



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

2nd Sunday of Lent, 27-28 February 2021

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PLEASE NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREMIER AND THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA, WE CAN NOW CELEBRATE MASS UNDER VERY STRICT GUIDELINES. PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE ON PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.

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 attended part time, 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:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Robert Williams, Don Smirl, Jack Carroll, Kath McKean, Paul Streefkerk, Anthony Hickey, Maria Romano, Desmond Meagher, Patrick O'Connor, Joe Dioguardi, Brian O'Dean, David English and Peter Leonard

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

Readings this week: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

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

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners

Booking via TryBooking is no longer required for regular Masses at Holy Spirit.

To comply with COVID regulations, we will use the QR code for electronic contact tracing purposes.

You will need to bring your mobile phone to use the QR code system. If you do not have a phone, or your phone does not work with the QR system, there will be welcomers on duty to assist.

Alternatively, you will have to write your details in a register.

Please arrive early to ensure you register and are seated well before Fr Arsenio is ready to commence Mass.

Weekend Masses are Saturday evening at 6pm, Sunday morning at 9am in the Church. We have resumed collections and Tea/Coffee after weekend Masses.

Please note: our maximum capacity in the church is 120.

Wednesday & Friday morning Masses will be celebrated at **9:15am** in the Chapel. Maximum capacity is 12.

All Masses will continue to be celebrated under guidelines, which have been approved by Archbishop Comensoli.

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

The restrictions are as follows:

- You must carry a face mask at all times.
- Sanitize your hands on arrival.
- Sanitise your hands as you approach Father for communion.

The chairs are not to be moved from the pre marked space.

Fr Arsenio will give instructions on receiving Holy Communion during the Fraction Rite.

Communion during covid-19 at this time may only be taken by hand.

Jacinta Bibby Pastoral Associate Mobile : 0434 224 483

REFLECTION: 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, *"Here I am, Lord,"* when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say *"Here I am, Lord,"* when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 1st-7th March 2021

MONDAY	7.00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Community Centre
TUESDAY	9:15-10:00am Meditation Group, Holy Spirit Chapel 8:00-9:30pm Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9:15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7:00pm Rosary group via ZOOM 8:00pm Liturgy Meeting, Community Centre
THURSDAY	8:00pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
FRIDAY	9.15am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel
SATURDAY	6.00pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	9.00am Mass, Holy Spirit Church

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 6th-7th March 2021

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

Mass Coordinator:

6pm: Kevin O'Callaghan

9am: Peter Parle

Lectors:

6pm: Ambrose Cornelio

9am: Jay de Graaff

Welcomers:

6pm: Robin Walsh and Jean Smith

9am: Shelah Batson and Maryann Street

Ministers of Communion:

6pm: Kevin O'Callaghan

9am: Rosa Hamlett

Tea & Coffee:

6pm:

9am: Edna Danelutti and Anna Fantin

Garden Maintenance: Ian Stuart, Bill and Shelah Batson

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!

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Ruth: ruth.frangeskakis@cam.org.au

The next set of yearly thanksgiving envelopes (April 2021 to end March 2022) are available for collection from the back of the Church. If you know that someone is unable to collect their envelopes, would you be so kind as to deliver them to their house. Thank you to everyone who contributes financially to our wonderful Parish especially during these very difficult times and circumstances. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Ruth, Thanksgiving Secretary

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.

Daily Mass Books 2021 are available for \$25. Please email Jenny: jenny.philp@cam.org.au if you would like to get a copy.

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.



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.

The Parish will rely on continuing contributions through the Thanksgiving program to meet our expenses for day to day operations. 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**

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. Numbers are limited, so please register with Len on 0401 519 727.

Charismatic Prayer Group Tuesdays @ 8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

Numbers are limited, so please register with Jacek or Ann to join in for prayer, praise and worship and fellowship. Enquiries: Jacek 9870 7625 Ann 0437 127 326

Holy Hour of Adoration/ Rosary - Wednesday Nights

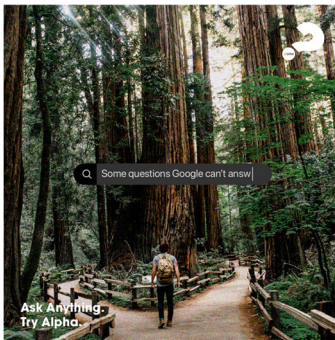
*Join with parishioners in prayer and devotion to Our Lady
for the intentions of your own heart, our community, our neighbourhood, our city and our world.*

Please contact Ambrose: ambrose_cornelio@hotmail.com for details.

Simply Jesus: Reflect. Renew. Recommit.

This Lent, across our archdiocese, we are being invited to reflect on the way and person of Jesus, renew ourselves in his love, and recommit ourselves to the path of discipleship. After a year where the regular structures that help us live a life of faith and grow in our relationship with Jesus were largely absent, we are encouraged to use Lent to reflect more deeply on our relationship with Jesus and be more attentive to nurturing its growth. To aid us in this, a Way of the Cross resource has been developed incorporating images, Scripture, music, reflection and prayer. The resource provides a meaningful way into the powerful story of Jesus' Passion, inviting a new or renewed intimacy with him. Along with other resources, it can be accessed at: www.melbournecatholic.org/lent2021

Life can be so busy, we don't have time to take stock. Alpha is a 'timeout' where you can think about the big questions, listen to others, and discuss your own thoughts.
None of us know it all, but together we can seek some answers.



Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Try Alpha Online

Sunday 14th March, 7:30-8:45pm

via [Zoom](#) – link to be sent directly to those who register via Eventbrite:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/holy-spirit-parish-alpha-2021-registration-140784077967

Further details: <https://www.holyspiritparish.org.au/alpha>

winter shelter

Maroondah Winter Shelter – 2021

Throughout the lockdown period MWS has not been able to provide our usual shelter and meals for our local homeless community but we have not been idle. Homelessness and poverty still haunts Maroondah. The seven local churches of MWS has changed focus for this period to provide take away meals delivered to accommodation houses and distributed from Café Vive in Croydon and Urban Café in Ringwood. Obviously compliance with Covid19 Restrictions have been implemented to protect both clients and volunteers. It must have worked because MWS distributed over 1325 meals, delivered 247 meals to housing, supporting 526 people in the month of Aug 2020 alone.

Holy Spirit's involvement has been provided by Jacki Wooten and her team of cooks. Our deepest appreciation goes to Jacki and those other generous people.

With the new year comes a new look.

Holy Spirit will be teaming with Uniting Church North Ringwood (Dickson Cres) to provide meals from the café's on Sunday evenings once a month. We will need 85 meals so that means cooks and volunteers to facilitate the distribution. Jacki will again be coordinating the program. Our first Sunday is on Feb 28.

How can you help?

If you can cook we can use your service. The more cooks we have then the fewer times each will be called upon.

If you are good with people we need volunteers to manage the distribution.

If you would like to donate, we would prefer Supermarket Vouchers that can be given out to clients (esp. families).

We aren't taking general groceries but we can use Long Life Milk, Bottled Water, Breakfast Cereals and Tinned Soups. These can be left at the School Admin during the week or at the Church (at mass times). To donate cash, please go to the Maroondah Winter Shelter webpage and donate online.

If you can help please call Jacki on 0488 013 666 or jacki.carman@hotmail.com or Silvio on 0431 399 938 or svolomb1@gmail.com.



Week 2: Solomon Islands

Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.



The school faced water shortages for about half the year. Staff and Students would walk for up to half an hour to collect water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then in April 2020, amidst the threat of COVID-19, Tropical Cyclone Harold struck, damaging school buildings and its vegetable garden.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed eight large water tanks and provided cycloneproof materials to repair the damage. It also helped the school to implement COVID-19 prevention measures, providing fabric for students to make face masks. Margret's school now has enough safe water to supply the school's population of 150 and has the capacity to cater for more students. It plans to boost food security, by increasing its agricultural production. This will improve nutrition and boost the school's income, while building resilience to future disasters.

Margret hopes that the school can aspire to "Be More".

"I am proud that our school community works together with Caritas Australia as our partner in ensuring that we live in a healthier environment," Margret says.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Pray for Vanuatu

World Day of Prayer Service 2021

The Maroondah Churches Celebration of World Day of Prayer

When: 7:30pm Friday 5th march

Where: North Ringwood Uniting Church
14 Dickson crescent
North Ringwood

Contact: 9876 5025

This service will also be live streamed on nruc.oeg.au/wdp



Prayers of Intercession

In union with St. Peter, we acclaim the wonder of being in the Lord's presence. We now make our petitions to our loving Father.

We pray for the inspiration and courage to shine the light on global injustices and to let our own light shine unto others so that we may be agents of change who bring about the Kingdom of God on earth. **LORD HEAR US.**

For all who follow Christ; that they may be transformed into His image. **LORD HEAR US.**

For the grace of recognition; that our hearts may be enlightened by, and our minds be open to, the everyday ways in which God reveals the truth to us. **LORD HEAR US.**

For all gathered here today; that we may always trust the God who gives us life as did Abraham in facing challenges and difficulties which we don't understand. **LORD HEAR US.**

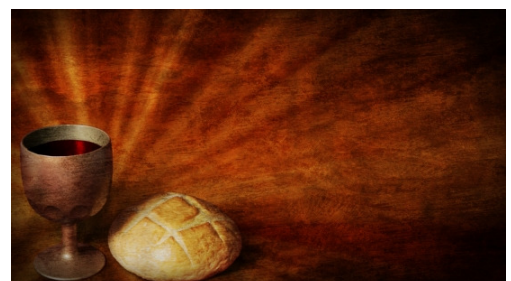
We pray for our children who are making their First Reconciliation over the coming weeks. May they come to a deeper understanding and find healing of their weaknesses in their celebration of the sacrament of penance. **LORD HEAR US.**

For all who assist us through difficult times, especially family members, friends, social workers, pastoral workers and home health care workers; that God will continue to renew them and strengthen them. **LORD HEAR US.**

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Robert Williams, Don Smirl, Jack Carroll, Kath McKean, Paul Streefkerk, Anthony Hickey, Maria Romano, Desmond Meagher, Patrick O'Connor, Joe Dioguardi, Brian O'Dean, David English and Peter Leonard. 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

Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Abraham, our father in faith, was ready for sacrifice.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 God tested Abraham.

God said to him, "Abraham!"

And Abraham said, "Here I am."

2 God said,

"Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

9 When Abraham and Isaac came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order.

He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

11 But the angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he replied, "Here I am."

12 The angel said,

"Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

13 Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

16 and said,

"By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.

And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies,

18 and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116.10+15, 16-17, 18-19 (R.9)

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

10 I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. **R.**

16 O Lord, I am your servant; You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. **R.**

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

19 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**



SECOND READING

Romans 8.31b-35, 37++
God did not withhold his own Son.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

31 If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

Is it God who justifies?

34 Who is to condemn?

Is it Christ Jesus, who died, and indeed, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us?

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,

or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

G O S P E L

Mark 9.2-10
This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

2 Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them,

3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

4 And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Then Peter said to Jesus,

"Rabbi, it is good for us to be here;

let us make three tents,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

6 Peter did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

7 Then a cloud overshadowed them,

and from the cloud there came a voice,

"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

8 Suddenly when they looked around,

they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain,

Jesus ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

10 So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

The gospel of the Lord.

