



The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 14-15 January 2023

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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST—RECENTLY DECEASED: Cardinal George Pell

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Sr Christine Keogh, Barrie Quinane, John Clancy, Mercedita Tolentino, Fr. Frank O'Dea, Vincenzo Cogliandro, Vincent Skahill, Vicki Shepherd, Rosa Marraffa, Wally Ellul and Anabelle Potts

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK: Ben Lobo, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Stella & family, Pauline Curlis, Sean Hill, Valerie Mason, Adrian Ness, Dennis Price, Carol Vallance, Chris Neate, Edna Danelutti, Lyn Read, Tyler (4yo having surgery), Helen, Justine, Thomas Lee (new born baby seriously ill), Peter Higgins, Jim Quinlan

Readings this week: Isaiah 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

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.

EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK—16th-22nd January 2023

MONDAY	7.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Mary Bresnan Room
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	7.00 pm Rosary via Zoom (continues throughout the holiday season)
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	9.15 am Mass, Holy Spirit Chapel (continues throughout the holiday season)
SATURDAY	6:00pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church
SUNDAY	9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church NOTE : NO 5.00 pm Mass during the holidays (resumes 5th February)

HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st-22nd January 2023

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

Mass Coordinators:

6.00 pm: Dominic North-Coombes **9.00 am:** Bill Lanigan **5.00 pm:** NO MASS

Lectors:

6.00 pm: Maureen Chamberlin **9.00 am:** Tina Toomey **5.00 pm:** NO MASS

Welcomers:

6.00 pm: Robin Walsh & Jean Smith **9.00 am:** Don Schroder & Tina Toomey

Tea and Coffee:

9.00 am: Beth Del Cin

January Office & Mass arrangements.

Fr Arsenio will be on leave during January. Fr John will be celebrating Masses on Friday mornings at 9:15 in the Chapel, Saturday evenings at 6pm and Sunday morning at 9am in the Church. Sunday 5pm Mass will resume on Sunday 5 February 2023.



The December issue of the Spirit Magazine is now available. Pick up a copy from the Church or view it on line via the Holy Spirit website. www.holyspiritparish.org.au/spiritmagazine

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

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.

DAILY MASS BOOKS 2023

Daily Mass Book 2023 are now available to purchase from the Parish House. (\$30 each)
Please see Ruth or Jenny to get a copy.



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.

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

Farewell Ana Saro

After many years of dedicated service to the parishes of St Gerard & St Anne and Holy Spirit, Ana is moving onto to work in another parish. There will be a farewell Mass and Morning tea at St Gerard's on Sunday 22 January at 10:30am. All are invited to join this celebration of thanks to Ana.

On the Journey this week: The Gospel reflection by Fr Chris de Sousa on John the Baptist and ourselves being called to share the revelation of Jesus as Messiah. Mother Hilda's story on unexpected gifts from both people and God. Plus, Fr Dave Callaghan asks why Jesus was a Carpenter, Trish McCarthy says a daily examen helps us to get in touch spiritually with our physical experiences of life and God's presence and purpose for our lives, Fr Mike Delaney's tunes into the sounds of like going on around him, and more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime.

Journeying Together with Sr Nathalie Becquart

As our local Church in Melbourne walks the path of Take the Way of the Gospel, the universal Church is on her journey of synodality (Synod 2021–2024—For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission). These journeys are connected, and they invite us to walk together, listening to the Holy Spirit & to each other.

Tuesday 31 January 2023 10am–12 noon

Catholic Leadership Centre 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne Free Event

Registration is essential via www.trybooking.com/CFARB or via the QR code below.

Registration closes Friday 27 January 2023. For enquiries, contact proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761.

Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land creatively blends live music, media and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny. Join Christopher West and team as they offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Choose from:

Tuesday 24 January 2023, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park

Wednesday 25 January 2023, St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong

Schedule: 6pm - food for purchase, 7pm start, 9.30pm finish

Open to all. All children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult. Tickets: \$25 general, \$10 concession/student, free for children 10 and under. Register: www.trybooking.com/CETXQ

Join our Heart of Life Team:

Is Social Media Your Thing? Applications are invited for an individual to look after our social media content and assist in sharing news about Heart of Life and its programs. We seek a person who enjoys social media and can help to engage with our community to spark what may begin or continue the 'opening' process of being on earth the heart of God. The role is part-time – approx. one day per week - and is a volunteer role, at least initially. Please apply by 31/12/22 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

General Admin Assistant Applications are invited to support the growing team at Heart of Life where we are dedicated to supporting those who wish to deepen their spiritual journey. The position is part-time - one day per week (Mondays) during school terms - involving general office duties and providing some support with Zoom. It is a volunteer role with petrol/transport expenses paid. Please apply by 6/1/23 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

Position descriptions for the above and more information available from info@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890 1101. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood's Ringwood blood donor centre is in need of blood donors, especially on 26th and 27th January.

Of course blood donations are needed every day, so if these dates are not suitable for individuals they are most welcome to book in for any other day that is convenient.

Bookings to donate are a must and can be made by calling **13 14 95** or via <https://www.lifeblood.com.au/>.

Blood donation is free to do and only takes an hour of your time, with every donor having their blood pressure, pulse and haemoglobin levels checked prior to donating – so it is a good screening for one's own health status.

The Ringwood donor centre is located at 38 Charter Street, Ringwood (between Bunnings and Costco), and is open 7 days a week to collect blood, plasma and platelet donations from the local community.

At 9:30 a.m. January 5, 2023, Pope Francis presided over the funeral Mass of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. This is the full text of his homily:

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Lk 23:46). These were the final words spoken by the Lord on the cross; his last breath, as it were, which summed up what had been his entire life: a ceaseless self-entrustment into the hands of his Father. His were hands of forgiveness and compassion, healing and mercy, anointing and blessing, which led him also to entrust himself into the hands of his brothers and sisters. The Lord, open to the individuals and their stories that he encountered along the way, allowed himself to be shaped by the Father’s will. He shouldered all the consequences and hardships entailed by the Gospel, even to seeing his hands pierced for love. “See my hands,” he says to Thomas (Jn 20:27), and to each of us: “See my hands.” Pierced hands that constantly reach out to us, inviting us to recognize the love that God has for us and to believe in it (cf. 1 Jn 4:16).

“Father into your hands I commend my spirit.” This is the invitation and the programme of life that he quietly inspires in us. Like a potter (cf. Is 29:16), he wishes to shape the heart of every pastor, until it is attuned to the heart of Christ Jesus (cf. Phil 2:5). Attuned in grateful devotion, in service to the Lord and to his people, a service born of thanksgiving for a completely gracious gift: “You belong to me... you belong to them,” the Lord whispers, “you are under the protection of my hands. You are under the protection of my heart. Stay in my hands and give me yours.” Here we see the “condescension” and closeness of God, who is ready to entrust himself to the frail hands of his disciples, so that they can feed his people and say with him: Take and eat, take and drink, for this is my body which is given up for you (cf. Lk 22:19). The total synkatabasis of God.

Attuned in prayerful devotion, a devotion silently shaped and refined amid the challenges and resistance that every pastor must face (cf. 1 Pet 1:6-7) in trusting obedience to the Lord’s command to feed his flock (cf. Jn 21:17). Like the Master, a shepherd bears the burden of interceding and the strain of anointing his people, especially in situations where goodness must struggle to prevail and the dignity of our brothers and sisters is threatened (cf. Heb 5:7-9). In the course of this intercession, the Lord quietly bestows the spirit of meekness that is ready to understand, accept, hope and risk, notwithstanding any misunderstandings that might result. It is the source of an unseen and elusive fruitfulness, born of his knowing the One in whom he has placed his trust (cf. 2 Tim 1:12). A trust itself born of prayer and adoration, capable of discerning what is expected of a pastor and shaping his heart and his decisions in accord with God’s good time (cf. Jn 21:18): “Feeding means loving, and loving also means being ready to suffer. Loving means giving the sheep what is truly good, the nourishment of God’s truth, of God’s word, the nourishment of his presence.”

Attuned also in devotion sustained by the consolation of the Spirit, who always precedes the pastor in his mission. In his passionate effort to communicate the beauty and the joy of the Gospel (cf. *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 57). In the fruitful witness of all those who, like Mary, in so many ways stand at the foot of the cross. In the painful yet steadfast serenity that neither attacks nor coerces. In the stubborn but patient hope that the Lord will be faithful to his promise, the promise he made to our fathers and to their descendants forever (cf. Lk 1:54-55).

Holding fast to the Lord’s last words and to the witness of his entire life, we too, as an ecclesial community, want to follow in his steps and to commend our brother into the hands of the Father. May those merciful hands find his lamp alight with the oil of the Gospel that he spread and testified to for his entire life (cf. Mt 25:6-7).

At the end of his Pastoral Rule, Saint Gregory the Great urged a friend to offer him this spiritual accompaniment: “Amid the shipwreck of the present life, sustain me, I beseech you, by the plank of your prayer, that, since my own weight sinks me down, the hand of your merit will raise me up.” Here we see the awareness of a pastor who cannot carry alone what in truth he could never carry alone, and can thus commend himself to the prayers and the care of the people entrusted to him. God’s faithful people, gathered here, now accompanies and entrusts to him the life of the one who was their pastor. Like the women at the tomb, we too have come with the fragrance of gratitude and the balm of hope, in order to show him once more the love that is undying. We want to do this with the same wisdom, tenderness, and devotion that he bestowed upon us over the years. Together, we want to say: “Father, into your hands we commend his spirit.”

Benedict, faithful friend of the Bridegroom, may your joy be complete as you hear his voice, now and forever!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Celebrant: *Let us now pray to our loving God for our own needs and those of the whole world.*

Reader:

We pray that we may ever recognize Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, as the true light of the world, the sign of God's unfailing love for people, especially in their times of suffering and pain. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

That the transforming fire of the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts through our Christian baptism may burn brightly in our lives and transform us more and more into children of hope and light. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves, our country and all other nations throughout the world; may we not become complacent or grow weary, but continue to pray and work for God's kingdom of justice and peace that recognizes the dignity and value of every human person. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those in difficult circumstances where the happiness and optimism of life has turned into sadness and cynicism. May God's unfailing love provide endurance and resignation to continue along their path of faith. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, frail and elderly people of Holy Spirit, especially those not able to be with us; that they experience God's peace and love at this time. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died recently Cardinal George Pell, and those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Sr Christine Keogh, Barrie Quinane, John Clancy, Mercedita Tolentino, Fr Frank O'Dea, Vincenzo Cogliandro, Vincent Skahill, Vicki Shepherd, Rosa Marraffa, Wally Ellul and Annabelle Potts.

May they rest in the loving arms and peace of Christ. Lord hear us.

ALL: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Lord God, we trust that our prayers both spoken and unspoken will be heard with grace and love.

May your blessings descend upon us and all for whom we now pray.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..."Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

*I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*

A reading from the book of prophet Isaiah.

3 The Lord said to me,
“You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified.”

5 And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength.

6 He says,
“It is too small a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40.1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9 (R.7-8)

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. **R.**

6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. **R.**

7 Then I said, “Here I am; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” **R.**

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1.1-3

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

1 From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God,
and from our brother Sosthenes.

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMAT I O N

Alleluia, Alleluia

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become children of God.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 1.29-34

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

29 John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,

“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said,

‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’

31 I myself did not know him;

but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

32 And John testified,

“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

33 I myself did not know him,

but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,

‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.