



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25-26 July 2020

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EMAIL

Jacinta will continue to make contact with parishioners via email on a weekly basis. If you have not received an email but would like to be included in this distribution list, please email to let us know at Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au. Alternatively, please ring the parish mobile 0434 224 483 to advise us of your email address.

This is a great opportunity to update our data base!

PLEASE NOTE:

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

THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL WILL BE LOCKED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Readings, Prayers of Intercession and a Gospel reflection are included in the word, which will be available from the parish web site: <http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/The-Word-Newsletter>

Recorded Masses (click on the You Tube icon), important information, Spirit Extra, the Spirit Magazine and other Parish matters will also be available on the website.

THE Parish Office will also be closed, however, the staff will be monitoring the phone, mail and emails. Please ring the Parish Mobile number: 0434 224 483 and leave your name and contact number and we will return your call as soon as possible. Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED: Barrie Arnott

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Daniel Hurley, Josephine Gangi, Margaret Grant, Marea Millburn, Kevin Reitze, Phil O'Sullivan, Mary Keogh, John Adriaanse, Cath Versteegen, Like Bettiol, Lina Slaveiro, Shirley Radford, Paul Saba, Loris Bresnan, Joyce Radau, Mary Quinlan and John Quinlan

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, Valerie Mason

Readings this week: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-31; Matthew 13:44-52

HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:

Envelopes: \$
 Credit Cards: \$
 Direct Debits: \$
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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL**HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE-RINGWOOD NORTH**

Maroondah City Council has provided Grants to organizations to assist in funding charitable work. Our Conference made an application to the Council through the Maroondah Emergency Relief Program and we were successful in being awarded a Grant of \$5,000.00.

This program clearly demonstrates that Maroondah City 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 the needy in our Community.

On their behalf, Conference members extend gratitude to the Council and Staff.

Kevin O'Callaghan
 Conference President.

VINNIES COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL

Not only have the people who usually rely on our assistance been disproportionately affected, but there will be many more thousands who have lost their jobs and finding themselves suffering from financial strain and struggling to keep a roof over their heads or even food on the table. Due to very strict numbers at weekend Masses, where we traditionally held the Winter Appeal, we are making the transition to digital as there will be no cash collections. Parishioners wanting to donate can do so by :-

Phone by calling 13 18 12 and nominate North Ringwood Conference or

Online at vinnies.org.au and nominate North Ringwood in the "comments" field.

Donations over \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Winter Appeal

Vinnies
changes
lives
everyday.

Show your support and
 give to our annual appeal

EVERGREENS

Dear Evergreens,

We have been advised to put our Evergreen activities, (Meetings and Social Activities), on hold during the Corona-virus 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)



Join a Connect Group! Connect Groups are gatherings of 8 - 15 people who meet fortnightly to share scripture, discussion and life. Typically, people join Connect Groups after completing an Alpha course but anyone who is interested is welcome. The groups are intended to be forums where members are known, loved and cared for as they connect and grow together. Amazing things happen in Connect Groups.

The group leaders chosen to lead the discussions are ordinary people who know the importance of ensuring that the views of each member are heard and respected. Everyone's opinion is valuable and each different opinion gives us new insight, adding to our own understanding. You can feel free to say whatever you like or as little as you like, it's up to you.

Normally we'd meet in person and share a cuppa or a meal, but in these unusual times we will meet online and look forward to being in the same room sometime in the future.

Our first meeting will be **Wednesday 5 August at 7:30pm**. BYO Coffee and cake

RSVP by Sunday 2 August using Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/holy-spirit-parish-north-ringwood-19911987004>.

so we can send you a zoom invitation which will allow you to join the meeting online.

For further information call Yvette 040 787 3432 or Kerry 0407 764 302

Parish Zoom Chat

The next fortnightly zoom chat is planned for Wednesday 29th July. @ 5 - 5.30 pm

Join with parishioners for a pre-dinner chat next Wednesday evening.

It's a great chance to see familiar faces and catch up on news. BYO favourite face mask!!



HolySpirit Parish's Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6319508706?pwd=WnlNaDZQMzFtMGVvUnV2WDUrelJmQT09>

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Come alone or bring a family member or friend. Please call Mary on 0410 654 357 for tech support if needed.

ALL WELCOME

Holy Spirit Web Site - www.holyspiritparish.org.au:

Stay in touch with our parish website.

- "News, Events": ref menu
- "Covid 19 News and Updates" (much of which is drawn from Jacinta's weekly email): ref home page & menu
- "How we stay connected", online resources such as Masses, Prayers, Newsletters, Next Zoom: ref home page
- >>>> We have changed our web address on Friday 03/07/2020. Refer the attached page for more info <<<<

Our Parish Website has moved

We are now at www.holyspiritparish.org.au

As the heading says we have moved our web site. We are no longer at www.cam... Instead you can find us at: www.holyspiritparish.org.au.

There have been some useful changes which are best explained by reading these notes in conjunction with the image of our home page (next page).

1. The web site can now be searched. This is perhaps the best of the improvements. If you're looking for something and can't remember where it's placed start here.
2. If you are on a small form factor device (smart phone or table) you will see the "hamburger" in the top left corner. Click this to see the menu (3)
3. The Menu
 - a. The menu now sports "Covid 19". This is the full list of announcements we have made since the restrictions took place – mostly these come from Jacinta's weekly update. We also have the most recent two on the home page ("Covid 19 Updates" - refer 6). Previously we had the most recent one on the home page and the rest on another page that was a bit less obvious to find and much harder to maintain. This change is mostly of benefit to me ;)
 - b. "News, Events" has been revamped. It used to be a menu list of articles which were difficult to navigate and appreciate what they might contain. Now it is a series of summaries each with an associated image and details should you wish to "click-in". This means a more manageable interface and better user experience.
 - c. Contact Us can now fit on our menu. Previously it was only available by the phone icon in the top right corner which is not the first place many people would look.
4. The rotating banners are as they were – a number of standard (e.g. current Mass season which clicks through to mass times) and newly

featured items (e.g. click through the Choir image to see and hear our Choir in action) each of which allows the user to click-through to the content.

5. "Holy Spirit Parish Online – How we stay connected" is as it was – a place to click through to see a list of online resources such as weekly streamed masses and Zoom meeting updates, etc.
6. Covid 19 Updates. As explained in 3a, this is the most recent two announcements and you can "click here for more updates on Covid 19".
7. Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish. This too is unchanged and our Welcome message to the world.
8. Reflections. This is as it was, a reflection from our Parish Priest. However, a significant recent change is that a new reflection is added reliably each week. It doesn't matter how sophisticated the web site is if it has no interesting content. Now we have something valuable to share regularly. Thanks Father Arsenio! (Click "More Reflections..." to previous ones).
9. Tweets by @Pontifex is Pope Francis' Twitter Feed. This is as it was. It automatically updates daily. I have no interest in Twitter myself, but I feel that this feed is worthy of our time.
10. At Today's Readings you can find today's Bible readings courtesy of Melbourne Catholic (Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne).
11. The 8 Icons at the bottom of every page are technically the same. They are a quick way to navigate to main sections of the site. With the change I have taken the opportunity to give "Spirit Extra!" its own button (Helen can lay claim to this new small piece of "screen real estate" next to her "Spirit Magazine") .
12. The Footer is unchanged. It too shows at the bottom of every page and tells people who and where we are and also has links to the legal type documents that is required of us.

winter shelter

JULY 2020 NEWS



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WINTER SHELTER 2020

Hello Winter Shelter Volunteers.

We are fortunate to have over 300 volunteers registered to help in our Winter Shelter program but as you know, this year has been very different and we have not been able to place everyone into volunteering roles. Because of Covid19 we haven't encouraged our senior aged volunteers to come out of home to participate in our rostered "on ground" programs. Instead many of you are cooking or baking at home and this is an enormous help, thank you. Our current programs require volunteers from late afternoons and this also limits some volunteers availability because many are working. Over May and June we distributed more than 1200 meals made by our volunteers and including some donated by RACV and Fairshare. We have been busy!

However, we do still need your help. If you are not already volunteering or would like to do more, here are some ways to help:

- we really need warm socks and underwear for men (new)
- we need toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap
- we would love your home baked slices, biscuits for our Wednesday, Sunday or Mondays (please package individually or in small quantities)
- donations of fresh fruit, and individual small bottles of water for Wednesday, Sunday or Mondays (please deliver them to any of the venues we are distributing meals from - or check with us)
- Volunteers for the Shower program in East Ringwood on Tuesdays 1.00pm-3pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm. It is an easy role and really just means being there with another volunteer to supervise the use of the facility.
- Cooking 8 serves of meals for Wednesday nights (we can pick up)

If you can assist with any of these requests please let us know.

CONTAINERS for VOLUNTEER COOKS

Please let us or your volunteer driver know ASAP, if you need more containers to put your cooked meals into.

YOU CAN ALSO HELP

Ringwood Church of Christ is preparing to start a takeaway lunch program.

They need volunteers. If you are available here are the details:

Ringwood Church of Christ are recommencing a take away soup lunch on Thursdays from July 16 as part of our Nourish program – Physically Distant but Socially Connected. As with many of our voluntary programs among our churches, many of our team are in the at risk groups and unable to help for the time being. We would welcome additional soup makers – this can be on the day in our kitchen, at home and delivered or frozen and delivered on Wednesdays between 10am and 12 noon.

Contact Andrea Salmon on: 0408 795 014 if you would like further information.

Thank you everyone,

Gitta & Beth

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FIRST READING

1 Kings 3.5-12++

You have asked for an understanding mind.

A reading from the first book of Kings.

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night;
and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

6 And Solomon said,
"You have shown great and steadfast love
to your servant my father David,
because he walked before you in faithfulness,
in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you;
and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love,
and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

7 "And now, O Lord my God,
you have made your servant king in place of my father David,
although I am only a little child;
I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 And your servant is in the midst of the people
whom you have chosen, a great people,
so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind
to govern your people,
able to discern between good and evil;
for who can govern this, your great people?"

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

11 God said to him,
"Because you have asked this,
and have not asked for yourself long life or riches,
or for the life of your enemies,
but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

12 I now do according to your word.
Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind;
no one like you has been before you
and no one like you shall arise after you."
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119.57+72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (R.97)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **R.**

Let your steadfast love become my comfort
according to your promise to your servant.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. **R.**

Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.
Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way. **R.**

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.28-30

God predestined us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

28 We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom God foreknew
he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.

30 And those whom God predestined he also called;
and those whom he called he also justified;
and those whom he justified he also glorified.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Matthew 11.25

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13.44-52

Anyone who finds a treasure in a field, sells all and buys that field.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which someone found and hid;
then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has
and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
in search of fine pearls;

46 on finding one pearl of great value,
he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net
that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down,
and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad

49 "So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out
and separate the evil from the righteous
50 and throw them into the furnace of fire,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all this?"
They answered, "Yes."

52 And he said to them,
"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven
is like the master of a household
who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."
The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The treasure the gospel is referring to is our faith which tells us we are heirs to the kingdom of God. It is important and valuable that everybody must give it absolute priority. At the end of the day nothing else matters because worldly values are destined to faint into insignificance. Our search should not be superficial happiness but to develop a good relationship with God. Such a treasure can be found in ordinary places. God is constantly speaking to us in the simplicity of our lives. What we've got to do is to open our eyes to his presence and search for him in the bits and pieces of everyday happenings. This will only come about with prayer and by taking a good look at ourselves and trying to discover what God is saying to us at any given moment. We can stumble across the treasure, even in such time of crisis with everything falling apart. It may be a call to new growth and adventure in holiness. It's a day to reflect on the depth and the value we put on our faith in Christ.

Please do stay safe and keep smiling. -Fr. Arsenio

**"The kingdom of heaven
is like treasure
hidden in a field."**



Prayers of Intercession

Dear Friends. Let us pray for the church that we may have the courage to risk everything in seeking the reign of God.

We pray for all who are seeking, wandering or fleeing; that God will open new doors for them where they can find meaning, purpose and acceptance.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all who are engaged in evangelization and outreach; that they may cast a wide net through offering hospitality and dynamic witness to the Good News of God's love to all they encounter.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for an end to violence and terrorism; that God will touch the hearts of all to see new options for confronting differences and resolving disputes.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all teens and young adults; that God will fill their minds and hearts with wisdom and self-understanding so that they may recognise their gifts and use them in the service of God.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for all parents; that God's wisdom and understanding assist them in nurturing and guiding the children entrusted to their care.

LORD HEAR US

We pray for those who have died recently, Barrie Arnott and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Josephine Gangi, Margaret Grant, Marea Millburn, Kevin Reitze, Phil O'Sullivan, Daniel Hurley, Mary Keogh, John Adriaanse, Cath Versteegen, Lide Bettiol, Lina Slaveiro, Shirley Radford, Paul Saba, Loris Bresnan, Joyce Radau, Mary Quinlan and John Quinlan

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

