



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14-15 October 2023

Parish Priest: Fr. Arsenio Tuazon

Pastor Emeritus: Fr. John Dupuche

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

120 Oban Road, Ringwood North 3134

Phone: 70369395

Email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

Website: www.holyspiritparish.org.au

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, closed Mondays

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE (Wednesday to Friday)

Jacinta Bibby jacinta.bibby@cam.org.au

PARISH SECRETARIES

Ruth Frangeskakis ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au

Jenny Philp jenny.philp@cam.org.au

HIGH SPIRITS COORDINATOR

Elma Gama

PARISH HOSTESS

Mary Yeo

MASS TIMES:

Wednesday & Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am & 5pm

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL—Holy Spirit

Duncan Arendse —9876 1103

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Secretary ppc-sec@holyspiritparish.org.au

FETE COMMITTEE

Adam Stone (Chairperson) - fete@holyspiritparish.org.au

PARISH OF ST GERARD AND ST ANNE

St Gerard's: McCulloch Street, Warrandyte 3113

St Anne's: 54 Knees Road, Park Orchards 3114

Phone: 7064 3922

Email: ParkOrchards@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam.org.au/parkorchardswarrandyte

PARISH SECRETARY

Kerry McGowan

Office Hours:

TUES 1.30pm to 3.45pm

WED 1.30pm to 3.45pm

THURS 11.30am to 3.45pm

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: Judy Walker

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Madeleine Stuart, Maria Pellegrino, Jack Cvetovac, Judith Wilson, Dulcie Loughran, Chris Sinclair, Maria Zordan and Sr. Angela O'Donohue

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Angela Damora, Stella & family, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen, Darren Brock, Kerry McIntyre, Lyn Read, Heather Doy, Evelyn Reinecke, Melanie Saba, Arthur McConnell, Penny Mifsud, Patricia Higgins

Readings this week: Isaiah 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

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—16th-22nd October 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel
7.30 pm Netball Club Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel

WEDNESDAY

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom

THURSDAY

10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room
7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church

FRIDAY

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

SATURDAY

6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—MISSION SUNDAY
9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church
5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room
7.00-9.00 pm ALPHA, Mary Bresnan Room

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st-22nd October 2023

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Sean Collins

9.00 am: Tina Toomey

5.00 pm: Volunteers

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Ambrose Cornelio

9.00 am: Tina Toomey

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Jean Smith

9.00 am: Don Schroder

Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm: Barry Ward

9.00 am: Marian McClelland & Chris Morris

Tea and Coffee: 9.00 am: Nola Ryan & Catherine Anderson

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

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.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

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

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

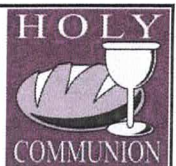
Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: acornelio@connecteast.com.au for inclusion weekly.

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.

COMMUNION AT HOME

This ministry is available to those unable to attend Mass. If you or someone you know would like to be visited, please call the Parish Office on 70369395.



Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.



THANK YOU...

To our wonderful fete committee for all of their work and dedication to making this year's fete another fantastic community day.

Also to everyone who contributed their time & talent (& \$\$\$\$).

We are a very blessed community.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!



RAFFLE RESULTS!

Congratulations to the winners of our Raffle: Names to be published next week!

1st Prize	Eastland Voucher	Oliver Welling
2nd Prize	Hot Air Balloon Ride for 2	Monica Howgate
3rd Prize	JB HiFi Voucher	Kelly Slater
4th Prize	Haier 126L Bar Fridge	Seamus Ryan
5th Prize	Flower Pot Florist Voucher	Sean Donohoe

We thank you for your support of our community fete.

Soul Inspired Art 2023

Thank you to all who supported or helped in any way to produce the 2023 Soul Inspired Art Show.

The artists, all twenty-one of them, who supplied a total of seventy-nine works. The people who donated the food and drinks, those who produced the website for electronic payments, the formatting and printing of brochures, catalogues etc., those who helped on our celebration night and the team who set up and "Bumped out" on Friday this week.

The Exhibition has been very well attended, and Our Celebration last Friday night was attended by seventy-three people who all enjoyed a lovely evening chatting with the artists, friends, and families. Thank you to all here at Holy Spirit for your support, and the donations received on the night. Thank you all, it was a truly community exhibition. Helen K



Vinnies
good works

At Monday's St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference meeting, David Heath was elected as President for a maximum term of 4 years. David, in turn, appointed Ron Smith & Kevin O'Callaghan as joint Vice Presidents. Vincent Robottom was appointed as Secretary & Sue Egan appointed as Treasurer

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults - 2023 – 2024

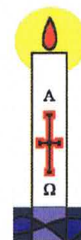
The Holy Spirit RCIA team (Tina and Lawry), are about to embark on another RCIA journey with a new catechumen.

As in previous years, this year's program will be conducted predominantly via Zoom, but there will be some "face to face" sessions as well, as we move through the 6 month program.

We ask the Holy Spirit community to please our new catechumen in your prayers and thoughts as he embarks on this significant life journey in finding God. He has already made a great start to this journey already – he is a regular Mass attendee at 9am on a Sunday

We also ask for your prayers for the RCIA team, as we facilitate his journey and we move through the program – this year we are returning to a familiar RCIA resource in the form of a book called 'At Home With God's People', one that we have used in the past with good effect, but we may also wind in some of the material from last year's Symbolon DVD program, depending on the topics that we are covering at the time.

The RCIA team (Tina & Lawry)



On the Journey this week:

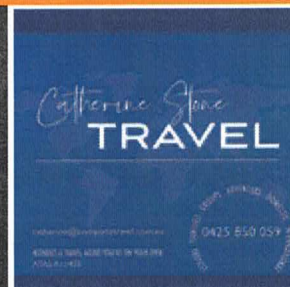
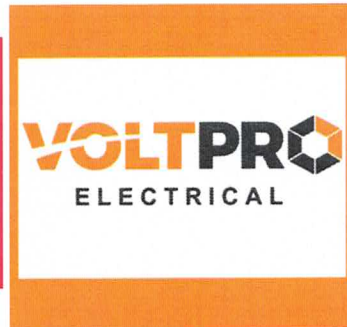
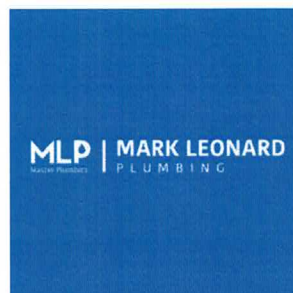
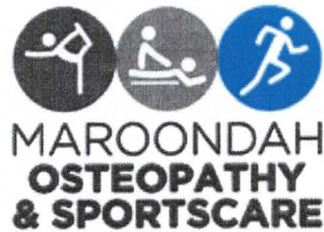
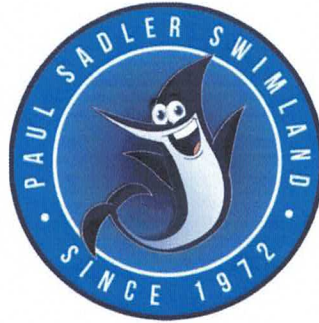
Fr Chima Ofor says this Gospel parable wakes us up to the many pains and contradictions in and around us and reminds us that there's much more to God's Kingdom into which we are invited. Mother Hilda on what we can learn from St Therese of Lisieux. Fr Tony Percy delves into the mystery and riddle of death, Mark Raue on Mission Sunday, and Pete Gilmore's peace plan. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime

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



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY
SUPPORTED OUR FETE!

Please support those who support us.



HOLY SPIRIT FETE

SPONSORS 2023

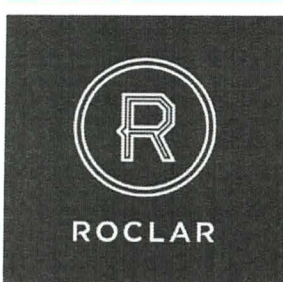
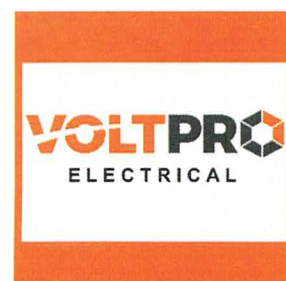
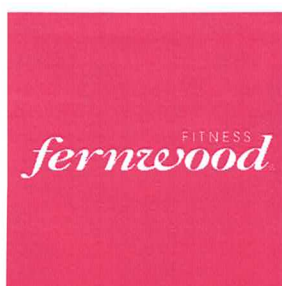


Support the business' that have supported us next time you require a professional service.

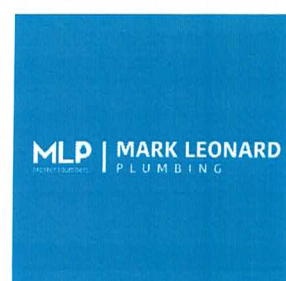


Support the community that supports our Parish & School.

Accountant	McPhail & Partners	9898 9221
Builder	Roclar Constructions	9873 4111
Car Wash	ProShine Car Wash	0432 585 052
Dentist	PresiDental Smiles North Ringwood	9013 0100
Electrician	VoltPro	1300 865 877
Fitness	Fernwood Mitcham	9874 2244
Financial Planners	Hamilton Mareello	98901100
Locksmith	Frontline Locksmiths	8827 0800
Mechanic	Bosch Car Service Ringwood	9879 4559
Osteopathy	Maroondah Osteopathy and Sportscare	9876 5815
Outside School Care	Extend Before & After School Care	1300 366 437
Mortgage Broker	The Loan Room	1300 030 298
Pest Control	Mick Holden Pest Control	0403 303 144
Photography	Belinda Lee Photography	0422 549 715
Plumber	Mark Leonard Plumbing	9876 6789
Podiatrist	Footlab+	9870 1301
Printer	Minuteman Press Mitcham /Nunawading	9873 2888
Swim Lessons	Paul Sadler Swimland Ringwood	9879 9136
Travel Agent	Catherine Stone Travel	0425 850 059
Real Estate	Noel Jones Maroondah	9879 4422
Uniform / Promotional	Fully Promotional Mount Waverley	8548 4680
Windows & Doors	MCG Windows & Doors	9723 9705



HOLYSPIRITFETE.OFFICIAL



Key Dates

Fete Meeting (closed)
Tuesday 24 October
7.30pm



Fete In Review

Thank you to everyone who attended our Community Fete on Saturday! We loved seeing everyone having fun, family & friends catching up and all the smiles!

Huge thank you to of course to our amazing Sponsors and Silent Auction donators but a MASSIVE thank you to the "hardest working Fete Committee" as quoted by Sponsor & supporter Michael Sukkar MP.

Of course much thanks and gratitude to all the volunteers who worked in the Counting Room, Parish House, Money Collectors, those who set up, work stalls on the day and the Sunday pack up crew.

Whilst we cannot thank every single people we would like to recognise the 2023 Fete Committee for their efforts all year in making the Fete happen.

We look forward to announcing the final fundraising figure shortly!

The Fete Committee will have their Final 2023 Meeting on Tuesday 24 October. This will be a closed committee meeting.

Raffle & The Winners

Congratulations to our Fete Raffle Winners! Ruth from Parish House has contacted the lucky winners so please contact her regarding your prizes.

1st Prize – Eastland Voucher, Oliver Weller
2nd Prize – Hot Air Balloon Adventure, Monica Howgate
3rd Prize – JB Hi Fi Voucher, Kelly Slater
4th Prize – Bar Fridge, Seamus Ryan
5th Prize – Flowerpot Voucher, Sean Donohoe

Thank you everyone who purchased and sold tickets. You helped to raise **\$6537.00!**

Thank you to Ruth who spent weeks preparing the raffle tickets and manned the Information Booth on Fete Day.

Your assistance in the lead up to Fete and then liaising with all the raffle winners is greatly appreciated.



Fete Committee 2023

Adam Stone – President / Operations Manager
Katherine Harbor – Stalls Manager / Raffle
Belle Godfrey – Sponsorship & Marketing / Silent Auction
Paul De Iulio – Treasurer / General Operations
Kerry Childs – OH&S / Stalls / General Operations
Peter Philp – Audio Specialist
Dale Seibire – General Operations
Emily Collins – General Operations
Robert Mariani – General Operations
Sharon Wolff - Food & Safety Officer /Committee
Nicolle Tilley – P & F Liaison / General Operations
Lauren Cefai - P & F President / General Operations



Fete Photos 2023

Did you get snapped? Check out the photos below and also our social media to see if you were snapped!



Year Level Leaders /Coordinators

Each Year Level was assigned a Stall that they were responsible for this year. It was great to see so many people giving their time to help sort and set up. Big thank you those the following ladies who put their hands up to be Stall Leaders -you were incredible!

Melissa McKenzie & Emily Uhlich - Books
Kate Earl - Clothing
Mel Trybula - Trash & Treasure
Nichole Grove - Lolly Shop

Qu. Can I choose which stall I want to help with next year?

Of course! You can sign up to work on a particular stall or if you want to be a Stall Leader please contact us.

New Members Fete 2024

The Fete Committee MUST HAVE NEW members join this year otherwise it cannot go ahead in 2024. It is such a rewarding experience but we have to share the workload!

Having been previously been made up of current and past school parents and members of the wider Holy Spirit Parish community without incoming members there is not the manpower to survive.

Key members have retired and many are stepping down this year so we are on the search. This year's Fete only went ahead due to the tenacity, dedication and massive efforts made by current committee members.

Please reach out to Belle Godfrey (Fete Committee) if you'd like to get involved or email fete@holyspiritparish.org.au



Cake Stall Thank You

We are extremely grateful to everyone in our Holy Spirit Community who baked cakes and goodies for the Cake Stall on Fete Day.

We had a huge variety of treats to suit all sweet tooth customers! We thank you all for your time spent baking and for contributing to the success of the stall.

A big thank you to everyone who helped us organise and run the stall on the day. It was such a fun day for our community!

The Guess the Lollies in the Jar competition was won by Lily F, with the guess of 188 lollies!

Thank you to everyone who entered.
The Cake Stall Committee

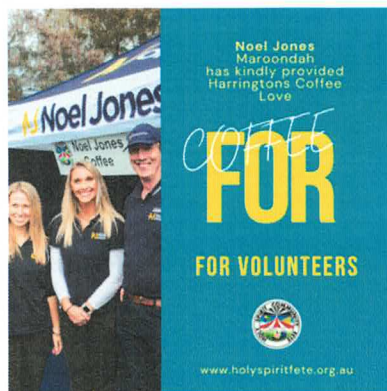
Silent Auction

There was no Grade 5/6 Volunteer for Stall Leader this year, so Belle took on the extra role of requesting & collecting donations with assistance from P&F Liaison Nicolle helping with the stall coordination & set up this year.

With over 40 donations the stall raised over \$4000.00. Belle & Nicolle did an amazing job ensuring the stall went ahead.

Huge thanks to Jenny Philip at Parish House for printing & laminating the vouchers. As always you are a shining star that we simply cannot do without!

Fete Photos 2023



School Closure Day & Set Up / Pack Down

This was the first year that the school shut down so the Operations crew could start setting up for Fete Day. Sponsors Noel Jones provided a Coffee Bar for volunteers on Friday and Sunday whilst parish members provided light refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who came down on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning to assist with setting up, finalising stalls and equipment.

Of course the big Sunday pack down. Thank you to Duncan, Sean Young and his crew for all their work!

Morning Tea & Refreshments

We are extremely grateful for those who generously gave their time to make sandwiches and platters for the volunteers.

So many cups of tea and coffee, plates of food shared around the tables for those needing to take a break on Fete Day!

I know many of the volunteers made it part of their routine to grab at least one sandwich before heading back out and it is all they ate all day! Fuel for the Fete faithful!

Special thanks to May Yeo and Kerry O'Leary who kept food in supply on Friday.

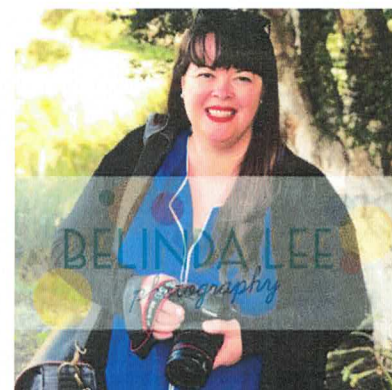
Mary Yeo and Jean Smith also generously gave their time on Saturday and took on the Fete mayhem head on!

Well done ladies - we truly appreciate your generosity and kindness.

Photography & Socials

Belinda Lee Photography was again the official photographer for the event. We look forward to sharing her images over the coming weeks.

There are lots of videos from the day already on our Instagram to check them out.



Special Shout Out

Thank you to the **Latella Family** for donating all the fresh produce on Fete Day. It was very much appreciated and tasted delicious!

Instagram and Facebook

Have you liked & followed our social pages? This helps us obtain sponsorship for next year & exposure in the wider community.

Please **LIKE** and check out our pages on Facebook & Instagram to keep up to date with the latest news.

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- **Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment – East Melbourne**

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary- Corio Lara Parish, Corio
- Parish Secretary – St Mary's Parish, Williamstown
- Parish Secretary- St Luke's Parish, Wantirna
- Parish Secretary – St Macartan's Catholic Church, Mornington
- Parish Secretary - Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill

Other Positions

- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator, Thornbury
- Discipleship Specialist – University Discipleship, Melbourne
- Discipleship Specialist – Marriage & Family Accompaniment, Melbourne

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

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hadmin@cam.org.au

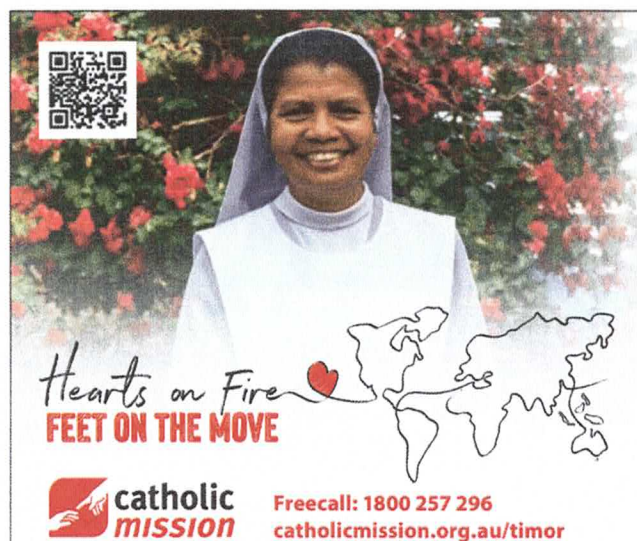
Register for the Marriage Anniversary Mass

Sunday 22 October 2023, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

All couples and their families are invited to join the celebration of the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 15 October



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

catholic mission

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

In the smallest villages around the world ... even there, you will find local missionaries who live to serve their communities. Missionaries who, led by the Holy Spirit, walk with those in most need. Missionaries like Sr Carolina.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address the health and well-being of this community.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

SENIOR COMPANION / HELPER SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

A senior single lady with excellent references is available to provide companionship and practical domestic assistance for an elderly man or woman who needs help in order for him/her to remain at home for as long as possible. Rental arrangement can be negotiable in recognition of degree and type service / assistance required. The carer anticipates detailed enquiries from family members and her quiet, clean and house-friendly dog needs to be part of any arrangement. Open to either Melbourne or rural-based agreement.

For further information, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or email: frkdillon@outlook.com.au

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

Dear Friends. Let us pray for the Church that we may recognize the invitation to life that comes each day and respond with love and commitment.

Reader:

We pray for peace especially for all the men, women and children of Israel. May God calm the storms of war and bloodshed and bring the human family to calm and cooperation, respecting each others differences and embracing diversity.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the generosity of spirit which our fete committee and volunteers shared with our local community last weekend. We also give thanks for the wonderful sense of faith, family and friendship which was so evident amongst everyone.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for all who must live with hunger, fear and lack of physical necessities; that we may serve God in helping them meet their needs.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick; that they may know the healing presence of Christ in their lives and rejoice in his love. We ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen all who care for them. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for a greater respect for human life, especially for the terminally ill, so that we will come to a deeper appreciation of the gifts of those who are nearing death.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently Judy Walker, and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Madeleine Stuart, Maria Pellegrino, Jack Cvetovac, Judith Wilson, Dulcie Loughran, Chris Sinclair, Maria Zordan and Sr. Angela O'Donohue.

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

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Draw us together O Lord as your family. May we learn the wisdom of your teaching and walk in your ways. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25.6-10a

The Lord will make a feast of rich food,
and wipe away the tears from all faces.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

- 6** On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- 7** And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.
- 8** Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
- 9** It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
- 10** For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

Philippians 4.10-14, 19-20

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

- 10** I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me;
indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it.
- 11** Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.
- 12** I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty.
In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry,
of having plenty and of being in need.
- 13** I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- 14** In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.
- 19** My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- 20** To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, alleluia

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.**

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 22.1-14

Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

1 Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables:

2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

3 He sent his slaves to call those
who had been invited to the wedding banquet,
but they would not come.

4 Again he sent other slaves, saying,
'Tell those who have been invited:
"Look, I have prepared my dinner,
my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,
and everything is ready;
come to the wedding banquet.'"

5 But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business,

6 while the rest seized his slaves,
mistreated them, and killed them.

7 The king was enraged.
He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers,
and burned their city.

8 "Then he said to his slaves,
'The wedding is ready,
but those invited were not worthy.

9 Go therefore into the main streets,
and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

10 Those slaves went out into the streets
and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad;
so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests,
he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,

12 and he said to him,
'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?'
And he was speechless.

13 Then the king said to the attendants,
'Bind him hand and foot,
and throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.