



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

3rd Sunday of Advent 10-11 December 2022



COME LORD, COURAGE! DO NOT FEAR!

Are you the one who is to come,
or must we wait for someone else?

Matt 11:2-11

‘PREPARING WITH JOY FOR CHRIST’S COMING’

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. One way to bring the mystery of Christ’s birth into our family life is to use the ritual lighting of the Advent Wreath candle. On this third week, you could use some reflective music and spend time just being still and quiet. Perhaps reflect on the word ‘Messiah’.



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.

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**Today, as we gather on the Third Sunday of Advent,
we light the third of the Candles, remembering how God’s love was manifest
through the ministry and preaching of John the Baptist.**

**Maranatha! Maranatha!
Come Lord Jesus Come**



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



Holy Spirit Parish
Celebrating 50 years of Faith, Family & Friendship

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Ana Saro Tuesday & Wednesday

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Maria DiGregorio, Giovanni Fraraccio, Barbara Carach, John Patrick, Judy D'Arcy, Steve Laussen (husband of Sarah-Jo Mason, mother of Ella, Will and Henry), Antoni & Stefania Wierzbicki, Feliks & Olga Mohelnik, and Jozef Farbotko

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, Thomas Lee (new born baby seriously ill)

Readings this week: Isaiah 35: 1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11

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—12th-18th December 2022

MONDAY	6.00 pm Grade 6 Graduation Dinner, Community Centre
TUESDAY	9.15am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel (last one for the year)
WEDNESDAY	8.100 am Grade 6 Graduation Breakfast, Community Centre 9.15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Grade 6 Graduation Mass, Holy Spirit Church 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom 7.00pm Liturgy Team meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
THURSDAY	12.00 noon End of Year Whole School Mass, Holy Spirit Church 7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 10.30 am Teachers' end of year Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel END OF SCHOOL YEAR
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 17th-18th December 2022

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

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan **9.00 am:** Don Schroder **5.00 pm:** Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Monica Howgate **9.00 am:** Volunteer please **5.00 pm:** Volunteer

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Marita North-Coombes **9.00 am:** Nola Ryan

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Beth Del Cin



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.

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.

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.

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.

winter shelter

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



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.

On the Journey this week: Fr Chima Ofor’s Gospel reflection – happy those who trust in me. Mother Hilda has a tip for naming when God is in our life. Plus, extra Advent reflections from Fr Antony Jukes and Br Lewis Harwood, and Men Alive’s Stephen Bird on spiritual brotherhood, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- **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, Werribee**
- **Pastoral Worker – St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen**
- **Cleaner – St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully**
- **Parish Bookkeeper – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee**

Other Positions

- **Engagement & Projects Lead – Catholic Social Services (CSSV)**
- **Pastoral Care Co-ordinator - St Vincent’s Private Hospital**
- **Cook - Bayside Catholic Mission**

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

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

Christmas Calendar

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

NJ Noel Jones

Proudly supports

Christmas Blessings to all in our community

You are welcome to join us
in our Christmas celebrations

Christmas Eve

5.00pm, 7.30pm & 10.30pm

Christmas Day: 9.00am

Please come early and join
in carol singing before
masses begin.



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 **Challenge**
supporting kids with cancer

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

CELEBRANT:

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.

We pray that we may never lose faith in God's loving presence with us, no matter what crisis, doubt or trial that we may be struggling with.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all young people, that by the good example of others, their faith may grow as they seek to make our world a better place.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For all people throughout the world imprisoned unjustly or held captive in their own countries by military regimes or forced to live abroad in refugee camps; that God will sustain them and their cries for freedom will be heard.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For all those families who will receive Christmas hampers and toys that St Vincent de Paul will deliver and that our Parish community have provided; may these gifts be a source of joy and happiness and bring them a sense of being loved for by a community that cares very deeply for them.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

As we come to the end of the school year, we give thanks to our teachers for educating and caring for our young children. We also pray for our Grade 6 children as they embark on their next life journey preparing for secondary school. May all our children be blessed with the love and grace of our Lord. Lord hear us.

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: Maria DiGregorio, Giovanni Fraraccio, Barbara Carach, John Patrick, Judy D'Arcy and Steve Laussen.

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

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT:

Father, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us and especially for the gift of our families as we prepare and rejoice at the imminent coming of our Lord. We make these prayers to you now in a spirit of trust, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

Here is your God, who will come and save you.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
2 and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.
3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (*R. see Isa 35.4*)

R. Lord, come and save us.

6 It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, **7** who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous **9** and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 5.7-10

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

A reading from the letter of James.

7 Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.
The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,
being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.
8 You also must be patient.
Strengthen your hearts,
for the coming of the Lord is near.
9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another,
so that you may not be judged.
See, the Judge is standing at the doors!
10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved,
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord now upon me
has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 11.2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing,
he sent word by his disciples

3 who said to Jesus,

“Are you the one who is to come,
or are we to wait for another?”

4 Jesus answered them,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:

5 the blind receive their sight,
the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have good news brought to them.

6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

7 As they went away,

Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:

“What did you go out into the wilderness to look at?

A reed shaken by the wind?

8 What then did you go out to see?

Someone dressed in soft robes?

Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

9 What then did you go out to see?

A prophet?

Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

10 This is the one about whom it is written,
‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

11 “Truly I tell you, among those born of women
no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The gospel of the Lord.

