

1st Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29 The Apostles decide not to burden the Gentiles unnecessarily.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R.1a) O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 An angel shows John the new Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

John 14.23 Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29 Jesus leaves peace as his farewell.

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



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do

 I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - Jn 14:27
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VOICE FROM THE PEWS

There were so many times in my years of parenting when all I wanted was a little peace. With seven of us in the house, it seemed there was always someone wanting something or arguing with somebody. As toddlers and teens, my kids badgered and whined, poked and pushed. Often I just wanted to say yes when no was the right answer, or give in to the loudest protester just for some peace and quiet.

Real peace, the peace Jesus talks about, is not the same as the peace which is the opposite of war. Arguments can continue, battles can be waged, people can disagree but we can still experience God's peace. God's peace is not grounded in a particular condition or position. It is grounded in love. God's peace is an inner calm, a certainty that all will be well.

While peace and quiet do not necessarily go hand in hand, I discovered early in my parenting that I needed a little quiet to remind myself that God is with me and God is in me. I needed to set aside time each day when the kids were safely settled (usually during their daily dose of Sesame Street) to sit in quiet prayer. And I needed a yearly getaway retreat to rest and to restore body and spirit.

If you are like me and find it difficult to remain calm and not answer every angry word with an even angrier retort, if it is hard for you to say, "No, you can't," and not dissolve when called the meanest mom or dad in the world—then perhaps you, too, need to find some quiet time for prayer, to let go of your burdens and injuries so that your hands are free to accept God's gift of peace. Once you accept it, and rest in that gift, you can share it with all those around you.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Set some time aside for family quiet time a half-hour or so for reading or working with puzzles. Make sure everyone is in the same room but allow no talking.

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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:

"No one can grow if he does not accept his smallness."

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

Jan Baird, Bernadette Garcia, Marg Poole, Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Harry Young, Emily Morgan, Ruby Ellis, Christine Le Feuvre, Margaret Smith, John Grompton, Marta Ruiz, Danny Lee, Irene Kumar, Les Morris, Carmel Gauci, Tony Azzopardi, Ian Stuart, Jeanette Furness.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Sarkissian, Donato Uy Sr, Teresita Garado, Graciano Albis, Anselma de la Cruz, Tony Muscat, Virginia Nastor.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Patricia Aguas, Sofia Falcatan, Julie Sequiera, Joan de Souza, Oscar Bertumen, Tomas de Guia, Primo Mari, Sina Paulo, Bernard Fonseca, Joseph Saliva, Hyacinth Baxter, Ernest John Stone, Jan Burgess, Gryk Ortaleza.

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

1 ST COLLECTION	For the care of our Augustinian clergy	\$ 1,515.30
2ND COLLECTION For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Loose plate	\$ 689.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,070.40
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 890.88
Planned Giving Program Weekly Target		\$ 1,220.88
Parish Bingo Night	(NET)	\$ 719.00

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Sun 26 May:	World Communications Day; Nat'l Sorry Day
Mon 27 May:	Beginning of Nat'l Reconciliation Week; 1967, Referendum to change articles in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Indigenous People
Wed 29 May:	Int'l Day of UN Peacekeepers; 1992, Launch of Torres Strait Is. flag
Fri 31 May:	World No Tobacco Day
Sat 1 June:	Global Day of Parents
Sun 2 June:	Beginning of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

REFLECTION

Historical Context - The Time of Absence

At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century), the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing – an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.

Gospel Focus - Advocate

In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

Different View - Peace

Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

Questions for Adults

How do you understand, 'we shall come to (them) and make our home with (them)'? In what way is the Holy Spirit an Advocate of Jesus? How do people act on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit? How can you strive to bring about the peace of Christ in your immediate community?

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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 28 May, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenters are Ted & Fe Uy. We welcome into our faith community ESME EDITH MERCEDES LLAMAS

(Daughter of Jose & Alicia) **PAMELA ROSINA ORTIZ** (Daughter of Jacinta & David) **EMILIJA CARLYLE-WATSON &**

ALIYAH MATON (Daughters of Stacey & Sharn)

FAITH FOSSANO, DANIEL & ELIJAH OSMAN

(Children of Farrah & Michael) LACHLAN & LIAM WHITE (Sons of Christopher & Lauren) who will be baptised this Sunday



PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 27 May

Catechesis Wk 3 for First Communion, Church, 4.30pm PPC Exec, Augustine Rm, 6pm Bible Study, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Tue 28 May

SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm Baptism Preparation, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Wed 29 May

Catechesis Wk 3 for First Communion, Church & Pioneers Rm, 7pm BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 8pm

Thu 30 May

Catechesis Wk 3 for First Communion, Church, 7pm

Fri 31 May

Friends of St Augustine, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Sat 1 June

WHS Committee, Augustine Rm, 9am RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 5pm First Communion Mass, Church, 6pm

Sun 2 June

First Communion Mass, Church, 9.30am Filipino Mass, Church, 3.30pm

THE SUNDAY FLOCK

THE GREAT THING ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THAT IT'S SO CONVENIENTLY LOCATED!



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"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

Sheepish Question:

What reminders am I hearing from the Holy Spirit this day?

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 foyer.



Thank you for your generous help!



on Mon 26 Aug, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm



8-10 DECEMBER 2019

Approach any of our priests or email the Parish Office if you are interested to be part of the parish delegation.

www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au



for supporting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 2019. An initiative of the Flower Ministry of Holy Spirit Parish The Morning Tea we had last Sunday for the NSW Cancer Council has raised \$442.30. SHARE THE WARMER NEW WARM GLOVES, SCARVES,

Thank you



Help them answer God's call AND JOIN US AS MISSIONARIES OF THE GOSPEL



Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

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APPEAL WEEKEND: 1-2 June 2019

Worshipping communities of St Clair, Erskine Park and parts of Kemps Creek

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH WITH THE SYDNEY ALLIANCE



ENERGY INFORMATION SESSION

& TABLE TALK

You're invited to share your experiences of the energy market and speak to an energy expert.

Electricity bills too high? Interested in renewable energy but don't know who to talk to? Want to know how to save?

RSVP ESSENTIAL: Chris Benton, Chair of Social Justice Commission - maxbchris@optusnet.com.au

DATE	Monday 17 June 2019 7:00PM start; 7:30PM-9:00PM
VENUE	Holy Spirit Parish 5 Todd Row, Saint Clair



Ioin the FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE

(Holy Spirit Parish Chapter)

They will meet on Fri 31 May, 7.30pm, to discuss and reflect from the scriptures and writings of St Augustine.

The Friends' Newsletter AMICI are available in the foyer.

The Friends of St Augustine is an association for people in Australia who seek participation in spirituality, and in particular Augustinian spirituality within the Augustinian world family.

Augustine's spirituality has been a great medicine for people since the fourth Century and we believe it is still relevant to the needs of today. It is because of his spirituality and in response to our modern needs that Augustinian Friends was formed.

Join us as we celebrate our being Church

Wednesday to Friday, 5-7 JUNE Triduum Novena to the Holy Spirit, 7.30pm, Holy Spirit Church

Saturday, 8 JUNE BBQ, after the 6pm Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church

Sunday, 9 JUNE Bring a plate of food after the 9.30am Mass, Holy Spirit School Grounds With lots of fun for all ages (10.30am—12.30pm) (Jumping Castle, Fairy Floss, Craft & Balloon Sculpting, Food)

BBQ, after the 6pm Mass, Holy Spirit Church

IF YOU'RE IN YEAR 7 AND ABOVE. LOOKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH AND MAKE FRIENDS:

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EVERY SUNDAY **7PM-9PM** HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS CITY2SURF RUNNERS APPEAL

AUGUSTINIAN

Sun 11 Aug 2019

Are you taking part in the City2Surf? Join Augustinian Volunteers' City2Surf Team and run for a cause.

For more info, visit: www.augustinianvolunteersaustralia.org

Sign-up sheet available in the foyer if you wish to be part of the team.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are."

> St Augustine of Hippo 354-430 AD

> > somebody

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Father will

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send

service of God

CROSSWORD

The Holy Spirit will help you



ON A LIGHTER NOTE

Why did the frog take the bus to work today?

His car got toad away.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT JUSTIN (Martyr) Patron Saint of Lecturers Feast Day : 1st June



St. Justin was born of Greek parents in 100 A.D. in Samaria, Palestine. He came from a pagan family, but at the age of thirty-three, after years of studying the various systems of pagan philosophy, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers, so he converted to Christianity. He devoted his whole life to the propagation and defence of the Faith in Asia Minor and at Rome.

He opened the first School of Christian Philosophy at Rome, where he drew the attention of the authorities because of his new teaching and faith in the risen Lord. His reputation for Christian zeal grew because of his writing in defense of the Catholic faith. He directed two "Apologies" to the Emperor Antoninus and to the Roman Senate. An edict of the Emperor Antoninus lessened the persecution of the Christians.

St. Justin had a deep admiration for the martyrs. He was fascinated that they believed in a person and a cause so much that they were willing to die rather than deny.

While teaching in Rome, he was arrested and imprisoned for openly and publicly professing his faith. He chose to be beheaded when he replied: "No right-minded man forsakes truth for falsehood." He died in Rome, a martyr, on 13th April, 165 AD. His feast day is celebrated on the 1st of June.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Below are some of the people we have to obey. Who are they and what sort of things do they ask us to do? Draw a picture of another person who

you obey. How are you obedient?



Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey him. Write down the things that the Holy Spirit can help you do for Jesus.



What did Jesus tell his disciples about the Holy Spirit? Unscramble the tiles below to reveal his message.



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NEXT WEEKEND (2 JUNE): THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Yr C

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11 Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47.1-2, 5-6, 7-8 (R.5a) God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading Ephesians 1:17-23 Christ will appear again to bring salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

Matthew 28.19.20 Alleluia. alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel; I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53 Jesus commissions the eleven, ascends to heaven.

FLOWERS: Group 4 (White) **CLEANERS:** Group 2 **BANNERS:** White

Acolyte/Senior Server **Jacob** Fonseca **Eucharistic Ministers**

1 JUNE, 6PM

Hazel Littlewood Pat Dowd **Jacob** Fonseca **Bernadette Stevens Josephine Schembri** Lois Schleifer Moira Rebello Mary Fonseca

> **Reader 1** Sheila Francis

Reader 2 Marion Durbin **Commentator**

Eileen Baena Music AMEN Choir

Powerpoint Sherise Oliveira

Junior Servers Myles Morgan Adrian Tauro

Devotional Stall Fiona Ferreira

Welcomers Margaret Herbert Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira

Acolyte/Senior Server Gloria Slade

2 JUNE, 8AM

Eucharistic Ministers Louise Bucholtz Gloria Slade Fave Aboghazaleh Annette Brackett **Ron Brackett** Lisa Brackett Frances Flood **Christine Younes**

> Reader 1 **Dawn Timmins**

Reader 2 **Christine Younes**

Commentator Micheal Hay

Music Victor Brangwin

Powerpoint Carol Vella

Junior Servers Michael Iotua Angelina Dicenso

Devotional Stall Louise Bucholtz

Welcomers Frances Flood Dorotea Seed **Yvette** Pinto

2 JUNE, 9.30AM Acolyte/Senior Server **Tony Cleary**

Eucharistic Ministers Chloe Daley Sue Oram Seaview Kama Tina Fernandes Michael Paulo Jenny Kyd Aruna Heslop Uinise Blake

> Reader 1 Cathy Allen

Reader 2 **Tess Barnes**

Commentator Ken Allen

Music Victor Brangwin

Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Paul Pavlovic Gabriel Gil

Devotional Stall Margaret Portelli

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Joe Duval

2 JUNE, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Phillip Roffey

Eucharistic Ministers James Wren **James** Pirotta Pearl Joson Lena Maclean Lumen Decena Esther Rose Ian Manzanares Anabel Jader

> Reader 1 James Pirotta

Reader 2 Karina Micallef

Commentator Jodie Donlan

Music El Shaddai Choir

Powerpoint El Shaddai Choir

Junior Servers Maya Barros Aleks Worobiej

Devotional Stall Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Kriz Florido Esther Rose Volunteer Needed

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