



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

21ST SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time, 21-22 August 2021

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PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, NO MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS, SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING UNTIL CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ARE EASED.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which is available from the parish web site:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter

Recorded Masses available at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Online-Resources

Important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters are available on the website:

www.holyspiritparish.org.au

The Parish Office will be CLOSED, staff continue to monitor the phone, mail and emails regularly.

Please ring the parish on 9876 3077 or [Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Maggie Beck, John Leeson, Armando Perri, Greg McCarthy, Vincent Crowe, Mary Beagley, Vinnie Kerkham, Dean Moloney, Alan Nye and Catarina De Vos

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Deb Neilsen, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Christopher Woolley

Readings this week: Isaiah 66.18-21; Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13; Luke 13.22-30

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 23rd-29th August 2021

MONDAY	LOCKDOWN CONTINUES
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
THURSDAY	8:00-9:00 pm Choir, ZOOM
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7.30-8.45 pm ALPHA via Zoom

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 28th-29th August 2021

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

Mass Coordinator:

6.00 pm: NO MASSES

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Lectors:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Welcomers:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Ministers of Communion:

6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

5.00 pm:

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm:

9.00 am:

Garden Maintenance:

As we resume our "Covid normal" celebration of Mass, we will be returning to some of our usual practices. Everything we do must be in accordance with the DHHS guidelines, so there will be some changes to the way we operate! **We particularly need volunteers for the 5pm Sunday Mass.**
If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au

PARISH DATA BASE UPDATE

Please remember to advise the parish staff of your current phone and email details so we can update our database. You can either return the data sheet sent to you or email: Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au
Thank you.



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 - 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

Collection Notice

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

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.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2021

Dear Parishioners

Due to the ongoing uncertainty with Covid restrictions and shutdowns, the planned First Eucharist Masses are currently under review. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they await the outcome.



Parish 50th anniversary.

Next year marks our 50th Anniversary. We would like expressions of interest from any parishioner who would like to join a subcommittee to plan our celebrations in March 2022.

Please contact the parish Office: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au or 9876 3077.



The Spirit

Fostering Community Awareness & Communication

The Spirit Magazine

Contributions for September Issue

Deadline for contributions 22 August 2021

Hello everyone

Preparation of the September Edition of "The Spirit" is now underway! We would warmly welcome any submissions you would like to make.

The focus will be Father's day, so anything of that flavour would be wonderful.

Any "good news" stories you've got would also be wonderful – given the unpredictable way we are currently living, what is making a difference for you?

A little piece of news: After many years dedicated service, Helen is retiring from her role as editor of the magazine. She's left some very big boots to fill, but I am going to do my best! Hoping to keep it going to the high standard Helen set. She has been good enough to be mentoring me through the process, so hopefully I get it close to right!

Very much appreciate your support so we can all continue to enjoy a great read.

Regards, Yvette Collins.

Please forward your contributions to: thespirit@holyspiritparish.org.au

SPIRIT EXTRA

Well we thought the Spirit Extra's were finished but, like the rest of the world we underestimated Covid19, and upon hearing we were going back into lockdown on Thursday we thought you might need a distraction.

So here is the link to SPIRIT EXTRA #13, which has been formatted and uploaded to our website thanks to Michael. We hope you enjoy this distraction! [https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit Extra/spirit_extra_013.pdf](https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Portals/3/Documents/Spirit%20Extra/spirit_extra_013.pdf)

St Vincent de Paul Society WINTER APPEAL

In previous Winter Appeals, we have asked for non perishable foods and blankets, which you have generously provided.

This year our very supportive Parish School have committed to provide 18 baskets of non- perishable foods, so our appeal to the parish is for cash donations.

Our presence in the community to assist people experiencing poverty and disadvantage is steadfast and will continue with your support.

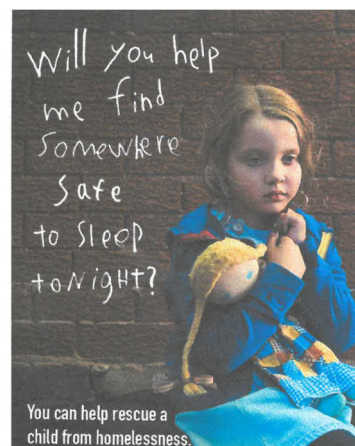
The disadvantaged we assist quite often experience difficulties in paying high utility, medical & pharmaceutical costs, overdue rents and other unforeseen expenses.

We have placed "Vinnies Donation" envelopes on the table in the foyer.

There are 2 options:

- Online at our website: vinnies.org.au (your donation can be directed to North Ringwood Conference by nominating us in the comments field)
- Over the phone by calling 131812 (again nominate North Ringwood Conference when speaking to the operator)

Your donation will make a difference to the lives of those living in poverty & disadvantage.



On the Journey this week:

On the Journey this week: Fr John Foley SJ says often a delicious significance is hidden behind events that are described in a bewildering way in the gospel. Plus, Mother Hilda on the impact of adults praying in front of their children has, and Michelle Vass says the psalms are ideal prayers during the pandemic. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



'Ephphatha? Be Thou Open?', Saturday 28 August 2021, 10am-4pm (AEST) via ZOOM. This reflection event using a journal / creative materials offers you time and sacred space to be set apart and companioned to explore new ways of attuning and responding to your experiences. You are invited to participate in a self-paced personal journey of sensitively and privately opening your heart to your inner feelings. You will be supported in using various forms of expression to unfold layers of meaning. As a means of valuing and holding your insights, you will be encouraged to capture experiences and reflections in a creative journal of your making. Participants will use their own simple art or creative materials and journal. A suggestion list will be provided to help you choose a few play elements. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy, for Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

'Pondering Grief' (Reflection event via ZOOM), Saturday 4 September 2021, 10am-3.30pm (AEST). Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this event provides the opportunity to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Limited to 10 participants. Cost \$60. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQNX>.

For more information, contact Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE.

The Maroondah City Council each year provides Grants to organizations in the Council Area, to assist in their charitable work.

Our Conference made an application to the Council under The Emergency Relief Grants Scheme and we are delighted that a Grant of \$5,000.00 has been approved.

We are very grateful to the Council for it's consideration and it is a clear demonstration that the Council is firmly committed to the welfare of it's citizens and there is no doubt that the funding will be of significant benefit to the Conference in it's efforts to assist vulnerable people in the Community.

Kevin O'Callaghan.

President



HOLY SPIRIT RAFFLE

This year, more than ever, we need to sell as many tickets as possible! Tickets have been delivered to those on our list. If you have not received tickets but would like to buy and/or sell tickets, please contact the Parish Office 98763077 and we will organize tickets to be delivered.

\$2.00per ticket

1st Prize Eastland VoucherValue \$1,500

Eastland Gift Voucher to the total value of \$1,500

2nd Prize Peak Cycles VoucherValue \$1,000

For all your cycling needs - Peak Cycles Voucher to the total value of \$1,000

3rd Prize JB HiFi VoucherValue \$750

JB HiFi Gift card to the total value of \$750

4th Prize Haier 126L Bar FridgeValue \$349

Donated by Swan Air & Cooling to the total value of \$349

5th Prize Flower Pot Florist VoucherValue \$200

Flower Pot Gift Voucher to the total value of \$200

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

- **Parish Secretary, Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore**
- **Parish Secretary, St Macartan's Catholic Church, Mornington**
- **Cook, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton**
- **Marketing Coordinator, St Benedict's Church, Burwood**
- **Graphic Designer, St Benedict's Church, Burwood**
- **Senior Relationship Manager, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund, East Melbourne**
- **Admin Assistant-Before and After School Hours Care Program (SLOSH), Wantirna**
- **Coordinator-Before and After School Hours Care Program (SLOSH), Wantirna**
- **Parish Seniors Advocate, St Xavier's Parish, Boxhill**



HOLY SPIRIT FETE 2022

Holy Spirit Fete first ran in 1982, nearly 40 years ago, making it one of the largest and longest running fetes, widely regarded as one of the best in the Eastern suburbs.

Our Fete does rely solely upon School & Parish volunteers to run. Many people contribute to make this event so fantastic but without help the Fete be unable to continue.

HELP NEEDED FOR FETE NEXT YEAR



We have had a number of amazing volunteers who have helped run the Fete & Stalls for many years step down.

If you would like to take over one of these roles please contact Katherine & Kerry.


Perhaps get together with a few friends or parents to share the job together!

fete@holyspiritparish.org.au

STALL OWNERS

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1. Pre Loved Clothing
 2. Silent Auction
 3. Poffertjes


COMMITTEE MEMBERS



The Fete Committee needs new members for 2022
for the Fete to be able to continue.

Some of these roles will be shared

Without new volunteers in these roles the 2022 Fete cannot proceed.

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1. Secretary
 2. Treasurer
 3. Bookkeeper
 4. Stalls Manager
 5. Food Safety Officer
 6. Food Co Ordinator
 7. Operations Assistant
 8. Events Co-ordinator
 9. Social Media Manager



**THANK YOU TO THE
AMAZING 2021 FETE
VOLUNTEERS!**



HOLYSPIRITFETEOFFICIAL



Maroondah Winter Shelter – Advocacy for the Homeless Group presents:

A Forum on Housing Policy and Solutions

- Too many Australians are without a place to call home.
- There is an urgent need for affordable housing.
- How can governments and the community sector best respond?

Where:	North Ringwood Uniting Church (NRUC) 14 Dickson Cres, Ringwood North VIC 3134	In this time of Covid it is important that you prebook for this event by Sunday, 5 September. Please use: https://nruc.org.au/homelessnessforum or Phone: 9876 5625 and leave your name and number and indicate your intention to attend.
Date:	Monday, 6 September 2021	
Time:	7:30pm to 9:00pm (7:15pm registration)	

Speakers:



Dustin Halse, MP, State Member for Ringwood.

Before entering politics, Dustin worked as a retail assistant, school care program coordinator, sports coach, trade union official, and university lecturer and fellow in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.



Michael Sukkar, MP, Federal Member for Deakin, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing.

Michael was raised and educated in Ringwood. After university he worked as a tax consultant and lawyer.



Bronwyn Pike, CEO of Uniting Vic.Tas.

Bronwyn has extensive experience across the public, private and community services sectors. She has a long history of advocating for social change, equality and the disadvantaged.

Our Emcee will be **Rev Andy Tiver**. Time will be made available for audience questions. If the prevailing restrictions allow a light supper will be provided after the event.

For further information, please contact:

Rosemary U'Ren
0437 242 018

Jenny Smith
0413 295 780

Robyn Kilpatrick
0411 331 934

Reflection: .21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Prayers of Intercession

Let us now approach our loving Lord with our needs and those of the whole world.

We pray for all leaders and members of the Church; that we may bring the message of eternal life to our community and to the world. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for the ability to recognize Christ in one another and strive to honour and encourage each other toward wholeness. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for strength and sensitivity to support the families and marriages known to us where the bonds of mutual service and love have been weakened. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for all couples; that they may deepen their love for one another and mutually support one another along the journey of life. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for a deepening awareness and respect for the gift of human life; that we may appreciate the beauty and mystery of God's gift of life in all people. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those members of our Parish who are too frail or ill to be with us. May your healing power be upon them and give them comfort. **LORD HEAR US**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Maggie Beck, John Leeson, Armando Perri, Greg McCarthy, Vincent Crowe, Mary Beagley, Vinnie Kerkham, Dean Moloney and Catarina De Vos.
May they rest in the loving arms and 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.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



FIRST READING

Isaiah 66.18-21

All your kindred, from all nations, will be brought to the Lord.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

18 “For I know their works and their thoughts,
and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues;
and they shall come and shall see my glory,

19 and I will set a sign among them.

“From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud
—which draw the bow— to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away
that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory;
and they shall declare my glory among the nations.

20 “They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations
as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots,
and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries,
to my holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the Lord,
“just as the Israelites bring a grain offering
in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord.”

21 “And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites,”
says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117.1, 2 (R. Mk 16.15)

R. Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

1 Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples! **R.**

2 For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those whom he loves.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

5 And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—

“My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
or lose heart when you are punished by him;

6 for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.”

7 Endure trials for the sake of discipline.

God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline?

11 Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time,
but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,

13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint,
but rather be healed.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

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

Alleluia

G O S P E L

Luke 13.22-30

*People will come from east and west,
and will eat in the kingdom of God.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

22 Jesus went through one town and village after another,
teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

23 Someone asked him,
“Lord, will only a few be saved?”

Jesus said to them,

24 “Strive to enter through the narrow door;
for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

25 “When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door,
and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying,
‘Lord, open to us,’

then in reply he will say to you,
‘I do not know where you come from.’

26 “Then you will begin to say,
‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

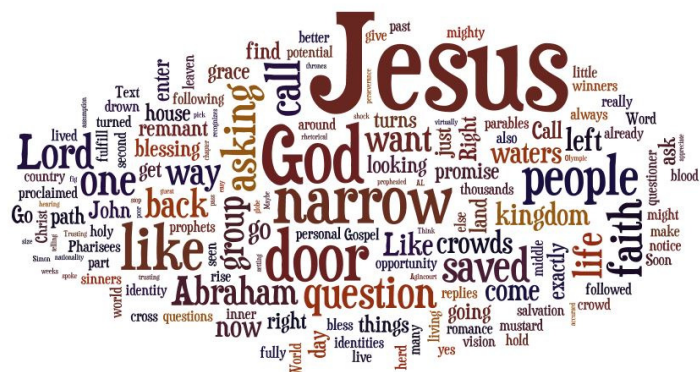
27 But the Lord will say,
‘I do not know where you come from;
go away from me, all you evildoers!’

28 “There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth
when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob
and all the prophets in the kingdom of God,
and you yourselves thrown out.

29 Then people will come from east and west,
from north and south,
and will eat in the kingdom of God.

30 “Indeed, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Reflection.

Jesus' declaration that he was the living bread come down from heaven and the source of eternal life proved too much for some of his followers. They could not believe in such claim and started to drift away. This was unacceptable language and they were no longer prepared to walk with him. Neither surprised nor disappointed at their reaction, Jesus did not take back anything he has said nor try to make his teaching more acceptable. It was the parting of ways. He turned to his disciples and said: will you also walk away? This was a moment of crisis. What Jesus was demanding of them was not understanding but faith in himself. There was no way they could avoid making a choice of being for or against Jesus. Peter said for everyone: Lord where else shall we go? You have the message of eternal life and we believe.

And what happened then, still happens. We are faced with decisions to make about following our Lord. Do we stay or do we go away? This is the drastic choice that faces all who come in contact with Jesus. It's not just a matter of accepting that certain beliefs are true but it involves a personal commitment at the level of the heart and of the mind to live by the values of Christ. The personal option to belong to Jesus regardless of where life may lead us is at the centre of our faith and is an ongoing struggle. It is so easy for us to compromise, pick and choose from Christ's teaching what suit ourselves. God does not always correspond to our idea of him or to what we would like him to be. So Christ invites us to surrender and entrust ourselves to him. This means learning to rely on God rather than ourselves when the road ahead is uncertain. Most of us of course have doubts and face difficulties about our faith, but like Peter, we would be lost without it. May our prayers be a response like Peter, from the depths of our hearts: "Lord where else shall we go? We believe you have the message of eternal life."

Stay safe and well! -Fr. Arsenio.

