



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

The Ascension of the Lord, 28-29 May 2022

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Celebrating 50 years of Faith, Family & Friendship

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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

PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE DETAILS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE: 70369395 [Email: ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au)

Please contact us via the new phone number or email if you have any enquiries.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED: Gwen Eccles (Funeral at Sacred Heart Church, Croydon, Wednesday 1st June at 12 noon), Father Eric John Hodgins PE

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Graeme Eve, Aileen Hally, Peggy O'Sullivan, Mary Bresnan, Edna Mentiplay, Bill Knight, Lesley Callaghan, Margaret Azzopardi, Malachy Keyland and Tom Mifsud

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, John Hogan, Eve Foreman, Neville Benedict, Shirley Graham

Readings this week: Acts 1.1-11; Hebrews 9.24-28; 10.19-23; Luke 24.46-53

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—30th May—5th June 2022

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4th-5th June 2022

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Prayer requests may be emailed to Ambrose: acornelio@connecteast.com.au for inclusion weekly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Wednesday Morning Masses: There has been a change to the school class masses. Please note that Wednesday morning masses will be held back in the Chapel on Wednesday 1st June and 8th June. The Wednesday masses on 15th and 22nd June will be with Year 1/2 children in the CHURCH. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you for your understanding.



The June edition of "The Spirit" magazine is now being compiled. We would love your contributions. If you have something to share, please send it to: thespirit@holyspiritparish.org.au

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 Thank you.

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. Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

CENTERING PRAYER MEDITATION

Held fortnightly on a Thursday night at 5.45 pm commencing 26th May in the Holy Spirit Chapel for 30 minutes. Please contact Kathy on 0425 852 208 for any further information. All are welcome for a very relaxing, peaceful and short meditation.

A member of our community is in 2nd year of a Masters of Spiritual Companionship/Direction. If you would like to inquire to have confidential spiritual companionship on a regular basis, please contact the Parish office on 7036 9395 or via email Ringwoodnorth@cam.org.au This is a free confidential listening to where you feel drawn in your everyday life and that you may have a deeper awareness of the presence and action of the Spirit in your life.

On the Journey this week: Fr Paul O'Neill's Gospel reflection on Jesus' presence in the world today (We remember Fr Paul's first anniversary on 28 May. This reflection recorded in 2019). Mother Hilda's tip on how to start a conversation with God. Fr Anthony Crook on being open to new possibilities, particularly post-COVID. Trish McCarthy on personal growth by facing our fears, and Fr Dave Callaghan says next time you're feeling ashamed, ask God to help you see yourself as God does, and next time you're annoyed with somebody else, ask God for the grace to see them the way that He sees them. Plus, more great music!



Holy Spirit youth are heading back to Lardner Park to Re(Unite) at State Youth Games: One huge weekend of sport, community and fun. 10-13 June 2022. The weekend is for youth aged 13 to 30 – all welcome. Learn more at: <http://stateyouthgames.com/vic/>
If you have any questions, please email collins.yvette8@gmail.com or call Yvette on 040 787 3432.
To register go to <https://sygrego.com/mysyg/hs/signup>.

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

As restrictions continue to ease, we are happy to advise that the chapel will be open for private prayer during office hours. Parishioners are also welcome to drop in for a cuppa & chat after morning Masses on Wednesday & Fridays.

THANK YOU!

To the people of Holy Spirit parish I thank you most sincerely for your prayers, phone calls, cards and flowers I received during my recent illness.

Also to the beautiful people who kept Peter supplied with sweets and roast dinners, I thank you.

It is truly a privilege to be a part of this great parish.

Shirley Graham

Winter Shelter 2022 Needs You.

WS2022 start on July 1st this year. That's not far away and our volunteer numbers are down. If you would like to volunteer, as many have done in prior years, please act now. The attached flyer gives you details on how to do it. Our volunteers always tell us how much satisfaction they get from participating.

We are still looking for an extra Venue Coordinator or 2. Please contact me if you can help. (Svolomb1@gmail.com)

Many thanks to Crown Coaches and their drivers for sponsoring us again this year.

Regards Silvio



A flyer for Winter Shelter Training Night. It features a dark background with a white house silhouette. A purple diagonal banner in the top left corner reads "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!". The text "winter shelter" is in a light blue font, with "winter" in lowercase and "shelter" in uppercase. Below this, "TRAINING NIGHT" is in white uppercase letters inside a light blue rounded rectangle. Further down, "THURSDAY JUNE 2ND, 7PM" and "NORTH RINGWOOD UNITING" are in white uppercase letters. At the bottom, a paragraph describes the program's aim to provide basic facilities, hospitality, and crisis accommodation to those experiencing homelessness in Maroondah. It also mentions that guests are offered more than just a place to stay, including wholesome dinner, showering facilities, overnight accommodation, breakfast, and a packed lunch every night. The website "WINTERSHELTER.ORG.AU" is listed at the bottom in white uppercase letters.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

winter shelter

TRAINING NIGHT

THURSDAY JUNE 2ND, 7PM

NORTH RINGWOOD UNITING

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.

WINTERSHELTER.ORG.AU



Australia's
**Biggest
Morning
Tea**

How lovely it was to hear the happy burble of people chatting and renewing friendships over a cuppa for the Biggest morning Tea in the parish House!

Thank you to Maureen Taffe and Philippa Higgins for organizing the event. Thanks also to those who came along, brought a plate or donated to the cause!

Double Celebration!! Pentecost Sunday along with our Parish Feast Day 5 June



Pentecost - known as the birthday of the Church. It is the day when Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to be with the disciples, just as he said he would. When the disciples started speaking in different languages, they told all the people about Jesus and over 3000 people were baptised that day! Pentecost was known as the start, or the birth, of the Church.

On Pentecost Sunday you will see Father wear Red vestments as this is the colour of the Holy Spirit we would encourage you to wear something red next weekend. Next weekend a few of our Year 6 students who could not attend the Cathedral on 19 May will be Confirmed at the 9am Mass.

To celebrate our Parish Feast Day, we will serve the traditional cuppa and scones with jam & cream after each Mass.



Among the many events taking place in the life of the Church is the Synod on Synodality, a global and collective discernment on how the Church can become more "synodal" in character around three themes: Communion, Participation and Mission. As part of the local archdiocesan initiative, Catholics in Melbourne were invited to make submissions for consideration, an opportunity to express thoughts, ideas, and even discontents, about the current trajectory of the Church.

After the closing date, these submissions were collated and examined by a working group made up of three lay persons, a priest and an auxiliary bishop. The task of this working group was to identify prominent themes and synthesise the ideas into a report that could be handed to the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, before being handed to Rome.

This report has now been published for general viewing. To access the report, please use this link:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/media/2022/Synod-Report-Synthesis-2022-Catholic-Archdiocese-of-Melbourne.pdf>

Hopefully, this journeying *with* Christ and *towards* Christ will be a characteristic mark of Melbourne's approach to "synodality".

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

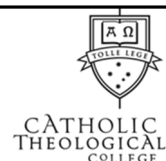
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Property Administrator, Property & Infrastructure – 12 Month Parental Leave Contract, East Melbourne/Flexible working arrangements available
- Digital Designer, Formation office, East Melbourne/Flexible Working arrangements available
- Full Stack Developer, Formation Office, East Melbourne/Flexible Working arrangements available

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary, St Mark's Catholic Parish, Fawkner
- Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish, Lalor
- Parish Finance Officer, Nazareth Parish, Grovedale
- Parish Secretary, Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Essendon West
- Secretary, Religious Formation House, The Missionary of God's Love, Burwood

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>



Catholic Theological College

Online Open Day Information Session

Tuesday 21 June at 7pm (AEST)

Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/open-days

For more information contact: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Dear Friends in Christ. Our Risen Lord, ascended to the Father, has claimed for us a share in the Divine life. Confident in God's infinite love, let us bring to him our prayers for the needs of the whole world.

As the living Body of Christ here on earth, let us never lose sight of the hope we have been given and remain ever faithful to the mission we have been entrusted with. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

For our priests and bishops; that they might continue to announce the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ to the world, courageously proclaiming the Good News of Salvation and the forgiveness of sins. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

For all those who face life with fear and apprehension; that the Spirit of God will give them courage and that they will find their way to God through patience and perseverance. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

For our Parish Community; that we may see and understand where God is already at work and carefully nourish the new life that this engenders. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

For those individuals and families facing severe upheavals; that they may experience God's embrace of mercy and peace. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently Gwen Eccles, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Graeme Eve, Aileen Hally, Peggy O'Sullivan, Mary Bresnan, Edna Mentiplay, Bill Knight, Lesley Callaghan, Margaret Azzopardi, Malachy Keyland and Tom Mifsud. May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

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



The Ascension of the Lord

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

FIRST READING

Acts 1.1-11

As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 1 In the first book, Theophilus,
I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning
2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them
by many convincing proofs,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem,
but to wait there for the promise of the Father.
“This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me;
5 for John baptized with water,
but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit
not many days from now.”
6 So when they had come together, they asked him,
“Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”
7 He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods
that the Father has set by his own authority.
8 But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
9 When he had said this, as they were watching,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven,
suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.
11 They said, “Men of Galilee,
why do you stand looking up toward heaven?
This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8 (R.5a)

R. God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
2 For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. **R.**

5 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. **R.**

7 For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
8 God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9.24-28; 10.19-23

Christ entered into heaven itself.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

24 Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands,
a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself,
to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
25 Nor was it to offer himself again and again,
as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;
26 for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world.
But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.
27 Just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that comes the judgment,
28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,
will appear a second time, not to deal with sin,
but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.
19 Therefore, my friends,
since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,
20 by the new and living way that he opened for us
through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,
21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who has promised is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

Go and teach all people my gospel;

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 24.46-53

Jesus withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

44 Jesus said to the disciples,
“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—
that everything written about me in the law of Moses,
the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”
45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,
46 and he said to them,
“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed
in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things.
49 “And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city
until you have been clothed with power from on high.”
50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.
51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;
53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.