



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

Second Sunday of Lent, 12-13 March 2022

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Holy Spirit Parish
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

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

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Fr. Peter Robinson, Marjorie Neate, Cesare Bettiol, Sandra Day, Decima Perera, Mick Walsh, John Doensen, Cimeno Bordignon and Paul Murphy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curllis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Dominique, Paul Sanderson, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Enio Bordignon, John Hogan, Toni Collins, Christopher Woolley, Austin (baby in serious condition in hospital)

Readings this week: Gen 15:5-12, 17:-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

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

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 Word: Please note in order to get the Parish email distributed each week, submissions for the word need to be received by 2pm Thursday. Thank you, Jenny.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 14th—20th March 2022

MONDAY	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUESDAY	9.15-10.00 am Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room 8.00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group, Holy Spirit Chapel
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel 7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom 7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting 7.30-9.00 pm RCIA, via Zoom
THURSDAY	6.00-6.30 Centering Prayer Meditation, Holy Spirit Chapel 7:30pm Choir, Holy Spirit Church
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass followed by Rosary & Stations of the Cross, Holy Spirit Chapel 10.30 am—12 noon, Lenten Group Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
SATURDAY	6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church 4.00 pm High Spirits, Mary Bresnan Room

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19th-20th March 2022

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

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Mary Ryan

9.00 am: Peter Parle

5.00 pm:

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Bernadette Hally

9.00 am: Sharon Hipwell

5.00 pm:

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Dale Sebire and Maureen Taffe

9.00 am: Sally Weekes and Nola Ryan

Tea & Coffee: 6.00 pm:

9.00 am: Bill and Trish Lanigan

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



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ZOOM ROSARY

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 631 950 8706 Passcode: 2p7ssZ

Hosted by Ambrose & Philomena Cornelio

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

A HUGE "Thank you" to everyone involved in the set up, clean up and celebration of Fr Mogg's funeral on Monday. It was a perfect tribute to a man who has had such an enormous part in the formation of our parish and so many lives.



Second Sunday of Lent 12 & 13 March



Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.



Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way *For All Future Generations*.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:

The next set of thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. We have less than 50 people on the envelope system and as we are slowly becoming a cashless society, we have convenient credit card and direct debit facilities which guarantees your regular contribution to the Parish. If you are interested in changing from the envelope system, contact the Parish House and we can arrange everything for you. Thank you again to those who contribute financially to our wonderful Parish. **Also, could the person who uses envelope number 41 make contact with the Parish House. We don't know who is using this number as it has not been allocated to anyone. Thank you.**

LENT 2022

SOS! Our usual source for large palm branches used for decoration in the church on Palm Sunday is unable to provide them any more. If anyone has a palm tree and can help out, please contact Jenny on 70369395.



SPIRIT MAGAZINE MARCH 2022

The March edition of the Spirit magazine is now available for you take home or read on line via the parish website: [MASTER_Holy_Spirit_Mag_MARCH_2022_VERSION_2.indd\(holyspiritparish.org.au\)](http://MASTER_Holy_Spirit_Mag_MARCH_2022_VERSION_2.indd(holyspiritparish.org.au)) Hope you enjoy it.

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.

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

Tuesday Meditation Tuesdays @ 9:15am in the Holy Spirit Chapel. Please contact Len on 0401 519 727 if you have queries.

Vinnie's bin

Please note the Vinnie's donation bin has been permanently removed. Donations can be taken to the Vinnie's shop on Maroondah Highway.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER 154 Cotham Road Kew.
are organizing plants, books and variety items for sale on Saturday 26 March 9am-2pm.
For enquiries, please call 98173715



On the Journey this week:

Fr Joe Murphy says we can experience the transfigured Jesus by climbing life's mountain with prayer. Mother Hilda says we must take off our masks to reveal the real self. Bishop Greg Homeming from Lismore on the floods, Fr Mark De Battista on evangelising like the 72 disciples, plus, Fr Mike Delaney, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH EASTER SERVICES 2022

Tuesday 12 April 7:30pm Combined Parishes Reconciliation



EASTER TRIDUUM at Holy Spirit Church

Thursday 14 April 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Friday 15 April 10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 16 April 7.30pm Easter Vigil
(including lighting of the Easter Fire)
Sunday 17 April 9am Easter Mass

Daily Mass Books 2022 are available for \$25. Please contact Jenny: 70369395
jenny.philp@cam.org.au if you would like a copy.

INFORMATION SESSION - PERMANENT DIACONATE

In 2020, in the middle of the pandemic, Pope Francis outlined his prayer for vocations that "deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church." He asks everyone to pray for permanent deacons, who live their vocation in and with their family. In the Archdiocese there are now permanent deacons in a number of parishes with a small number of aspirants in training.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au



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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 50th Anniversary Celebration Conversation Cards

TIME IS RUNNING OUT – We need those cards by the end of this month –

This celebration is for EVERYONE – All Ages

Cards are available now to write today and place in the return box, or to take home for other family and friends that you may know. If you can't do cards, email your stories: hs50@holyspiritparish.org.au, write or post to the Parish House.

What to write? Any, or all, of the list below, and anything else you can think of!

Approximate dates of your time/visit in parish, any office held, or group you belonged to. Memories of good times or bad. Your funniest memory, the people you remember and why? What does/has Holy Spirit mean/meant to you?

Thank you for helping to make this celebration a joyous memory of our past for our current and future parishioners. **You are all a part of the history of Holy Spirit, past, present, and future**



Holy Spirit Parish 50th anniversary



Come and Celebrate 50 Years of Spirit
Sunday 27 March 2022
11:00 AM Celebration Mass
BYO lunch

HELP NEEDED!

If you are available to assist with set up and clean on the weekend of 26 & 27 March, please add your name to the sign up sheets at the rear of the church.

Thank you!

It is a time to enjoy viewing photos and videos of times past and reminisce on the good times!
And most importantly catch up with old friends and meet new ones.



Holy Spirit Parish 50th Anniversary Celebration 27th March 2022 – Spread the Word

Our parish – our community - is turning fifty. We are planning a celebration on Sunday 27 March 2022. We want this to be a wonderful, joyous coming together of all those who are, or have been a part of this wonderful community.

Please note: on this day there will be no 9am or 5pm Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on Saturday 26 March and 11am Sunday 27 March.

For now, we would like you to spread the word about this upcoming event when you catch up with old friends or past parishioners. We are seeking people's stories, anecdotes, remembrances of special occasions, photos etc. We would like everyone to contribute, including those who may not have held any official role, or been part of any of the parish groups - those go-to people who always said yes when asked to assist.

Please get in touch with us on hsparish50@gmail.com if you would like to assist with planning, or if you have any questions.

Holy Spirit Parish Anniversary Team

Report from Ukraine: a letter from a priest in Kyiv

Dear sisters and dear brothers, Let me start with Fastiv today. The House of Saint Martin de Porres run by the Dominicans and lay volunteers has been a place of escape and rest for people affected by the hostilities, ever since the beginning of the war. One of the ladies who had been among the first to take shelter in Fastiv and now is already safe in Poland, is from Hostomel, a town located just a dozen kilometers from Kyiv. She told me a couple days ago that her daughter Victoria and her little son stayed in the city. Just like many other people from their “Pokrowskyj” neighborhood, they found themselves under Russian authority, without water, food, or heat. Constantly seeing guns directed at them. One gentleman honestly confesses, “I am a Russian, and I’m very ashamed of it. They turned Hostomel into their military base. People live there in horrible conditions, among them my daughter.” The inhabitants became a human shield protecting the enemy’s army. Hostomel is not the only one; many Ukrainian cities are treated in the same way.

Stories like this would already make a thick book, and the church in Fastiv and the House of Saint Martin are filling with people’s tears, with longing for loved ones who lost contact, with longing for home and peace. I talked today with Father Misha; these days it’s very hard to get a hold of him by phone; at the end I asked him what good I can write about, since he told me so much about the people who find shelter with them, people from Fastiv, Irpin, Bucha, Kyiv... He was surprised by the question, although he’s never been a pessimist or a dark type. Lots of good, however, still happens around us. By my estimate, if we took a scale like the one held by Themis — the Greek goddess and personification of justice, law, and eternal order — the good side would definitely outweigh the other. Thanks to the commitment of a large number of noble people from Ukraine and Poland, buses of refugees are leaving from the courtyard of our church every day. Sometimes a couple of them in one day. The same buses which come here to pick up people bring us food and medications. I would like to express my gratitude and bow with great respect before all of those drivers who sit behind the wheels of buses, trucks, minivans, and their private cars, going to the places where people need their help. Among them are priests and religious sisters. Today our priory in Kyiv was visited by Fathers Valentine and Vyacheslav from Dunaivtsi (the diocese of Kamianets-Podilskyi). Their minivan was filled with food, including a couple buckets of handmade pierogies and a multitude of vegetables. All these things were immediately delivered to the sisters, the Missionaries of Charity (the ones of Mother Teresa of Calcutta), who run a center here in the capital of Ukraine for the homeless and those in need. For many years already, the Dominican brothers have been celebrating Masses for them twice a week, usually in English since the sisters come from many nations.

We have also received a delivery of things that were sent to us a couple days ago from Warsaw by Charytatywni Freta, as well as a gift from Father Peter from Legionowo. Peter served for many years in Ukraine and now celebrates monthly Masses in Ukrainian in our Dominican Priory of Saint Hyacinth in Warsaw. He has a great heart for Ukraine! All those things arrived first by train from Poland to Zhytomyr and today were delivered by Mr. Leonard by car from Home Church. Here are the real modern-day heroes! They go to places engulfed by war, delivering humanitarian help. They go even when they know that the return route might be cut off. They go, even risking being shot at. Those trips often take many hours, even days, because one has to find a way through destroyed roads and bridges, wait in long lines at multiple checkpoints, and scavenge for fuel. I’m getting to know this new reality and becoming more certain that during the war, what is needed is not only soldiers but also all the people behind the scenes. They deliver food and medications. And when necessary, they evacuate people to safe places. Leonard told me that yesterday he helped evacuate a young family from Kyiv. The young mother had a little infant in her arms. In 2014 they had to escape from Luhansk, and today the Russian army forces them out of Kyiv. May this be the last time; may they finally find a place to live and raise their children in peace. Leonard’s friend who is a soldier recently told him, “Because you helped my wife to safely leave the town, I have more peace, and I can defend my country with a rifle.” He is right. It is good that we have people like Leonard and priests like Valic and Slavic.

March 8 is the Day of Women. In Ukraine it is a national holiday and a day off work. One could already see tulip sellers yesterday at the entrance to the store near our priory in Kyiv. Ahead of me in line to the cashier at the supermarket, I saw a soldier with five boxes of chocolates. I know they are for the women soldiers in his unit.

I rarely buy flowers, so I don't know how much they cost before the war, but they are certainly much more expensive now. Without hesitation, Father Thomas and I purchased 12 tulips because we wanted to express to the women among us how important and needed their presence is. The Kyiv florist tried to convince us that one should not give an even number of flowers (that's for a funeral), but we had no energy to explain to her that the bouquet we purchased is for a larger number of women. She was confused but finally sold us 12 yellow tulips. Business is business, and for us this number has good associations, twelve apostles for instance.

Other heroes of our daily lives, in my eyes, are the "Women Behind the Counter." Yesterday I was standing in a long line at the pharmacy to buy medicine for a sick person. I observed with wonder a young pharmacist working alone in the whole shop, explaining to every client with great patience what she could and could not offer him, and what kind of medicines he or she could replace with another. She was doing that while answering phone calls. I would probably go mad after an hour of this work. Another time, when I was finishing my shopping, I told the lady at the cashier to take one of the chocolates I had just purchased, that it was for her. She was very surprised and asked why, to which I responded with a smile that if she wasn't there, I couldn't do any shopping at all. All the other stores around were closed. In the present conditions, everything that used to be normal work, at least to me, acquires now a new and deeper meaning.

Yesterday I went with Father Thomas to the subway station. It was already past 4 pm, the streets were relatively quiet, and the sirens were not blaring. The underground did not lack people, however. Some of them were laying on the platform on mattresses, reserved far in advance, someone was reading a book, and some young people were lovingly holding on to each other. Two families were standing together, and their children were joyfully playing around. Cartoons were projected on the wall. I'm sure the subway station fills up completely with people in the evenings. I suspect that's also how it was last night, since many times and not far away, we heard explosions. Father Peter announced today that he still wants to give an online lecture on Holy Scripture, according to the original plan. It is obviously for all of those students from the Saint Thomas Institute who can and are willing to participate. It is a great idea.

Over the last couple days, I have kept in my head one of the intercessions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: "More beautiful than the cedars of Lebanon, Mary we beg you." Isn't today her holiday too?

Warm greetings and request for prayers,

Jarosław Krawiec OP, Kyiv, March 8, 2022, 4:45pm

Source: Aleteia

YOUR DONATION CAN HELP!



Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Ukraine has called for support and assistance as it continues to support the country's most vulnerable as the crisis escalates.

Millions of Ukrainians are now living through air raids and attacks, on top of three million people already in need of humanitarian assistance after eight long years of conflict in eastern Ukraine.

In addition to the needs of displaced families, children in Ukrainian residential institutions – particularly those in close proximity to the front line and nearby shelling – are at risk of physical harm and immense trauma.

Caritas Ukraine is one of the few agencies who are directly on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

"The events which began [on 24th February] will inevitably lead to a colossal humanitarian catastrophe. It is impossible to believe that in the 21st century in the centre of Europe people have to wake up at 5 am from explosions and the sound of air raid sirens." said Tetiana Stawnychy, President of Caritas Ukraine, from her base in Kyiv.

Ukraine is a country already suffering. After eight years of conflict, violence and insecurity have loomed large in the lives of Ukrainians. Over one million people were already displaced and a staggering three million already relied on humanitarian assistance. This escalation in conflict will have dire consequences for all Ukrainians, particularly the most vulnerable.

As the situation continues to worsen, the need for humanitarian support has also increased, furthering the restriction of people's movements, disrupting essential public services including water, power, transport and banking, and damaging vital infrastructure and homes.

"Over the years there has been extensive damage to water, gas and electricity infrastructure. We are especially worried about the reports of attacks on water facilities – there is already a water shortage and this will only make things worse," said Ms Robertson.

Humanitarian priorities include basic food and hygiene kits, access to clean drinking water and fuel to vulnerable households to survive the cold weather condition.

Caritas Australia is working closely with our partner Caritas Ukraine to provide much-needed support in the form of food security, water, sanitation and hygiene and emergency shelter.

Caritas Ukraine is also working to provide transportation and accommodation to displaced families, as well as setting up Child Friendly Spaces for children to heal from trauma.

Your urgent support today will provide immediate assistance to vulnerable communities impacted by this crisis. Please donate now to make a real difference to the lives of people in Ukraine.

To donate, please go to: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/>

The funds raised through this appeal will be used to provide immediate and longer-term humanitarian assistance to communities affected by crises in Ukraine



Winter Shelter Community Meals Program Update

At this stage we **still require more volunteers to fill the gaps in the rosters** to cook meals for Friday nights in Ringwood, to provide baked goods on Wednesday or Friday nights

Please read the details below to see how you can assist or maybe have a friend, neighbour, family member or colleague you know of who may be interested in cooking or baking for Winter Shelter providing meals for those in need in our local community.

If you are able to assist please go online (links below) and find a date to suit you and fill in that slot, that would be very much appreciated.

Your involvement will be much appreciated. We are expecting to provide 50 to 60 meals per night.

Each cook needs to:

- * Select a suitable time on the online roster to cook
- * Provide 6 to 8 meals from each cook in single serve containers.
- * Containers are provided if needed, or available from North Ringwood Uniting Church any week before you are rostered to cook, or let us know and we can drop them around to you. If you are happy to buy your own, you can do that too!
- * The meals need to be fresh (not frozen), but not necessarily hot.
- Complete the online food handling course. If you haven't completed the course here is the link:
- <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/then> email a copy of the certificate to boswalds1@gmail.com.

If you feel you have capacity to prepare more than 6 to 8 meals, please just fill in multiple slots. One vegetarian meal a week would be appreciated. Others are providing soup, bread, fruit and dessert, so you don't need to supply those.

- Meals can be dropped off on Fridays to North Ringwood Uniting Church 14 Dickson Cres, Ringwood North between 3:30 and 4:30pm. We'll then transport the meals to Urban Life for distribution, or you can deliver your meals directly to:

Urban Life (143 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, opposite the clock tower) between 4:30 and 5pm.

When selecting a date on the roster please include your email address and phone number just in case we need to contact you. Also to help our drivers, when you sign up, as well as indicating what you are cooking, please specify where you will be dropping off ('NRUC' for North Ringwood Uniting Church or 'UL' for Urban Life) in the 'What I Plan to Bring' column.

If you have any queries, please contact either Rosemary Uren 0437 242 018 or Gitta Clayton 0451 744 453

If you have any issues with delivery/pickup of food, please call Marty on 0418 579 044.

Please fill in your preference on the online rosters - links below

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #1](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #2](#)

[Winter Shelter Meals Roster #3](#)

Bakers - anyone interested in providing home baked goods on Fridays (weekly) and/or Wednesdays (fortnightly). It is easiest if small quantities of baked goodies are placed into labelled zip locked bags or small containers (e.g. chocolate slice, ANZAC biscuits, banana muffin, vanilla cupcakes, slices of nut loaf, etc).

Our guests really appreciate these treats!

If you haven't completed the online food handling course here is the link: <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/then> email a copy of the certificate to boswalds1@gmail.com.

Please fill in your preference on the online rosters - links below

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 1](#)

[Winter Shelter Baked Goods Roster 2](#)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

With trust in His infinite love, we now pray to God for our own needs and those of the whole world.

For our priests and Bishops; that in responding to the invitation to listen to the voice of your Son, the Chosen One, they might inspire all your people to listen to Christ with the ears of our hearts.

Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For we the Church; that we may truly listen to and follow the teachings of Jesus who called for social justice. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for all those who live with disability, especially those who are stigmatized in any way. May we do all we can to support their flourishing as truly equal participants in the human family. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For families who struggle with various commitments and challenges of life. May the example Jesus has set of loving and listening to each other always be at the centre of our hearts and bring us back to each other. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those who look to us for help; we pray that we may be compelled by compassion to help the people of the Ukraine and all other countries where Caritas provides aid. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For our community; we pray that we may continue to be energized by the Spirit of Jesus to work for justice and peace in Australia and in the poorer countries of the world. Lord hear us.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Fr. Peter Robinson, Marjorie Neate, Cesare Bettiol, Sandra Day, Decima Perera, Mick Walsh, John Doensen, Cimeno Bordignon and Paul Murphy. 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



REFLECTION 2nd Sunday of Lent

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

FIRST READING

Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

*The Lord made a covenant with Abraham,
his righteous servant.*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

5 The Lord brought Abram outside and said,

“Look toward heaven and count the stars,
if you are able to count them.”

Then the Lord said to him,

“So shall your descendants be.”

6 And Abram believed the Lord;

and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then the Lord said to Abram,

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans,
to give you this land to possess.”

8 But Abram said,

“O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”

9 The Lord said to him,

“Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old,
a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

10 Abram brought the Lord all these and cut them in two,

laying each half over against the other;

but he did not cut the birds in two.

11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses,

Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram,

and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark,

a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying,

“To your descendants I give this land,
from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27.1, 7-8, 9, 13-14 (R.1a)

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **R.**

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

8 “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. **R.**

9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! **R.**

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3.17 - 4.1

*Christ will transform our humble bodies,
conforming them to his glorious body.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

17 Brothers and sisters,
join in imitating me,
and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ;
I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.
19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly;
and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.
20 But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
21 He will transform the body of our humiliation
that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.
Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm, my beloved, in the Lord in this way.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

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

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 9.28b-36

While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed.

A reading from the gospel according to Luke.

28 Jesus took with him Peter and John and James,
and went up on the mountain to pray.
29 And while he was praying,
the appearance of his face changed,
and his clothes became dazzling white.
30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus.
31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure,
which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep;
but since they had stayed awake,
they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.
33 Just as Moses and Elijah were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him,
"Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
Peter did not know what he was saying.
34 While Peter was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them;
and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.
35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"
36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.
The gospel of the Lord.