



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3-4 February 2024**

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Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

1st Saturday of the month 9:15am

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## **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**

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## **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** John Hayes, Eddie Garcia, Mary Blackburn, Ben Lobo, Ruth Foy, Christine O'Hanlon, Daniel Holland, Mary Berglund and Mick Hayes

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

**Readings this week:** Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

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## **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 - 5th-11th February 2024**

<b>MONDAY</b>	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.30 pm RCIA via Zoom 7:30pm Liturgy Team Meeting, Meeting Room 7:30pm Netball Committee Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 6.00 pm Rosary via Zoom
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am Men's Chat Group, Mary Bresnan Room 7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church 4.00-5.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 10th-11th February 2024**

**Mass Coordinators:**

**6.00 pm:** Jacek Holewa

**9.00 am:** Bill Lanigan

**Lectors:**

**6.00 pm:** Ambrose Cornelio

**9.00 am:** Maryann Street

**Welcomers:**

**6.00 pm:** Jean Smith

**9.00 am:** Tina Toomey

**Ministers of Communion:** **6.00 pm:** Barry Ward

**9.00 am:** Chris and Vicki Morris

**Tea and Coffee:** **9.00 am:** Bill and Trish Lanigan

**BAPTISM INFORMATION MEETINGS** are held every second Tuesday of the month (except January) in the Parish House. Please call the Office on 7036 9395 to register your attendance/interest.  
Next meeting: Tuesday 13th February at 7.30 pm, Mary Bresnan Room.

**Holy Spirit Web Site - [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://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](mailto:Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au) or phone 7036 9395.

**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.

**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.



**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](mailto: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](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/Collection-Notice)



## THANK YOU JACINTA

On behalf of the whole parish we wish to extend sincere thanks to Jacinta, for the many ways you have contributed to the life of Holy Spirit over the past five years as a member of Parish Staff & PPC and across number of pastoral and sacramental initiatives and ministries. Most notably in the area of Safeguarding for Children and Vulnerable Adults. Your well established protocols and parish guidelines have created a legacy that will continue well into the future, providing awareness and accountability for a safe & happy community environment for all. Thank you so much. We wish you and your family abundant blessings for the next chapter your life. In appreciation, the Parish Pastoral Council.

NB: Parishioners please note that a thank you gift will be provided to Jacinta on your behalf. If you wish to make a \$\$ contribution, please do so in a marked envelope via the collection. There is also a card on the Word table if you would like to add personal wishes.

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

**Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

**Catholic Development Fund**

### Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker - Supporting communities of Scoresby and Rowville (St Judes and St Simons)
- Pastoral Worker, St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South
- Parish Secretary- St Mary's Catholic Church, Greensborough
- Pastoral Associate - Mary Mother of the Church, Ivanhoe
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea

### Other Positions

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](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)



## Pietà Lenten Program 2024

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024.

If you are looking for an opportunity to grow your faith, joining a Lenten Group is highly recommended.

Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with Pietà, an exquisite resource containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for devotional reading. In addition, there are longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, and reflections on Christian art, that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.

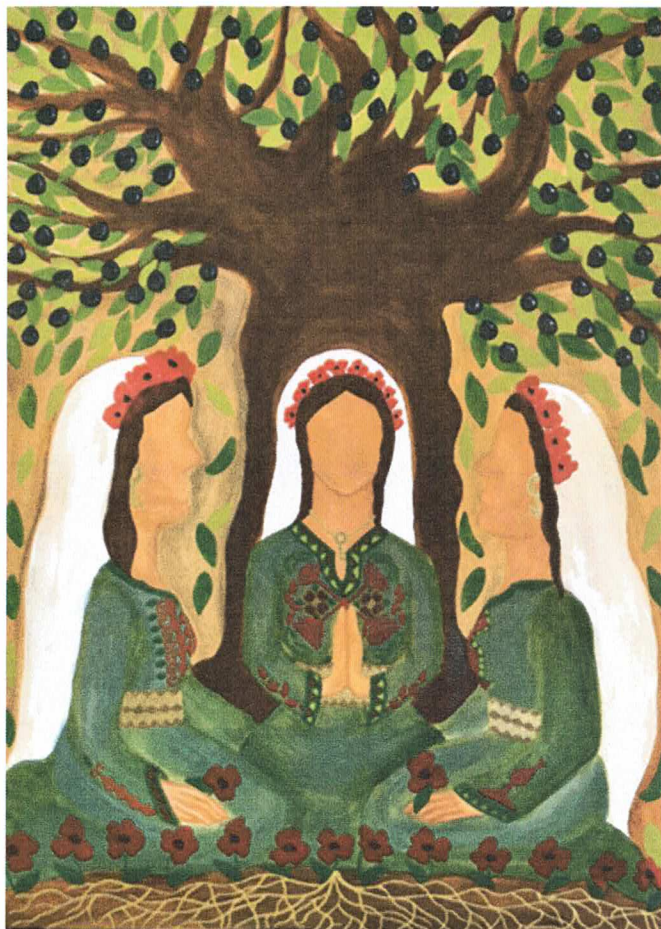
The Lenten groups meet for six weekly sessions of 90 minutes duration. There will be three Lenten groups at Holy Spirit Parish this year, two meeting in parishioners' homes and one online.

Group	Time	Starting	Leader
Tuesday, in person	2-3.30pm	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Judy Barber
Wednesday, in person	7.30 – 9pm	7 <sup>th</sup> February	Chris and Vicki Morris
Wednesday online via Zoom	7.45 – 9.15pm	7 <sup>th</sup> February	Maryann Street

If you would like to join a Holy Spirit Parish Lenten group or a copy of this program for individual devotional reading please contact Maryann by email: [maryann\\_street@bigpond.com](mailto:maryann_street@bigpond.com) or ring the Parish (7036 9395) to register interest.

**On the Journey this week:** Fr Daniel Serratore MGL says today's Gospel calls us out of our comfort zone to live out Jesus' mission in our lives. Mother Hilda has another tip on how to surrender to God's will. Fr Tony Percy focuses on the healing of Saint Peter's mother-in-law and the relationship it has with the resurrection. Trish McCarthy says that we should stop and spend time remembering what God's done for each of us, and Deacon Josh Clayton says our parish communities can learn a lot from observing the local country show. Plus, more great music! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime





## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 PALESTINE

**10am Friday March 1st March,  
Ringwood Uniting Church.**

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

The theme in 2024 is  
"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"  
Ephesians 4:1-3

This program calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. The program was written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7. We reflected collectively on this theme from the context of our suffering as Palestinian Christian women. We hope to inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in love during troubled times.

This artwork is made in honor of the World Day of Prayer. Through her artwork, Halima Azizre, presents three Palestinian women praying together in nature in a peaceful place. In her work, the artist has different motives and symbols that indicate the origin of these women and their cohesion. These are the following symbols featured in her artwork:

Olive trees/ branches are a sign of everlasting and abundant life because they can live for thousands of years. Some of the olive trees in Palestine today were there during the time of Jesus.

The golden roots are underlining the fact that the Palestinians will always exist and as they exist, they will always resist for their rights and freedom. It's painted in gold because it's something precious, something no one can take away from the Palestinians because they are deeply rooted.

Poppy flowers are abundant and meaningful to Palestinians. They remind Palestinians of loved ones who have given their lives for their country.

Traditional Palestinian dresses like the tatreez (embroidery) thobe (dress) or the white scarf. It represents the Palestinian people and is full of art and history.

The keys are a symbol of the hope to return back to Palestine. Palestinians always carry their keys of their homes they were driven out of with them, no matter where they are around the world, and they pass it on to their children so they will never lose hope.



Each year, Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme of Project Compassion is **For All Future Generations**. It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact for all future generations. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival, and those whose needs at this time are far beyond our own. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference today, for all future generations. Project Compassion boxes and envelopes will be available in the next week or two. Please take this opportunity to support Caritas Australia in their mission.



## Key Dates

Fete 2024  
Saturday 12 October 2024



## Fete Update

We are excited to announce Lauren Cefai as the incoming Fete Chairperson for 2024. Adam Stone will assist in handing over the reigns as he steps down into a support role. Vivienne de Zoysa joins us as P&F Liaison.

We warmly invite all parents and friends (including incoming Prep families) of Holy Spirit School & Parish to join the new team as General Members to be a part of planning the 2024 Fete.

The following positions have given notice that they will not be continuing in their current roles in 2024:

- Silent Auction Coordinator
- Raffle Coordinator
- Secretary / Communications Officer
- OH & S Officer (shared roll)
- Stalls Coordinator (shared role)
- Sound Technician support
- Website Coordinator

Please reach out to Lauren Cefai or Belle Godfrey if you'd like to get involved or email [fete@holyspiritparish.org.au](mailto:fete@holyspiritparish.org.au)

It is appreciated that each family provide at least 2 hours each year to help volunteer either for either Fete or P&F events.

## Fete Committee 2024

We would like to recognise the Committee for their efforts and thank members who have stepped down.

Lauren Cefai – President / Operations Manager  
Belle Godfrey – Sponsorship & Marketing / Silent Auction  
Paul De Iulio – Treasurer / General Operations  
Sharon Wolff - Food & Safety Officer / Committee  
Nicolle Tilley – General Operations  
Peter Philp – Audio Specialist  
Dale Sebire – General Operations  
Emily Collins – General Operations  
Vivienne de Zoysa - P&F Liaison

## 2024 Sponsorship

Did you know that Sponsorship priority is given to Holy Spirit families when possible?

We are already taking sponsors for 202 but love to promote our Holy Spirit family business'.

If you are a family or local business interested in sponsorship (or maybe donating to our Raffle / Silent Auction) we would love to support you!

Advertising runs March through to February the following year. It's a perfect tax deduction so check with your accountant!

Contact Belle Godfrey on 0492 200 676 or email [admin@frontlinelocksmiths.com.au](mailto:admin@frontlinelocksmiths.com.au)





### **It's always jam time**

(and the fete will roll around before we know it!)

Now is the perfect time for harvesting surplus fruit and making preparation for jamming later in the year. If you are able to obtain summer fruits and prepare and freeze for jam making in the cooler months, please give it some consideration – we will organise some jamming days in the church kitchen soon. If you are keen to get jamming now we would really appreciate that too. We can easily arrange to get some jars over to you. If you would like to talk about jam, please give me a call after business hours on 040 787 3432. Many thanks, Yvette.



### **ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024**

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

#### ***Celebrant:***

*God our Father always watches over us keeping us safe. Let us renew our faith and hope as we bring these our prayers to the Lord.*

#### **Reader:**

We pray for those who are in positions of power in politics, business and the Church; that Christ's light may shine through them inspiring them to build a better world.

**LORD HEAR US.**

May a spirit of excitement and dedication descend upon all so that we may find meaning in our work and a new appreciation of all the people who bless our lives.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For all who feel devalued; that God will heal their self-image and give them a new spirit of purpose and direction in life.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For all in health care ministry; that they may show forth the healing presence of God to all who seek their assistance.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For all who face fear and hardship, especially parents of seriously ill children; that they may hold onto God's pledge to be with them always.

**LORD HEAR US.**

For all who have experienced healing; that they will respond to God's gift and offer their talents and energies in the service of others.

**LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: John Hayes, Eddie Garcia, Mary Blackburn, Ben Lobo, Ruth Foy, Christine O'Hanlon, Daniel Holland, Mary Berglund and Mick Hayes. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ.

**LORD HEAR US.**

#### ***Celebrant:***

*Lord God, we trust in your protection and care as we make these our prayers to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FIRST READING

Job 7.1-4, 6-7  
*Sorrow fills all my days.*

A reading from the book of Job.

1 Job spoke to his friends:

"Do not human beings have a hard service on earth,  
and are not their days like the days of a labourer?

2 Like a slave who longs for the shadow,  
and like labourers who look for their wages,

3 so I am allotted months of emptiness,  
and nights of misery are apportioned to me.

4 "When I lie down I say, 'When shall I rise?'  
But the night is long,  
and I am full of tossing until dawn.

6 "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,  
and come to their end without hope.

7 Remember that my life is a breath;  
my eye will never again see good."

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 147.1-2, 3-4, 5-6

**R.** Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

1 How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. **R.**

3 The Lord heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds.

4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. **R.**

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23  
*Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

16 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting,  
for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward;  
but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.

18 What then is my reward?

Just this:

that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge,  
so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

19 For though I am free with respect to all,  
I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak.

I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia, alleluia  
Christ bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering  
Alleluia

**G O S P E L**

**Mark 1.29-39**

*Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

- 29** As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
- 30** Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once.
- 31** He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
- 32** That evening, at sundown, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons.
- 33** And the whole city was gathered around the door.
- 34** And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.
- 35** In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.
- 36** And Simon and his companions hunted for him.
- 37** When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."
- 38** He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."
- 39** And Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

**REFLECTION: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38*

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.