



# The Word WEEKLY BULLETIN



Parishes of Holy Spirit, St Anne & St Gerard.

## The Baptism of the Lord, 11-12 January 2020

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## MASS TIMES AT HOLY SPIRIT

Sunday	9:00am	Holy Spirit Church
Monday	9:00am	Communion Service, Holy Spirit Chapel
Wednesday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:00 pm	Mass, Church

5pm Mass not celebrated at Holy Spirit during January.

**RECONCILIATION Resumes 1st February 2020.**

Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Mass-Times/Weekly-Services](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Mass-Times/Weekly-Services)

### IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST— RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Hilda Del Core, Peter Stafford, Ray Bates, Wally Ellul, Geraldine Hortin, Elizabeth Sinclair and Rosa Marraffa

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Danielle Dunne, Kate MacRae, Marlo Graham, Sean Hill, Gerard Stevenson, Hans Kett, Andy Mockler, Finlay Higgs, Maria Mascia, Ian Delahoy, Sam Maniaci, Donna Zulficar, Heather Doy, Phyllis Adams, Laura Graham, Margaret Dimech, Rod Batchelor, Lindsay & Mary Reeves, Margaret Nicholls, Joe Maugeri, Ken McLean, Thomas Vargese, Stella & family, Diana Gay, Claire De Dios, Zdenka Little, Christian Heskett, Ezio Di Tedorio, Carol Flynn, Pauline Curlis, Marie Cridland, Neville Benedict, Denise Delaney, Aileen Hally, Ben Lobo, John, Robert Williams, Angela Damora, Warren Darbyshire, Claire Snaidero

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THIS LIST. THANK YOU.**

**SUNDAY COMMUNION VISITS:** Lorraine Nipper, Sophie, Stewart, Claire Wilkinson, Eileen Gueho, Jean Bailey, Sheila McRoy, Maria Sabatino, Dominica Pezzimenti, Angelo Pezzimenti, Jean Williams, John Kenealy, Bob Vinen, Ben Lobo, Helen Elliott, Frances Tosh, Lynn Sidey, Rita, Steph Rowe, Rita Cotte, Jolanda Gale, Olive, Alfred

**Readings this week:** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

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### PARISH OF ST GERARD AND ST ANNE

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Tuesday & Wednesday

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## MASS TIMES AT ST GERARD'S & ST ANNE'S

Sunday 10:30am Mass, St Anne's Church

Tuesday

Thursday

*Sunday 5pm Mass at St Gerard's on the second Sunday of the month.*

*(Not in January).*

### BAPTISMS

**Baptisms are held every second Sunday at 10.30 am at Holy Spirit and every other second Sunday at 12 noon at St Anne's.**

**Please call the relevant office for baptism booking dates.**

Attending an Information Meeting and Welcoming Ceremony at a weekend mass of choice are required prior to the Baptism.

Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Sacraments/Baptism](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Sacraments/Baptism)

### NEXT BAPTISM MEETING:

Holy Spirit 7:30 pm, Tuesday 11th February 2020

St Anne's 7:30 pm, Tuesday 25th February 2020

To make a booking for the meeting, please call the relevant office.

**WEDDINGS by appointment:** 3 months notice required

**EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK - 13th-19th January 2020**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9.00 am Communion Service, Holy Spirit Chapel</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>9.00 am Mass, Holy Spirit Church</b> <b>10.30 am Mass, St Anne's Church</b> <b>** NO 5.00 pm Mass ** will resume Sunday 2nd February 2020</b>

**HOLY SPIRIT ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th-19th JANUARY 2020**

**Web: [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/Parish-Groups/Parish-Rosters)**

**Mass Coordinator:**

**6pm:** Kevin O'Callaghan                      **9am:** Denise Carl                      **5.00 pm:** NO MASS

**Lectors:**

**6pm:** Vin Dwyer                      **9am:** David Heath                      **5.00 pm:** NO MASS

**Welcomers:**

**6pm:** Shirley Graham, Marita North-Coombes, Robin Walsh, Jean Smith

**9am:** Shelah Batson, Maryann Street, Jocelyn D'Souza

**5.00 pm:** NO MASS

**Altar Servers:**

**6pm:** Bailey & Austin Wallace, Cooper Childs

**9am:** Volunteers    **5.00 pm:** NO MASS

**Ministers of Communion:**

**6pm:** Monica Howgate, Shirley Graham, Barry Ward, Kevin O'Callaghan

**9am:** Gloria Thomas, Andrew Lannen, Ray Nemece, Kate Graham, Maria Moscatelli

**5.00 pm:** NO MASS

**Home Communion (after 9am Mass):** Ada Volombello & Kerrie Spencer

**Piety Stall:**    **6pm:** Not Open                      **9am:** Not Open

**Tea & Coffee:**    **6pm:** Shirley Graham                      **9am:** Amelia Martini & Anna Fantin                      **5pm:** NO MASS

**Garden Maintenance:** Not required

**Church Set-up Steward (Saturday mornings at 8.30am):** Tony Mooney

**Chapel Cleaning (monthly):** Sandra Stewart

**9.00 am Monday Communion Service (this week):** Jocelyn D'Souza

**Counters (this week):** Joy & Michael

Holiday arrangements at Holy Spirit:

From December 28th 2019 - January 26th 2020, Weekend Masses will be at 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday. **NO SUNDAY 5pm MASSES** will be celebrated during this period.

Weekday Masses and Confession will resume from Friday 31st January. (Fr Paul Castley will celebrate the Evergreens Mass on Friday 24th January)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY DANCE. FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2020 7:30 - 11:30PM**

**FEATURING "BAND ON THE RUN"**

**GREAT MUSIC & GREAT FUN FOR ALL**

**\$15 PER PERSON BYO DRINKS, NIBBLES & GLASSES, TEA/COFFEE & SWEETS PROVIDED.**

**HOLY SPIRIT THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS:**

Envelopes: \$ 731.00  
 Credit Cards: \$2,498.12  
 Direct Debits: \$ 622.23  
**TOTAL LAST WEEK: \$3,851.35**

**PRESBYTERY COLLECTION:**

Envelopes: \$ 520.50  
 Loose collection: \$ 185.80  
**TOTAL: \$ 706.30**

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.

**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.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Holy Spirit Parish is very keen to welcome new parishioners. We are a vibrant parish with plenty to offer. Please fill in the New Parishioners Book (red book on the table at the entrance of the Church) or register at [www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/New-Parishioners](http://www.cam.org.au/ringwoodnorth/New-Parishioners). We will be in touch with you shortly thereafter.

***Marian Movement of Prayer for Priests***

*More than ever today priests everywhere need our prayers to uphold the dignity and power of priesthood.*

*Priests are our shepherds, and the Catholic Church teaches us that they are*

*“Living Instruments of Christ the Eternal Priest.”*

*Pope John Paul II described the priesthood as “a gift and mystery”. A cenacle of prayer for priests is held in the Holy Spirit Chapel at 10:00am each Saturday morning with the exception of the 1st Saturday of the month.*

*Please come along and pray with us through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

*Enquiries: Lyn Thwaites on 9723 6020*

**Meditation at Holy Spirit**

“Crazy Busy”? Need some time out? A moment to enjoy some silence?

Meditation may be just what you need. **8pm – Holy Spirit Chapel, First and Third Monday of the month (next session 3rd February 2020). AND.....**

**Every Tuesday morning during school terms 9:15-10am. Bring a friend!**

**For more information email: Yvette at [ycollins@iprimus.com.au](mailto:ycollins@iprimus.com.au)**

**ROSARY**

Parishioners gather to say The Rosary together in the Holy Spirit Chapel:

Usually on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Friday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Saturday after the 9:30am Mass and Wednesday at 7:00pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet follows the Friday morning Rosary.

**Body of Christ Prayer Group -**

The Prayer Group has finished for 2019 and will resume on Tuesday 4th February 2020.

**Continuing the journey to the Plenary Council** The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Six National Themes for Discernment have been drawn from the 220,000 people that were engaged in the Listening and Dialogue sessions. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- missionary and evangelising?
- inclusive, participatory and synodal?
- prayerful and Eucharistic?
- humble, healing and merciful?
- a joyful, hope-filled servant community?
- open to conversion, renewal and reform?

Each of the themes has a ‘snapshot’ report which provides a sample of the voices and answers that inspired the theme. Snapshot reports are available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/>.

**Collection Notice**

For information on the Parish’s policies regarding information collection and privacy please refer to [www.holyspiritparish.org.au](http://www.holyspiritparish.org.au)



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Parish of St. Gerard + St. Anne

Copies of the St Gerard/  
St Anne's newsletter are  
available from the word

## EVERGREENS

The Evergreens regular Mass & Morning tea will resume on  
**Friday 24th January 2020.** For general enquiries, ring Jean 9876 2204



## Towels needed at St Mary's House of Welcome

St Mary's House of Welcome provides up to 10,000 showers a year to people sleeping rough or living in inadequate accommodation with no basic hygiene facilities. Right now, they are in desperate need of towels. They don't have to be brand new - clean, used and in good condition is fine. Nothing with holes please! Towels can be dropped off at St Mary's House of Welcome Monday-Friday 8.30am to 1.30pm and Saturday 8.30am - 12.45pm. Spread the word!

**NB: For a local response from Holy Spirit Parish, please leave your donated towels in the foyer of the Church near the piety stall. Mary Ryan will deliver them to Fitzroy in mid-January. Thank you!**

## Baptism of the Lord

*And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

## Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

"For days now, our skies across Melbourne have been filled with the smell and haze of the fires – a steady reminder that our neighbours, so close to us particularly in the Gippsland areas, the bordering States of NSW and South Australia, are in dire need. We stand with all those affected by the devastation of these bushfires, as well as those working tirelessly to assist in the recovery efforts."—Archbishop Peter Comensoli

**Help our neighbours by donating at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or as part of our Parish Special Collection. A donation box is on the word table or you can donate using the Pay Wave point at the door of the church. \$10 will be debited from your account when you use this facility. Thank you for your generosity, we collected \$1100.00 last weekend!**

## Pay Wave Donation Point:

For those who would like to contribute to the parish but do not belong to the Thanksgiving program or do not have cash on them when they are at mass, we now have a pay wave debit point near the word table. \$10 will automatically be debited from your account when you use this facility. We hope this will make it easier for those who would like to support the parish. During January, donations will go to the Vinnies Bush fire Appeal.

## **Please consider --- Home Communion Roster needs YOU**

Consider a person who has attended Mass regularly throughout his/her life, struck down by illness or disability. Consider someone who has always believed that God waits at the end of our lives and now sees that the end is near.

These people yearn for continuing or resuming a close relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. These people are the ones we visit on Sundays in their private homes or in community homes. We need 2 more people to volunteer for this worthwhile and rewarding work.



## 21 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – YEAR A

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

*Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

- 1 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
3 a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- 6 “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
7 to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.”

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 29.1-2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 (R.11b)

**R.** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendour. **R.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **R.**
- 3 The God of glory thunders,  
9 and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Acts 10.34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 34 Peter began to speak to those assembled  
in the house of Cornelius.  
35 "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,  
but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right  
is acceptable to him.  
36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,  
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.  
37 That message spread throughout Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:  
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and with power;  
how he went about doing good  
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mark 9.7

This verse may accompany the singing of the Alleluia.  
If the Alleluia is not sung, the acclamation is omitted.

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 3.13-17

When Jesus had been baptized,  
he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him.

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

- 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan,  
to be baptized by him.  
14 John would have prevented him, saying,  
"I need to be baptized by you,  
and do you come to me?"  
15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now;  
for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness."  
Then John consented.  
16 And when Jesus had been baptized,  
just as he came up from the water,  
suddenly the heavens were opened to him  
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove  
and alighting on him.  
17 And a voice from heaven said,  
"This is my Son, the Beloved,  
with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.