

1st Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

God has done and will continue to do great things.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6 (R.3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading

Philippians 3:8-14 God has done and will continue to do great things. Paul forfeits all for Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Verse Joel 2.12-13

With all your heart turn to me, says the Lord, for I am tender and compassionate.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

The Pharisees confront Jesus with an adulteress.

LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

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

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm Filipino Mass, 1st 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, 1st Fri, 9.05am

Friday Night Devotions (7.30pm)

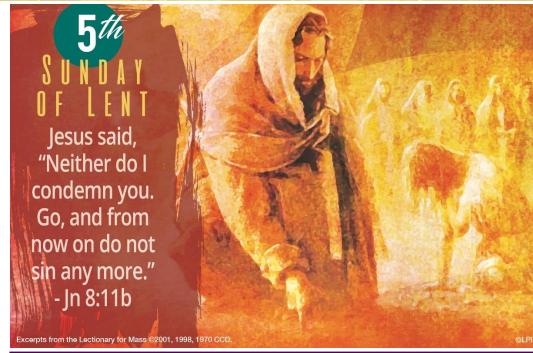
1st Fri, Taize & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3rd Fri, Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Children's Liturgy

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

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals by appointment



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

This entire scene is a conspiratorial 'setup' to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap!

But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realises that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be 'caught committing adultery'. In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally

guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned ...,' he's letting them know that he's aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they'll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away.

Jesus' words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: 'Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don't sin any more.' As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognises that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it. By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you've made mistakes, but you can do better and I'm challenging you to try.

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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:

"If we start without confidence, we have already lost half the battle and we bury our talents."

(Evangelii Gaudium, Joy of the Gospel)

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:

Danny Lee, Sharyn Byers, Viraphan Rajasombat, Virasak Rajasombat, John Bridges, Seraphina Lee, Marie Gonsalvez, Jack Kest,

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, Ricardo Herft, Doris Magro, Patrick Atkinson, Michael Rodrigues, Noemi Sahagun, Anne Marie Jamili, Charmaine Hatiskar, Ruby Alvir, Michael Espina

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

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	\$ 1,548.65
2ND COLLECTION For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Loose plate	\$ 753.25
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,045.90
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 890.88
Planned Giving Program Weekly	/ Target	\$ 1,220.88
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	_

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Sun 7 Apr: Int'l Day of Reflection on

the Genocide in Rwanda;

World Health Day

Thu 11 Apr: 1963, Pope John XXIII's

encyclical Pacem in Terris

(Peace on Earth)

Fri 12 Apr: Int'l Day of Human Space

Flight



REFLECTION

Gospel Focus - Restoring Honour

When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honour to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.

Living the Gospel - Forgiven, no forgotten

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

Scriptural Context - Jerusalem

This gospel passage begins with Jesus going to the Mount of Olives. We know the Mount of Olives best from the passion narratives in the synoptic gospels. But today's passage is not part of the last week of Jesus' life. The three synoptic gospels generally portray the ministry of Jesus as something of a journey towards Jerusalem and have him arriving just in time for the Passover and his arrest. However, the gospel of John places most of Jesus' ministry in and around Jerusalem to better focus the tension between the teachings of Jesus and the Jewish hierarchy.

Questions for Adults

Why do you think this passage is selected for use during Lent? What one word would you use to describe what this passage is about? What's the effect of Jesus challenging the woman's actions rather than condemning them? How is it possible to go against the tide and challenge group behaviour or group thinking? Why was it the eldest in the crowd who walked away first?

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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 9 Apr, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and proved hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes available in the foyer.

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 8 April

Lenten Reflection Group, Pioneers Rm, 9am BASIC GIFT Rehearsal, Church, 7.30pm PPC, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Tue 9 April

SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm Social Justice Commission, Aug Rm, 7.30pm Baptism Preparation, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Wed 10 April

BASIC GIFT Rehearsal, Church, 7.30pm Men's Ministry, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Thu 11 April

Finance Committee, Augustine Rm, 7.30pm Easter Vigil Choir Practice, Church, 8pm

Fri 12 April

Children's Choir, Church, 4.30pm Lenten Reflection Group, Demountable,7.30pm

Sat 13 April

RCIC, Pioneers Rm, 9am Lenten Reflection Group, Mercy Rm, 4pm RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 5pm

Sun 14 April

Reconciliation Classes, Pioneers Rm, 10.30am CFC, Demountable, 5pm

THE SUNDAY FLOCK





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"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

Sheepish Question:

What are the obstacles to my fully forgiving others' failures?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Fr Sumesh

I feel sad in letting you know that Fr Sumesh has decided to return to India definitively last Wednesday, 3 April. For some time, he has been suffering significant stress and anxiety. I ask that you include him in your prayers. Fr Sumesh is a priest in good standing and we thank him for his gift ministry. He has served Holy Spirit Parish since March 2016. \triangleright Fr Myk

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.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: 14 April

The annual Palm Sunday procession is on again. Process with Bishop Vincent from Parramatta Town Hall to St Patrick's Cathedral for a World Youth Day Mass and Event on Palm Sunday. Starting at 5:20pm. Register at: parracatholic.org/cyp

PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY

If you can donate palms please drop them off at the church on

Sat 13 April at 8am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOOD FRIDAY:

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

Fri 19 April, 8am

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

In order to involve the entire assembly in the Mandatum, i.e., the washing of feet, it is necessary to have as many ministers as possible. Anyone may choose to help, you do not have to be an existing minister, simply write your name on the sheet in the foyer.



No previous experience is necessary. Fr Peter will explain to you what to do. Please pray about it. Thank you.

We are in need of volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for our Easter Sunday Mass, 9.30am (21 April). If available, please write your name on the sign-on sheet available in the foyer. Thank you.

18 APRIL, HOLY THURSDAY

Morning Prayer, Church, 9am

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church, 7.30pm

Night Prayer, Church, 10pm

19 APRIL, GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross, Emmaus Catholic College, 10am
Passion of the Lord, Church, 3pm

20 APRIL, HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer, Church, 9am Easter Vigil Mass, Church, 6.30pm

21 APRIL, EASTER SUNDAY

Mass, Church, 8am
Mass, Church, 9.30am
NOTE: No 6pm Mass on Sun 21 April



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



6 WEEKS OF LENT **GIVE 6 THINGS**

This Lent, donate 1 item each week to give to refugees living in this community.



WEEK 4: **Tinned Tomatoes**



WEEK 2: Tuna in Oil



WEEK 5: Chickpeas



WEEK 3: Cooking Oil



WEEK 6: Red Kidney Beans





March 10 - April 14

Drop your donations to the JRS FOODBANK BOX available in the foyer.

The foodbank provides much needed fresh food, non-perishable items, and toiletries to over 350 individuals and families every month. JRS have identified six staple items that are most frequently requested, and we are encouraging parishioners to bring one designated item to the church each week over Lent.

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: W: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au • E: admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au P: 02 9670 8222 • A: 5 Todd Row, St Clair

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY 2nd Sunday of Easter

28 April 2019

<u>2pm</u> - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Praise and Worship

2:20pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet including St Faustina's Praises to the Divine Mercy



2:50pm - Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed

- End of Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

<u>3pm</u> - Holy Mass (special blessing of Divine Mercy Images and relics, just before final blessing)

<u>4:10pm</u> - Fellowship and Meal

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

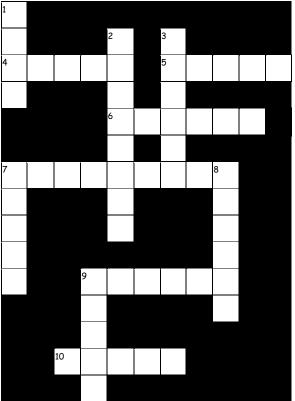


"If you understood him, it would not be God."

St Augustine of Hippo 354-430 AD

CROSSWORD

If anyone of you has never sinned...



ACROSS:

- 4: a small rock
- 5: a large gathering of people
- 6: snared, found out
- 7: Jewish religious elders
- 9: a place of worship
- 10: opposite of man

DOWN:

- 1: an examination of performance
- 2: educating, passing on knowledge
- 3: to make an accusation
- 7: a reward for winning a contest
- 8: to have done a bad deed
- 9: to propel an object through the air

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ON A LIGHTER NOTE

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So each one goes into the woods, finds a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later, they all get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his first Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy Word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT STANISLAUS

Feast Day: 11TH April



Stanislaus was born of noble parents on July 26th at Szczepanow near Cracow, Poland. He was educated at Gnesen and was ordained there. He was given a canonry by Bishop Lampert Zula of Cracow, who made him his preacher, and soon he became noted for his preaching. He became a much sought after spiritual adviser.

He was successful in his reforming efforts, and in 1072 was named Bishop of Cracow. He incurred the enmity of King Boleslaus the Bold when he denounced the King's cruelties and injustices and especially his kidnapping of the beautiful wife of a nobleman.

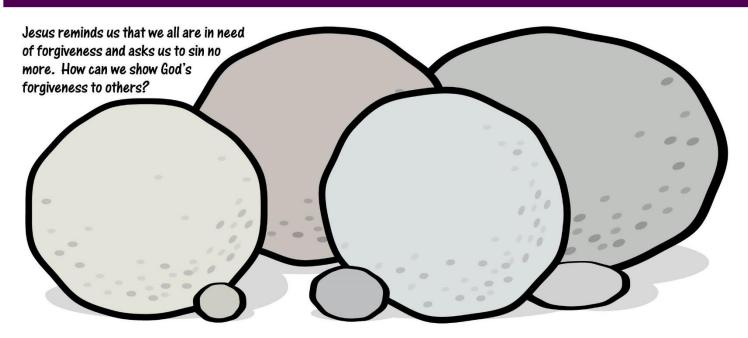
When Stanislaus excommunicated the King and stopped services at the Cathedral when Boleslaus entered, Boleslaus himself killed Stanislaus while the Bishop was saying Mass in a chapel outside the city on April 11, 1079. Stanislaus has long been the symbol of Polish nationhood.

He was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1253 and is the principal patron of Cracow. His feast day is April 11^{th} .

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Commission

CORNER CHILDREN'S



During this final week of Lent we can all work really hard at being the best Christians we can be, in preparation for Holy Week.

> At the start of Lent, what was one of the things about your life that you wanted to improve?

How well do you think you have done so far? Give yourself a score between 5 (Great!!) and I (hmmm..not so great).



What are some ways you can do even better during this final week of Lent and Holy Week? Use the code below to work out what Jesus said to the accused woman





















































NEXT WEEKEND (14 APRIL): PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, Yr C

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?

2nd 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.

Group 2 (Red)

CLEANERS: Group 5

BANNERS: Red

FLOWERS:

13 APR, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Marion Durbin Sylvia Herft Moira Rebello Janice Salmon Hazel Littlewood Jeanne Appleton Dita Sy Volunteer Needed

Reader 1 Margaret Herbert

Reader 2

Dudley Littlewood

Commentator Millie Perez

Music Victor Brangwin

> **Powerpoint** Nanette I.

Junior Servers Jonathon King **Xavier Boulos**

Devotional Stall Lorensz Herft

> Welcomers Terry Serrao Danny Sy

> > Dita Sy

14 APR, 8AM

Acolyte/Senior Server Lou Szymkow

Eucharistic Ministers

Sue Oram Belen Leynes Louise Bucholtz Frances Flood Annette Brackett Ron Brackett Christine Younes Gloria Slade

> Reader 1 Carol Vella

Reader 2 Sally Banguis

Commentator Frances Flood

Music Mel Waters

Powerpoint Manuel Fidow

Junior Servers

Rhys Sarno Isaiah Banguis

Devotional Stall Louise Bucholtz

Welcomers Sarah Damole Jun Damole

Espy Sarno

14 APR, 9.30AM

Acolyte/Senior Server Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers

Shirley Croning Ken Allen Cathy Allen Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley Joy Rulewski Delia Santos Sina Carvalho

Reader 1 Joy Rulewski

Reader 2 Uinise Blake

Commentator Kelly Apikotoa

Music Mary Immaculate

> **Powerpoint Boy Sanosa**

Junior Servers Jamie Bertumen Francis Buenavista

Devotional Stall Ray Portelli

Welcomers Rhoda Bertumen Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed 14 APR, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Danny Esguerra

Eucharistic Ministers

Romana Cunanan **James Pirotta** Lena Maclean Pearl Joson Olga Esguerra Esther Rose Jan Manzanares John Shelley

> Reader 1 Jodie Donlan

Reader 2 Olga Esguerra

Commentator Candice Salmon

> Music **BASIC GIFT**

Powerpoint BASIC GIFT

Junior Servers Angelo Laranang

Rinoa Laranang Raphael Ortiz

Devotional Stall Jacinta Paulo

Welcomers Chervawn Wren

Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose

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Margaret Portelli, Eleanor Stuart (BASIC GIFT Youth Repressentative)

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