

#### 1st Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7 Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (*R*.1)

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Philippians 2:6-11 Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

## **Gospel Acclamation Verse**

Philippians 2.8-9
Christ became obedient for us
even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all
other names.

## Gospel

Luke 22:14 – 23:56 *The Passion.* 

## **LITURGY TIMES**

#### **Saturday**

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

## Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun, 6pm Filipino Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Sun, 3.30pm

## **Monday and Wednesday**

Mass, 7am (except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

#### Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am

Anointing Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 9.05am

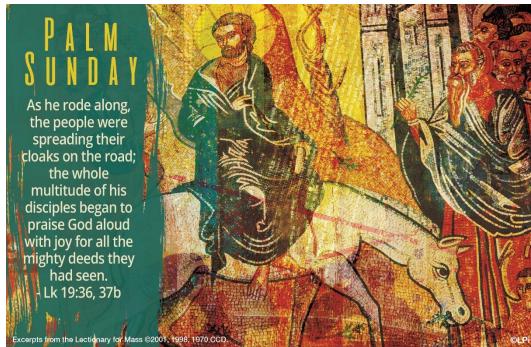
## Friday Night Devotions (7.30pm)

1<sup>st</sup> Fri, Taize & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri, Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of the month (during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals by appointment



#### **VOICE FROM THE PEWS**

Every Palm Sunday, I remember the years of being distracted by wiggling children and the shuffling feet of teenagers as the Passion was read. This story of Jesus' last twenty-four hours is a long reading.

It begins with Jesus getting ready to celebrate the Jewish feast of the Passover with his friends. The Jewish Passover is the celebration of Moses bringing the Jews out of Egypt to freedom. Within three days the world would be celebrating a new freedom.

Jesus sends his apostles to find a suitable place to celebrate the great feast. They meet in an upper room where Jesus has his last meal with his friends. At this meal, Jesus gives them (and us) the great gift of himself as he blesses the bread and wine.

After the meal, Jesus goes to pray in the garden, where he is arrested. He then appears before the chief priest and Pharisees and before the Roman official Pilate. At first Pilate orders that Jesus be scourged and beaten, but the crowd (the same crowd that only a week earlier hailed him with palms and cheers) protests: "Crucify him!" Pilate

eventually relents. Jesus, condemned to die, carries his own cross through the city to a hillside outside the gates. There he is nailed to the cross, and, after three hours, he dies. And, as prophesied, three days later Jesus rises from the dead. (The latter is not part of the Palm Sunday reading; rather we hear about this next week at Easter.)

In the short span of three days, Jesus brings about a new Passover. Like Moses of that first Passover, Jesus brings us out of slavery, the slavery of fear, greed and prejudice, to freedom. The Passion and death, along with the Resurrection, are the very heart of the gospel.

## **FAMILY RESPONSE:**

Help your children recall the story of the Passion. Read it from a good children's Bible. Put together your own Way of the Cross. As a family, choose 6-10 events from the last days of Jesus' life. Draw a picture of each event and hang them all on the walls. As you walk around to each picture, make up a prayer for each station.

The Holy Spirit Parish pays respect to the Darug People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. We acknowledge with respect the elders past and present.



We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

### FROM POPE FRANCIS:

"We need to let ourselves be evangelized by the poor. They have much to teach us."

(The Church of Mercy)

## PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office or complete the Pastoral Care for the Homebound form available in the foyer.



## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

## **SICK**

John Grompton, Danny Lee, Danny Lee, Sharyn Byers, Viraphan Rajasombat, Virasak Rajasombat, John Bridges, Seraphina Lee, Marie Gonsalvez, Jen Baird, Elizabeth Harris, Andrew Boulos, Toula Kavich, Osmundo Custodio Jr, Louis Tham, Cleo Almanzor, Emily Morgan, Ruby Allen, John Crompton

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Azon Denuevo, Sarto Coutinho, Vinny Doogue, Doris Magro, Noel Nettel, Ricardo Herft

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Alden Gajo, Stephen Magro, Ben Apikotoa, Elfrida Hilda Fasi, Dolores Delatado, Lucia Temblor, Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha, Charles Avelino, Joseph Grima, Stephen Magro, Gaudencio Aguilar Sr, Leuam Peter Rajasombat, Teodora Floro, Rebecca Herft, Natividad Martinez, Josephine Siazon, Lesline Arathoon, Douglas Oliver, Josefina Revilla, Birdie Fernandez, Emiliano David, Forgotten souls in purgatory

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS & PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the Church. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. For your convenience we have the option of Direct Debit and/or Envelope contribution.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

131 COLLECTION	For the care of our Augustinian clergy	\$ 1,463.15
2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION	Loose plate	\$ 997.35
For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,024.00
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 890.88
Planned Giving Program Weekl	y Target	\$ 1,220.88
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	_

## THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Mon 15 Apr: 1991, Signing of

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Royal Commission Final

Report

Thu 18 Apr: World Heritage

Day

Fri 19 Apr: Beginning of

Jewish Passover



#### REFLECTION

#### Historical Context - Crucifixion

The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death - taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel. The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.

## **Scriptural Context - One with the lost**

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is portrayed as not only the champion of the poor and outcast, but indeed being one with them. The witnesses to his birth in this gospel are lowly shepherds, not the wise men from the East. His parables and actions are addressed to the lost and the lowly. He eats with sinners and other outcasts - to the horror of Jewish leaders. Finally, at his death, Jesus is crucified as a criminal with other criminals. This gospel in particular addresses the message and ministry of Jesus to those on the margins of society.

## **Gospel Focus - Changing expectations**

The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion – his resurrection.

## **Questions for Adults**

Why is it Peter, the chosen leader of the disciples, who denies knowing Jesus? Which aspects of this account mark it out as belonging to the gospel of Luke? Why do the gospels go into such detail about the death of Jesus? Why would the beliefs of early Christianity have been confronting to the Greeks and Romans?

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#### **BAPTISMS**



Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation Evening is on Tue 23 Apr, 7.30pm. Pioneers Rm. Presenters are Benjie & Rhoda Santiago.



Please donate to **Project** Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.

Lives change when we all give You can donate through 100%. Parish boxes. visiting by www.caritas.org.au/projectcompas sion or phoning 1800 024 413.

## **PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS**

## Mon 15 April

Reconciliation Classes, Pioneers Rm, 3.30pm BASIC GIFT Rehearsal, Church, 7.30pm

#### Tue 16 April

Peter Mercia Practice, Church, 6.30pm SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm

#### Wed 17 April

BASIC GIFT Rehearsal, Church, 7.30pm

## Thu 18 April

Morning Prayer, Church, 9am Bereavement Support, Pioneers Rm, 10am Mass of the Lord, Church, 7.30pm Night Prayer, Pioneers Rm, 10pm

## Fri 19 April

BASIC GIFT Rehearsal, Church, 8am Stations of the Cross, Emmaus College, 10am Passion of the Lord, Church, 3pm Lenten Reflection Grp, Demountable, 7.30pm

## Sat 20 April

Morning Prayer, Church, 9am Easter Vigil Rehearsal, Church, 9.30am RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 10.30am Laudate Choir Practice, Church, 11am Easter Vigil, Church 6.30pm

Sun 21 April

### THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"His disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen."

### Sheepish Questions:

Do I sometimes forget to praise Jesus? What helps me remember?

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## The Voice From The Pews

Are you interested to share your faith experiences, God-moments or reflections that may help others to grow in their faith! Feeling inspired to inspire others then write your name down on the sign-on sheet in the foyer. The sharing can be in the form of an essay around 300 words, a prayer or a poem. Sign-up sheet available in the fover.

## Good Friday Night Walk: 19 April

Join over 1,500 youth and young adults on Good Friday from 10pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish, through five parishes to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Registrations are mandatory. More details at: parracatholic.org/cyp



**Pls return Project Compassion** boxes on Thu 18 April at the Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

There are still Project Compassion boxes available in the foyer.





# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOOD FRIDAY:**

- TO SET-UP CHAIRS
- HANG CURTAINS TO BLOCK OUT THE CHURCH

Fri 19 April, 8am

28 APRIL 2019, 9.30AM MASS

**Wedding Anniversary Mass** and Fr Peter's 80th Birthday Celebration



Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of April are most welcome to join us. BBQ sizzle will follow after Mass.

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

# FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 28 April 2019

## 2.30pm

- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Praise and Worship

#### 3:00pm

- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Silent Reflection

## 3:30pm

- Benediction and Reposition of the **Blessed Sacrament**
- End of Confession
- Fellowship and Meal



## **ROSTER FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY**

**HOLY THURSDAY MASS** OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 18 APR, 7.30PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Peter Smith Edward DeLeon

> **Devotional Stall** Fiona Ferreira

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Fiona Ferreira Pearl Joson Faye Aboghazaleh Moira Rebello Joy Rulewski

#### Music

Peter Mercia/Micheal Hay

## **Powerpoint**

**Christine Younes** 

**Commentator** 

Vitolina Fidow

First Reader

Carmen Marcelo

Second Reader Sylvia Herft

## **Iunior Servers**

Jonathon King Paul Pavlovic Michael Iotua Lucas Gil

## **Welcomers**

Jun Damole Sarah Damole Kriz Florido Lorensz Herft

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 19 APR, 3PM

## Acolyte/Senior Server

Lorensz Herft

**Devotional Stall** 

Volunteer Needed

#### Fucharistic Ministers

Sina Carvalho Danny Esguerra Olga Esguerra Fiona Ferreira Moira Rebello Jenny Kyd Esther Rose Nida Hawley Marthese Grima Annette Brackett Elsa Roberto

#### Music

Mary Immaculate Choir

#### **Powerpoint**

Christine Younes

#### **Commentator**

Michael Paulo

#### Readers

Faye Aboghazaleh **Shirley Croning** 

## **Junior Servers**

Michael Iotua **Xavier Boulos** 

#### Welcomers

Sarah Damole Iun Damole Kriz Florido Jenny Kyd Fiona Ferreira

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2019 Sacramental Preparation

# REGISTER ONLINE: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

## FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
  - Mon, 6 May @ 9.30am (1 hr)
  - Wed, 8 May @ 7.30pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be held during the month of May (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 1-2, 15-16, 22-23 June 2019

## FIRST RECONCILIATION (Year 3)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
  - Mon, 29 July @ 9.30am (1 hr)
  - Wed, 31 July @ 7.30pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be held during the month of August (3 weeks)
- First Reconciliation: late August 2019
- Thanksgiving Mass: 15 September 2019

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

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WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA



Sat 27 April, 3-5pm School Hall | Free event Please bring a plate to

FEAT. ROSEMARY DOWNES

(@THE CATHOLIC GUY)





Mass at 9.05am, Holy Spirit Parish

### **AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY**



"For what am I to myself without You, but a guide to my own downfall?"

St Augustine of Hippo 354-430 AD

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#### TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

Barabbas	criminals	cross
forgive	gambled	insulted
paradise	Pilate	punishment
save	soldiers	wine

## **ON A LIGHTER NOTE**

Once all the engineering professors were sitting in one plane.

Before the takeoff, one announcement came

"This plane is made by your students"

Then all professors stood up, ran and went outside.

But the principal was sitting.

One guy came and asked, "are you not afraid"?

Then the principal replied

"I trust my students very well and I am sure the plane won't even start".

#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### **SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES**

Patron Saint of illness, poverty, shepherds, shepherdesses, and Lourdes, France Feast Day: 16th April



Bernadette Soubirous was born on 7 January 1844, the firstborn daughter of a miller from Lourdes, France. As a toddler, Bernadette contracted cholera and suffered extreme asthma. She endured poor health all her life.

On 11 February 1858, Bernadette, then aged 14, was out gathering firewood with her sister, Marie, and a friend near the grotto of Massabielle (Tuta de Massavielha) when she experienced one of her first visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her visions would continue for several years, and when she reported these visions civil authorities attempted to force her to recant her accounts. She refused, and word spread about the cave she had found with supposed miracle healing springs.

On 29 July 1866, with 42 other candidates, she took the religious habit of a postulant and joined the Sisters of Charity at their motherhouse at Nevers.

Napoleon III's wife helped her achieve her vision to build a church at the cave, and Lourdes emerged as a pilgrimage site for worshippers from around the world.

Bernadette had followed the development of Lourdes as a pilgrimage shrine while she still lived at Lourdes, but was not present for the consecration of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception there in 1876.

She eventually died of her long-term illness at the age of 35 on 16 April 1879 (Easter Wednesday), while praying the Holy Rosary, and was canonized a Saint in 1933 by Pope Pius XI.

Her mother was present at her canonization – the first mother ever to be present at her child's canonization. St Maria Goretti is an excellent model and intercessor for today's Catholic youth.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis

Commission

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

A crowd
of people
came to see Jesus
as he entered
Jerusalem on the
back of a donkey.
Draw yourself
amongst a crowd
of people waving
palm fronds
at Jesus.

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.



# Palm Sunday



# Holy Thursday



**Good Friday** 



Easter Sunday

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## NEXT WEEKEND (21 APRIL): EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, Yr C

## **EASTER SUNDAY (21 APRIL)** MORNING MASS READINGS

## 1st Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43 Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (R.24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 Set your heart on the greater gifts.

## **Gospel Acclamation Verse**

1 Corinthians 5.7-8 Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

## Gospel

John 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

FLOWERS: Group 3 (White)

**CLEANERS:** Group 1 **BANNERS:** White

**EASTER VIGIL READINGS (20 APR)** 

#### 1st Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:2 God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Genesis 22:1-18 Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac.

## 3rd Reading

Exodus 14:15-15:1 Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Come to me and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Reading

Romans 6:3-11 Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

## Gospel

Luke 24:1-12 Why do you look for the living among the dead?

#### 20 APR, 6.30PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Tony C/Gloria S

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Fiona Ferreira Ted Uv Fave Aboghazaleh Romana Cunanan Esther Rose

## Reader 1-5

Marinella Licuanan Moira Rebello Lea Jadraque Vasco Gil Sheila Francis

## **Commentator**

Fe Uy

Music Couples for Christ

**Powerpoint** Christine Younes

#### **Junior Servers** Lucas Gil

Myles Morgan

### **Devotional Stall** Fiona Ferreira

#### **Welcomers** Iun Damole

Sarah Damole **Eleanor Stuart** Fiona Ferreira

#### 21 APR, 8AM

Acolyte/Senior Server **Edward DeLeon** 

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Pearl Joson **Shirley Croning** Frances Flood Annette Brackett Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett Elsa Roberto Volunteer Needed

#### Reader 1-2

**Shirley Croning** Manuel Fidow

## **Commentator**

Sarah Damole

## Music

Peter M/Micheal H

#### **Powerpoint** Nanette I.

**Junior Servers** Jake Fenech Volunteer Needed

### **Devotional Stall** Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Kriz Florido Espy Sarno Selwyn Oliveira

Sonia Oliveira

#### 21 APR, 9.30AM

Acolyte/Senior Server

## John Shelley **Eucharistic Ministers**

Nilo Gajo Esther Rose Marthese Grima Lorensz Herft Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Gloria Slade Aruna Heslop

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

## Reader 1

Sylvia Herft

### Reader 2 Michael Paulo

**Commentator** 

#### Derrick Pereira Music

Laudate Choir

## Powerpoint

Ivan Fernandes

### **Iunior Servers** Angelina Diceno

Adrian Tauro

### **Devotional Stall** Volunteer Needed

**Welcomers** 

## Esther Rose Ioe Duval

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Margaret Portelli, Eleanor Stuart (BASIC GIFT Youth Representative)

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