place that will welcome and nurture them so that they may live with peace and harmony.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick, frail and elderly people of our community, especially those not able to be with us; that they will experience God's peace and love at this time.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently, Cornelius Doensen and Mary Harry, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Doro Barro, Denise Love, Peter Skuskavnieks, John Patrick, Desmond Gill, Bernie O'Callaghan, Peter Konynenburg and Leo Hortin.

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

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT:

Lord, we trust that our prayers both spoken and unspoken will be heard with grace and love. May your blessings descend upon us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 11.1-10
With righteousness he shall judge the poor.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On that day:

- 1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
- 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
- 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (R. see 7)

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. **R.**
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**
- 12 For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**
- 17 May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun.
May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 15.4-9
Christ has saved all people.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

- 4 Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.
- 5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,
- 6 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
- 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,
- 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 3.1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

- 1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
- 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
- 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"
- 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist,
and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea
were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,
- 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
- 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism,
John said to them,
"You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"
- 8 "Bear fruit worthy of repentance.
- 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves,
'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones
to raise up children to Abraham.
- 10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;
every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance,
but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand,
and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary;
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The gospel of the Lord.

