



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

2nd Sunday of Lent, 4-5 March 2023

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TUES 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

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Kath McKean, Paul Streefkerk, Maria Romano, Desmond Meagher, Patrick O'Connor, Joe Dioguardi, David English and Peter Leonard

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, Lyn Read, Tyler, Helen, Justine, Peter Higgins, Dan Higgins, Christian Heskett, Will Laussen

Readings this week: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11

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—6th-12th 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
6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
7.30 pm Liturgy Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SATURDAY

6.00pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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 11th-12th March 2023

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

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Kevin O'Callaghan

9.00 am: Silvio Volombello

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Vin Dwyer

9.00 am: Maryann Street

5.00 pm: Volunteer

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Marita North-Coombes

9.00 am: Don Schroder

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Bill and Trish Lanigan



The March 2022 Spirit Magazine is now being prepared. We would love any contributions you would like to share: photos from a community activity, back to school or first day stories or photos, achievements of our students and Alumni, articles you think worth sharing or a favourite digital resource.

Please send your inputs to thespirit@holyspiritparish.org.au by 24 March. Thank you very much, Yvette.

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.

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 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

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



Alpha Get-Together – March 24th, 7pm

Over the past 5 years we have run Alpha at Holy Spirit Parish six times, both in-person and online. Over 60 people have experienced at least one Alpha at Holy Spirit.
It's time to come together, renew some friendships and hear about plans for Alpha in 2024.
If you have experienced Alpha at Holy Spirit Parish, please save the date – **Friday March 24th** for an evening of fun and friendship in the Mary Bresnan Room.

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says this gospel calls us to recognise all the signs God gives us for our trials ahead. Mother Hilda says it's what we think about that we see, so this week think gracious thoughts. The Triumph Lenten series continues with Sr Anastasia Reeves and Br Lewis Harwood. Plus, the Urban Contemplative, Marilyn Rodrigues, and more great music!
Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Fr. Kevin Mogg, first anniversary Mass.

A note of thanks to everyone who came along on Monday to celebrate, reflect & remember Fr. Kevin & his life's work. It was so well attended and a blessing to have 3 of his priestly friends there. Fr. Kevin Bourke who officiated, Fr Len Thomas con celebrant & Fr Brian Cosgriff. Afterwards we gathered at the Ringwood Club for a hearty meal, chat and laugh. It was terrific. Thank you one and all. -Tina Toomey

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 or contact on (02) 9750 5514

Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Retail Shop Assistant – St Patricks Cathedral Shop

Parish Positions

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

Other Positions

- Stewardship Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Evangelisation Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community

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

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

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

Easter Services at Holy Spirit are:

Palm Sunday, 1-2 April: **Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:00am & 5:00pm**

Holy Thursday, 6 April: **Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30pm**

Good Friday, 7 April: **Stations of the Cross, 10:00am**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, 8 April: **Easter Vigil: 7:30pm**

Easter Sunday, 9 April: **Normal Mass time: 9:00am**



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
or Beth - Volunteer Coordinator boswalds1@gmail.com

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant:

Jesus strengthened his disciples for his coming passion and death by sharing his own transfiguration with them. This glimpse of glory helps us to raise our minds and hearts to him and so we turn to God in prayer.

Reader:

We pray for all people who are a source of hope in the world, who help to transfigure darkness into light. May our support of Project Compassion help to keep alive our vision of Christ as the one we should most listen to, the light of the world. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Dear Lord, help us all to learn from your words in the Bible. The Bible is the way you help to guide us on our pathway through life. Let all that read the Bible be moved by the words and realise how much God loves us.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For our Priests and Bishops; that in responding to the invitation to listen to the voice of your Son, the Chosen One, they might inspire all your people to listen to Christ with the ears of our hearts.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For families who struggle with various commitments and challenges of life. May the example Jesus has set of loving and listening to each other always be at the centre of our hearts and bring us back to each other.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who look to us for help, we pray that we may be compelled by compassion to help the people of all countries where Caritas provides aid, as they seek to find their way to a brighter future.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

For our community, we pray that we may continue to be energized by the Spirit of Jesus to work for justice and peace in Australia and in the poorer countries of the world.

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:

Kath McKean, Paul Streefkerk, Maria Romano, Desmond Meagher, Patrick O'Connor, Joe Dioguardi, David English and Peter Leonard. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father. We ask you to accept our prayers and may your Word enter the deepest part of our beings and reveal to us the One who calls us to life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

FIRST READING

Genesis 12.1-4

The calling of Abraham, father of the people of God.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 The Lord said to Abram,
“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house
to the land that I will show you.
2 I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you, and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.
3 I will bless those who bless you,
and the one who curses you I will curse;
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him;
and Lot went with him.
Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33.4-5, 18-19, 20+22, (R.22)

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

4 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.**
20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.
22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1.8b-10

*God called us to be holy and gives us life and immortality
through the gospel.*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Brothers and sisters:
8 Join with me in suffering for the gospel,
relying on the power of God,
9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling,
not according to our works
but according to his own purpose and grace.
This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus
before the ages began,
10 but it has now been revealed
through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus,
who abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17.1-9

Jesus' face shone like the sun.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

- 1 Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.
- 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.
- 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.
- 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
- 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"
- 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.
- 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
- 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
- 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.