



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

4th Sunday of Lent, 18-19 March 2023

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Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am & 5pm

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## **Office Hours:**

TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm

WED 1.30pm to 3.45pm

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FRI 12.30pm to 3.45pm

## **Masses:**

Tuesdays

9am St Gerard's Warrandyte

Sundays

10:30am—1st Sunday of the month @ St Anne's, every other Sunday at St Gerard's.

## **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—St. Anne's**

Michael Edmonds—9876 1533

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:** Manel Senanayake (Maurice Ferdinando's sister)

Peter Higgins' funeral to be held at Heritage and Heritage, Wantirna, Monday 20th March at 1.00 pm

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Ian Grant, Sr Mary Kelly, Rosemary Jolly, Betty Howgate, Joe Fonteio, Margaret Purchase, Roy McWade, Neil Hogan, Alecia Estevez and Enio Bordignon

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:** Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Anne Burns, Darren Brock

**Readings this week:** Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

The Word, Spirit Magazine and "Spirit Extra" are available online at [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://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—20th-26th March 2023

#### MONDAY

#### TUESDAY

9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel  
8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel

#### WEDNESDAY

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel  
1.30 pm Baptism Information Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room  
6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom followed by Stations of the Cross

#### THURSDAY

10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room  
7.00 pm Baptism Information Meeting via Zoom  
7:30pm Choir Holy Spirit Church

#### FRIDAY

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel  
7.00-9.00 pm ALPHA Gathering, Mary Bresnan Room

#### SATURDAY

11.00 am-12.00 pm FIAT Hour of Prayer, Holy Spirit Chapel  
6.00pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

#### SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT AT ALL MASSES  
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 25th-26th March 2023

Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)

#### Mass Coordinators:

**6.00 pm:** Dominic North-Coombes

**9.00 am:** Tina Toomey

**5.00 pm:** Volunteer

#### Lectors:

**6.00 pm:** Monica Howgate

**9.00 am:** Jay de Graff

**5.00 pm:** Volunteer

#### Welcomers:

**6.00 pm:** Jean Smith

**9.00 am:** Shelah Batson

#### Tea and Coffee:

**9.00 am:** Anna Fantin and Emma D'Aristotle

### **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

**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](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or phone 7036 9395.

### **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.



### **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY**

**Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm—Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ**

**Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio**

**Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: [acornelio@connecteast.com.au](mailto:acornelio@connecteast.com.au) for inclusion weekly.**

**Collection Notice** For information on the Parish's policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to: [www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice)

### **LADIES MORNING TEA**

This month's ladies morning tea at 10am on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March has been cancelled as it coincides with the Anointing Mass and lunch. All ladies and friends of Holy Spirit Parish are welcome to join us for the Anointing Mass and a light lunch at 11am in the church.

If you are able to attend please contact the Parish Office on; 70369395 or [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) for catering purposes by the 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**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.

**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.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES** The next yearly thanksgiving envelopes for 2023/24 are available for collection from the back of the Church. As we are slowly becoming a cashless society, we also have convenient Credit Card and Direct Debit facilities which guarantees your regular contribution to the Parish. You may join the program on-line via our website or you can contact the Parish Office and we can arrange everything. Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to our wonderful Parish. It is very much appreciated.

All parishioners are invited to a **Mass of Anointing** followed by light lunch on Friday 31st March at 11am in the Church.  
Please note that 9:15am Mass will not be celebrated in the chapel on that day.  
For catering purposes, we will need to know numbers. Please fill in the sign up sheet on the word table or contact the Parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 70369395 by Wednesday 22nd March.

*LORD, My God, I called to you for help and you healed me. Psalm 30:2*



### Volunteers needed

Our wonderful High Spirits leader Elma, is looking for volunteers to assist with the Religious Education of our children who attend non-Catholic schools. Elma has students ranging in year levels from year 3 to year 7. Classes are on Sunday afternoon from 4-5pm., followed by Mass in the Chapel. Volunteers need to have a current Working With Children check and sign a Safeguarding code of conduct. If you would be willing to lend a hand, please contact Elma via the parish Office (ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

**On the Journey this week:** Fr Mark De Battista says this Gospel takes us on a journey into true spiritual insight. Mother Hilda says it is not what we see that has its lasting effects, it is how we see it. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Sr Anastasia Reeves and Ken Bryant. Plus, Mike Delaney with God in the Everyday, and more great music!

Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime.



### FOURTHSUNDAY OF LENT

Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## Alpha Get-Together – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm



Remember when we used to gather in the Parish House for Alpha – sharing food, discussion, friendship?

If you have experienced Alpha at Holy Spirit Parish, either in person or online, YOU are invited to join us, renew some friendships, have some fun and hear about plans for Alpha in 2023.

When – **Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 7pm** [if you can't make it till later still come along].

Where – Holy Spirit Parish House, 120 Oban Road, Ringwood North

What – Supper will be provided.

RSVP – **by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Please let us know you are planning to be there for catering purposes.

By email: [alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:alpharsvp@holyspiritparish.org.au)

By text or phone: **0429 876 434** (Maryann) or **0407 764 302** (Kerry)



# Fiat

A WEEKEND OF PRAYER  
24-26 MARCH 2023

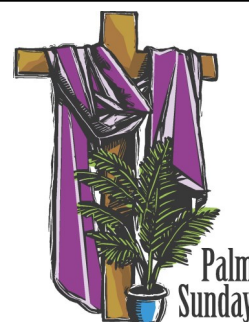


Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has called for a weekend of prayer throughout the whole Archdiocese on Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March 2023. *Fiat – A Weekend of Prayer* coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation. As we continue to walk the journey of *Take the Way of the Gospel*, Archbishop Comensoli has asked us to begin the year in prayer together as one local Church community meditating on Mary's total 'yes' – as individuals, as parish communities and as a local Church of Melbourne.

Parishes, communities, and movements are invited to dedicate at least an hour of prayer across the weekend. **Holy Spirit parish will hold an hour of prayer on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 11:00am -12pm in the Chapel with Adoration and the Rosary** All are most welcome, please contact the parish office if you are able to attend for all or some of the hour. Email [ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or ph: 7036 9395.

## PALM SUNDAY MASSES 1 & 2 APRIL 2023

Palm Sunday Masses will commence with blessing of palm & olive branches on the lawn at the top of the stairs and a procession into the Church. Whilst we will have palm & olive branches available at each Mass, we encourage parishioners to bring branches if they can.  
Thank you



## BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT 'S SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL



### PLEASE DONATE NOW

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster.

### MCF DGR ACCOUNT

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB: 062784

Account: 100011493

All donations are Tax Deductible.

For a receipt please email [mcf@melkite.org.au](mailto:mcf@melkite.org.au) or contact on (02) 9750 5514

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

#### Catholic Development Fund

- Finance, Risk and Administration Officer
- Data Analyst
- Senior Data Engineer

#### Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbidgee
- Parish Secretary – Parishes of Frankston
- Pastoral Worker – St Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East

#### Other Positions

- Digital Marketing and Fundraising Contractor - Carmel Impact
- Maintenance Officer - Corpus Christi

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16th APRIL - HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

This year Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in the Holy Spirit Chapel from  
2:00 - 4:30pm.

Confessions will be heard from 2:00pm.

Adoration and Rosary will continue until 3pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm followed by Mass at 3:15pm. NB: No 5pm Mass that day.

All are welcome.

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$6,940 AUD. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 21st May 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

**EASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS  
YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**



As always, we are preparing some very special liturgies for each of our Easter Services so that everyone will experience and understand the significance of Easter. For this to happen, especially for the large number of people who join us to celebrate Easter, we need many more members of our parish to help at each of the Masses.

We want everyone to feel welcome, to feel that they belong to an active, vibrant community, and to return home feeling they have experienced something truly moving and meaningful. Please consider volunteering in some capacity at one of the services, by adding your name onto one of the lists at the back of the church.

For further information contact the Parish House on 7036 9395.

**Areas where you can help include:**

- Special Ministers
- Offertory Procession
- Readers
- Collectors
- Altar Servers (particularly Holy Thursday & Good Friday)
- Welcomers
- Clean-up/reset team after each Mass –
- We particularly need people to help set up for Palm Sunday as the palms need to be collected and put up on the Saturday morning.

Please consider offering to help make our Easter Services this year truly moving and meaningful celebrations. Add your name to the sign up sheets or contact the parish Office on 7036 9395

The Liturgy Team

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**  
**Celebrate Holy Week  
and Easter with us**  
**PALM SUNDAY MASSES**  
SATURDAY 1st April – 6.00 pm  
SUNDAY 2nd April – 9.00 am & 5.00 pm  
**THURSDAY 6th APRIL**  
7.30 pm – Mass of the Last Supper  
**FRIDAY 7th APRIL**  
10.00 am – Stations of the Cross  
3.00 pm – Solemn Celebration  
of the Lord's Passion  
**SATURDAY 8th APRIL**  
7.30 pm – Easter Vigil  
(including lighting of the Easter fire)  
**SUNDAY 9th APRIL**  
9.00 am – Easter Mass



# winter | shelter |

Hello to all our wonderful previous

Winter Shelter Volunteers –

**WE ARE BACK for winter 2023!!!!**

Hoping you have you got a few spare hours to come back to volunteer with Winter Shelter this winter? We need YOU!!

As you are aware our program aims to provide basic facilities, hospitality and crisis accommodation to those who are experiencing homelessness in the city of Maroondah.

Our guests are offered “more than just a place to stay”, they are provided with a wholesome dinner, showering facilities, overnight accommodation, breakfast and a packed lunch every night of the week, from 1st June – 17th September.

If you can chat, listen, cook meals, serve food, socialise, drive a minibus, transport our trailer between venues, help in the kitchen, etc we would love to have you back to be part of our 2023 WS team.

An Information Night will be held late April/early May (TBC)

To register for 2023 go directly to  
<https://wintershelter.org.au/volunteer>  
or use the QR code



Find us on Facebook or Instagram for more information or contact Maroondah Winter Shelter Program Coordinator



Gitta Clayton M: 0451 744 453 [gitta.clayton@croydonhills.care](mailto:gitta.clayton@croydonhills.care)  
or Beth – Volunteer Coordinator [boswaldsl@gmail.com](mailto:boswaldsl@gmail.com)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

### ***Celebrant:***

***We come together to celebrate the presence of God among us. Let us bring our prayers before Him, confident that they will be heard.***

Reader:

We pray for the 2023 Prep families as they begin this important stage of their lives. We give thanks for their presence among us and pray that each family will be drawn to participate in the richness of parish life and may be led to give and receive the many blessings that come from belonging to the Holy Spirit Community. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who live in confusion and doubt. May we try to support positive approaches to even the most difficult problems, such as the partnerships created by Caritas Australia through Project Compassion.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Dear Lord. You guide us by your words written in the Bible. Help us to listen to your words and live our lives as you would. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who are living with disability; that together we can work to ensure the God given dignity of all is upheld, removing obstacles and overcoming the structures that exist prevent equality in our communities. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for new growth in our Christian faith; that the Holy Spirit will enlighten our often darkened vision, so that we may trust more fully in God's presence with us in the challenges we face each day.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray that Jesus Christ our light, will help us know our many blind spots; that the eyes of our hearts may be opened to know and love God's love and serve others more faithfully.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Ian Grant, Sr. Mary Kelly, Rosemary Jolly, Betty Howgate, Joe Fonteio, Margaret Purchase, Roy McWade, Neil Hogan, Alecia Estevez and Enio Bordignon.

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

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

### ***Celebrant:***

***Heavenly Father. Hear our prayers and grant what we ask in faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **REFLECTION: 4th Sunday of Lent**

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

## FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

*David was anointed king over Israel.*

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

1 The Lord said to Samuel,

“Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

6 When the sons of Jesse came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought,

“Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.”

7 But the Lord said to Samuel,

“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse,

“The Lord has not chosen any of these.”

11 Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?”

And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.”

And Samuel said to Jesse,

“Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.”

12 Jesse sent and brought David in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome.

The Lord said,

“Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers;

and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R.1)

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **R.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5.8-14

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

8 Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.

Live as children of light—

9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;

13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

### GOSPEL

John 9.1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

*The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

- 1 As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.  
6 He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva  
and spread the mud on the man's eyes,  
7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).  
Then the man who was blind went and washed, and came back able to see.  
8 The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar  
began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"  
9 Some were saying, "It is he."  
Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him."  
He kept saying, "I am the man."  
13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.  
14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.  
15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight.  
He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."  
16 Some of the Pharisees said,  
"This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath."  
But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?"  
And they were divided.  
17 So they said again to the blind man,  
"What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."  
He said, "He is a prophet."  
34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?"  
And they drove him out.  
35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said,  
Do you believe in the Son of Man?"  
36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."  
37 Jesus said to him,  
"You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."  
38 He said, "Lord, I believe."  
And he worshipped him.

The gospel of the Lord.