



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



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PARISH EMAIL

This week, Jacinta sent an email to all those on our data base for whom we had email addresses. The email is from Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au.

It is signed off "Blessings and peace to All, Jacinta."

Jacinta would like to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you did not receive an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, ALL MASSES, LITURGIES AND GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Readings, Reflections and Prayers of Intercession are included in the word.

THE Parish Office will also be closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. The temporary phone number is 0434 224 483 so you won't get the usual message. Please leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Maria Simaro, Shirley Webb, Harry Marsh, Barry Edwards, Beatrice Elias, Gerald Hartley, Peter Savage, Peter Anderson, Margaret San, Guadalupe Sanchez, Esma O'Hanlon, Cliff Anderson and Duncan Baxter

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Ben Lobo, John, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero, Pam Rowe, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis Sean Hill, Brian Price

We are more than happy to add names to the list of people who are ill and needing prayerful support. However, it is time to refresh our list for prayers. Please contact the Parish office on 9876 3077 to add or reinstate names. Thank you.

Readings this week: Acts 26:1-7; 1Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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

HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

Envelopes: \$
 Credit Cards: \$2,498.12
 Direct Debits: \$ 622.23
TOTAL LAST WEEK: \$

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:

Envelopes: \$
 Loose collection: \$
TOTAL: \$

THANK YOU to everyone who supports Holy Spirit Parish financially. PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH HOUSE IF YOUR CREDIT CARD IS LOST/STOLEN OR YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER HAS CHANGED.

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. If you would like to drop your envelope into the office, please ring to arrange a drop off or pick up time.

This may be an opportune time to change over to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions. Should you wish to make this change, please call the parish office on **0434 224 483**

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.

Holy Spirit Web Site

Recent Updates to www.holyspiritparish.org.au (Refer News / Events in the menu)

A Parish blog re. news and procedures re. our position on COVID-19 is on our home page -

<http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/>

Holy Spirit Parish Updates: Online resources to get us by during the restrictions caused by the pandemic - bit.ly/hspupdates

VIDEO MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

The following link will take you to a short message from Archbishop Peter Comensoli to our faith community: <https://bit.ly/MessagefromAPAC>

This speaks particularly to our families during this difficult time.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

In this time of crisis there will be more calls to our Vinnies Conference to provide assistance to those adversely affected by the COVID19 Pandemic.

If you are in a position to donate any non-perishable goods, a basket will be on the doorstep of the parish house. The donations will be cleared every morning and afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Mass Live Streamed

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to share the news that Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will live-streamed on our **website and YouTube Channel**.

Please go to www.cam.org.au

St Simons Parish Rowville and St John's Mitcham are also livestreaming their weekly masses: www.stsimonsparish.com.au or www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Collection Notice

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

FUNERAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR MARGARET ANDERSON

On Tuesday morning Margaret was farewelled from Holy Spirit Church. Anyone who would like to see Marg's funeral booklet can access it on the parish website: <https://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Remembrance>

EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic.

We will advise you when we are able to resume.

In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and please continue to support each other, (by phone etc) . If any further information is required, please ring Jean-(9876 2204) or Shirley- (9870 1396)



5th Sunday of Easter

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

SPIRIT EXTRA -

We have very quickly put together a "Spirit Extra" for your enjoyment. Only available online, we just wanted to show you in one more way during this Corona Virus time, that your parish community is still alive, functioning and caring for you, albeit a little differently. We hope you will find some of the information helpful and assist with getting you through this necessary isolation. If you enjoy it and think worthwhile let us know by emailing: RingwoodNorth@cam.org.au or myself: helen@konynenburg.com with Spirit Extra in the Subject line. Enjoy.

Check out: <http://www.cam.org.au/holyspirit/Spirit-Extra>

Ad Hoc set up team needed!

Occasionally when a funeral or special Mass is to be held in the church during the week and the chairs have been disassembled, we need to reset the church for the occasion. We are looking for some volunteers who are prepared to come and help with the set up on an ad-hoc basis. It would usually be the evening before the funeral / Mass at a time that suits most volunteers. If you would be prepared to assist with this, could you contact the Parish Office and register with us? We hope this would only be on rare occasions! Thankyou.

RCIA resumes

It is with great excitement that we share the news that the weekly RCIA program has resumed online. We gathered together from our homes into a group session over the internet. What an amazing world we live in !

It was so lovely to catch up with one another and hear all of everyone's news and coping skills that comes with isolation. Andrew and Sam are so looking forward to reception into the Catholic Church as soon as the authorities give us the "all clear" to meet with our community once again at the table of The Lord.

Please keep Andrew and Sam in your thoughts and prayers.

From Tina and Lawry.

SCAM ALERT!

We have been made aware of yet another email scam. This time someone claiming to be Fr Arsenio or Fr Shibu.

The email is from 'churchheadofparish@gmail.com' and the content will be along the line of :

'Hi How are you doing? I need a favour from you, email me as soon as you get this message. God bless, Fr Arsenio Tuazon'

PLEASE DISREGARD THIS EMAIL AS IT IS A SCAM!

PROJECT COMPASSION:

For those of you who have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes waiting to be returned to the parish, please hold onto them until we are given permission to reopen. Donations can be made directly online if you would prefer to use that option. Please go to www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800024413.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

Winter Shelter 2020

Many people have told me how disappointed they were when we had to cancel this year's Winter Shelter program.

Although we can't have a sleep in, WS will be providing take away meals and a showering service both designed to comply with today's safety precautions.

WS has started providing simple home cooked hot meals served in take away containers from a venue in Croydon. The Vive Café near the Croydon transport hub serves meals to people-in-need 5 days a week.

Winter Shelter has taken on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 till 6:30pm. Each week this service requires 4-6 cooks providing 6 meals each (like a pasta bake) in takeaway containers which WS will supply, 2 drivers who collect the containers keeping them hot in Eski's until delivered to the café and 2-3 volunteers to put out the food and marshal the clients. Observing proper distancing, people enter the café from a specific door, one at a time and exit from another door.

At this time we have volunteers to cover this service until July but more will be needed after July.

The showering service is provided from the change rooms in the Cooper Smith Pavilion, East Ringwood near the corner of Mt Dandenong Rd and Dublin Rd. WS will open the change rooms for 2 hrs on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. This is a Maroondah City Council site and the Council is providing the cleaning staff, towels and laundering of the towels.

After each shower is used it will be professionally cleaned before it can be used again. There are 4 showers available. WS is providing 2 male and 2 female volunteers for marshalling of the clients. It may also be possible to provide other support services at this time but nothing is firm yet.

So Winter Shelter, as best it can, is trying to support our local people-in-need in these crazy times and of course it can't happen without volunteers and funding. Of course all process adhere to the protocols established to prevent the spread of the Corona virus and have the blessing of the Maroondah City Council.

However there is no filtering of the clients as we would do for sleep overs so please be aware.

It is also recommended for their own protection, that those over 70 should not volunteer at this time. Sorry about that. But there is hope. If we can get past this isolation we hope to perhaps still do a proper Winter Shelter later in the year, God willing.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me via email svolomb1@gmail.com. If interested in volunteering for Winter Shelter 2020 and you have previously served, please use the attached form. Otherwise if you are interested in volunteering for the first time or you wish to donate please submit via the web site www.wintershelter.org.au.



Winter Shelter 2020

If you are able to assist please return this form as soon as possible to boswalds1@gmail.com

Name:-

I was a 2019 Winter Shelter volunteer ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to assist with cooking pasta bake meals for Winter Shelter 2020

☐ Yes ☐ No

How often? ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly

I am able to donate some tinned food, etc to be used

☐ Yes please specify

☐ No

My Address:- (so we can organise groups in the same area which will make it easier for volunteer drivers when picking up meals)

Phone:-

Thank you, we will be in touch as soon as we can.
Gitta and Beth

FIRST READING

Acts 6.1-7

Select from among yourselves seven men of good standing,
full of the Spirit and of wisdom

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- 1 Now during those days,
when the disciples were increasing in number,
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews
because their widows were being neglected
in the daily distribution of food.
- 2 And the twelve called together
the whole community of the disciples and said,
"It is not right that we should neglect the word of God
in order to wait on tables.
- 3 Therefore, friends,
select from among yourselves seven men of good standing,
full of the Spirit and of wisdom,
whom we may appoint to this task,
- 4 while we, for our part,
will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word."
- 5 What they said pleased the whole community,
and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit,
together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor,
Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert of Antioch.
- 6 They had these men stand before the apostles,
who prayed and laid their hands on them.
- 7 The word of God continued to spread;
the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem,
and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 33.1-2, 4-5, 18-19, (R.22)

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

or: Alleluia! (Two or three times)

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. R.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. R.
- 18 Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- 19 to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine. R.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2.4-9

You are called to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

- 4 Come to the Lord, a living stone,
though rejected by mortals
yet chosen and precious in God's sight.
- 5 Like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.
- 6 For it stands in scripture:
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

7 To you then who believe, he is precious;
but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner," and
8 "A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey the word,
as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim
the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14.6

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

GOSPEL

John 14.1-12

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:
1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you?
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.
4 And you know the way to the place where I am going."
5 Thomas said to him,
"Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?"
6 Jesus said to him,
"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
7 If you know me, you will know my Father also.
From now on you do know him and have seen him."
8 Philip said to him,
"Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."
9 Jesus said to him,
"Have I been with you all this time, Philip,
and you still do not know me?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
10 Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own;
but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
but if you do not,
then believe me because of the works themselves.
12 Very truly, I tell you,
the one who believes in me
will also do the works that I do and, in fact,
will do greater works than these,
because I am going to the Father."

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection.

As Christians we view life as a pilgrimage to the house of the Father. Jesus describes himself as leading the way to God the Father. It's a rough passageway through the turmoils of this world, with certain sacrifices, sufferings and grief. Jesus travelled it and to negotiate properly we need his guidance. He is the way the truth and the life. In every trial of life he is the person who helps us make that leap of faith which points us to our destination. When in our anxiety of the present moment our focus narrows to the problems and the lists becomes endless. However desperate our situation, faith in Jesus will break the grip of our worries. When we find the space and time each day to experience the presence of God in prayer, which is now, we can look with understanding at the past and with hope and confidence to the future. Then we will begin to know the peace and joy he meant us to have when he said 'let not your hearts be troubled.'



Mothers' Day weekend is set to be special day for our mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and carers with a mothering role. Despite the coronavirus restrictions, we can take a moment and reflect on our mothers and thank God for the gift of life and love. We are indebted to our mothers who not only birthed us but lead us by their life of sacrifice. Aside from our relationship with God, the relationship we have with our mother is likely the most important and powerful relationship we'll ever have on earth.

Happy Mothers' Day! God bless you!

Keep smiling and stay safe. –Fr. Arsenio

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY.....

to all of the wonderful mothers in our community.

Your strength, love and devotion has never been more cherished than during these difficult times.

May God bless you all abundantly.



A MOTHER'S LOVE

A mother's love is something that no-one can explain.

It is made of deep devotion, and of sacrifice and pain.

It is endless and unselfish, and enduring come what may.

For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking

And it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation.

And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...

A many splendoured miracle man cannot understand.

And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice

Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends. As a Christian community we joyfully proclaim Jesus Christ as our Risen Lord. Still present with us, he gives us the confidence to place ourselves and the needs of the whole world before God, the loving Father of us all.

For our Parish family of faith and friendship; that we may be open to the Holy Spirit so that others may experience in us a community in which the power of the Risen Lord is truly alive.

LORD HEAR US

For everyone seeking after lasting truth and life; that they may be receptive to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit gently guiding them into the Way of Christ.

LORD HEAR US

For all people of goodwill working for justice and peace in our society; that they may experience the support of Christians working in solidarity with them.

LORD HEAR US

For all who feel burdened by worry and anxiety, that they may experience the healing presence of Christ through the power of His Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all mothers on this Mother's Day. We give thanks for all they have to offer and share with their children and we ask you Lord, to bless and comfort them and that their love, patience and understanding grows deeper and stronger each day in their family life.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Maria Simaro, Shirley Webb, Harry Marsh, Barry Edwards, Beatrice Elias, Gerald Hartley, Peter Savage, Peter Anderson, Margaret San, Guadalupe Sanchez, Esma O'Hanlon, Cliff Anderson and Duncan Baxter. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

LORD HEAR US



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.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress,
the God in whom I trust."

No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for his angels stand close by your side,
guarding you always and bearing you gently,
watching over your life.

Those who cling to the Lord live secure in his love;
lifted high those who trust in his name.
Call on the Lord, he will never forsake you.
He will bring you salvation and joy.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention your particular concerns and prayers now)

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.