HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Yr C — **5 May 2019**

1st Reading
Acts 5:27-32. 40-41
The Sanhedrin tells the apostles not to mention Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 30.1+3, 4-5, 10+11a+12b (*R.*1a)
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

2nd Reading
Revelation 5:11-14
John hears the voices of angels.

Gospel Acclamation Verse
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel
John 21:1-19
Jesus questions Peter.

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

Jesus specifically calls on Peter to lead the early church. Jesus tells Peter that he is not only to watch over and protect those in his keeping, but also to nourish them and take care of their needs.

There is a great similarity between the family and the church. In fact, since early times, the family has been called the "domestic church." Both communities share similar visions and tasks. Family and church both have the responsibility of nurturing, supporting and challenging their members to grow to their full potential.

Both communities were founded in love, and both function best when they remember love is both their source and their sustenance. Both communities are called to be welcoming and reconciling. Church members are called to learn, pray, play, celebrate and serve together, and so are families.

Unfortunately because of the splintering of time and collisions of interests in our lives today (both adults and children) being a "family" is no longer a given. Too often we find households of youngsters and adults who share finances and a roof, but hardly a meal or conversation. In today's culture becoming a family often takes deliberate, intentional planning.

As a parent you are responsible for the members of your flock. It is up to you to protect and nourish them, and, somehow in your busy schedule, find time to be a family.

FAMILY RESPONSE:
Sit down together and give yourselves a report card on how well you are doing as a family. Give a grade to each of the following activities that, done together, are part of being family: learning, playing, praying, forgiving, celebrating and serving.

Judith Dunlap.

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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:

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

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

Anselma de la Cruz, Louis Tham, Andrew Boulos, Ian Stuart, Jeanette Furness, John Grompton, Danny Lee, Sharyn Byers, John Bridges, Viraphan Rajasombat, Virasak Rajasombat, Seraphina Lee, Marie Gonsalvez, Jen Baird, Elizabeth Harris

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Juan Molina, Richard Quembao, Vicvic Villavicencio, Virginia Nastor, Warwick Jones, Rita Gatt, Azon Denuevo, Sarto Coutinho, Molly Clark

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Stephen Clarivette, Bernie Crowie, Lourdes Acosta, Bernard Crowie, Celine Van Den Bosh, Ben Songco, Mariano Supan, Remedios Abacan, Theda Lau, Rebecca Lim, Dorothy Mercieca, Alden Gajo, Francisco Cabiles, Severina Pascual, Evalyn Asoy Collins, Frank Dubier, Georgina Briffa, Cesar Damole Senior, Benjamin and Caroline Gonsalvez, Reno Attard, Bienvenido Columna, Lesline Aratoon, Audrey Atkinson, Jack Maloney

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

1ST COLLECTION	*For the care of our Augustinian clergy*	$ 1,527.10
2ND COLLECTION *For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish*	Loose plate	$ 642.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	$ 1,402.00
	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 5 May:	Beginning of Ramadan
Mon 6 May:	1992, Introduction of mandatory detention of asylum seekers in Australia
Wed 8 May:	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day; 1945, End of WWII in Europe
Sat 11 May:	World Fair Trade Day
Sun 12 May:	World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

REFLECTION

Gospel Focus – Do you love me?

Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

Historical Context – Feed my sheep

When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried through the years and finds expression in the stylised shepherd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep.

Have you thought? – 153 fish

When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry.

Questions for Adults

Why is it the amazing catch of fish that lets Peter recognise Jesus? Why might this event sometimes be described as a Eucharistic meal? Why might this reading have been used in the funeral of Pope John Paul II? What hope for us lies in Jesus' selection of flawed Peter as the one to carry on his work?

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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 14 May, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Seaview Kama.

We welcome into our faith community

MIA GRACE EASON
(Daughter of Daniel and Belinda)
HUNTER ROMAN THORNTON
(Son of Craig and Kimberley)
GRAYSON JON NUQUI
(Son of Marlo and Joan)
CLAIRE SELENE CHIPPINDALE
(daughter of Troy and Sharon)
JUDAH ROSE
(Son of Jared and Karlee))
LEO ROSE
(Son of Joshua and Kateena)
LEVI MICHAEL
(Son of Joshua and Kateena)

who will be baptised this Sunday

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 6 May
Parents Info First Communion, Church, 9.30am
PPC Executive, Augustine Rm, 6pm

Tue 7 May
SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm
Community & Culture, Augustine Rm, 7.30pm
Social Justice Commission, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Wed 8 May
Parents Info First Communion, Church, 7.30pm
BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 7.30pm

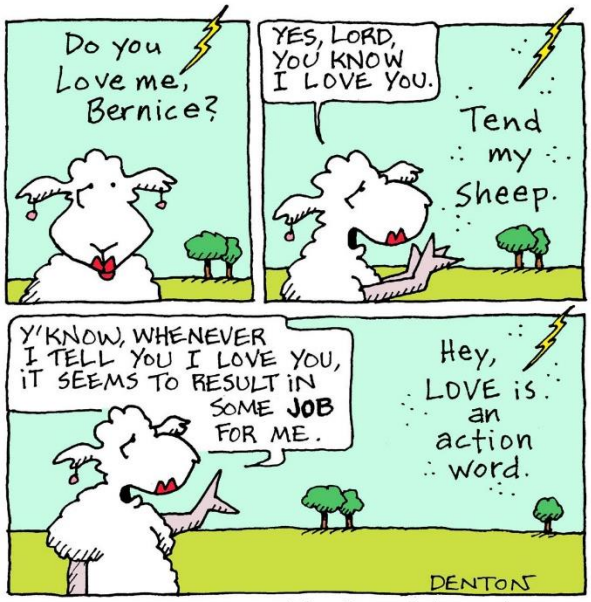
Thu 9 May
Liturgy Commission, Augustine Rm, 7.30pm

Fri 10 May
Children's Choir, Church, 4.30pm

Sat 11 May
RCIC, Pioneers Rm, 9am
Sudanese Community, Demountable, 11am
RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 5pm
Children's Liturgy, Church, 6pm
Bingo Night, School Hall, 7.30pm

Sun 12 May
Children's Liturgy, Church, 9.30am

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Do you love me?...Feed my lambs."

Sheepish Question:
What am I doing that truly shows my love for God?

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.

Permanent Diaconate Info Session

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm. For further information, visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

Join the

FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE

(Holy Spirit Parish Chapter)

They meet every 5th Friday of the month (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. St Augustine of Hippo promoted personal and communal spirituality. He asks us to be attentive to our hearts where God dwells and to our community; by being of service to each other so as to contribute to the creation of a better society.

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.

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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SHARE THE WARMTH

NEW WARM GLOVES, SCARVES, BEANIES & SOCKS DRIVE

Stop by the Church to drop off your donations at our collection box. Box available 'til end of May 2019.

An initiative of the Social Justice Commission of the Parish

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

18-19 May 2019

Please give generously. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Spirituality Commission Annual Movie Night

FIREPROOF

Sat 18 May
$5 per adult, children under 12 free

7pm Sale of Sausage sizzle
$2 sausage sandwich, $1 drink

Start Time: 7:30 pm

Please support us in our endeavour to raise funds for our yearly events ie. Wedding Anniversary Cakes (monthly), stipends for Lenten & Advent Reflection day speakers, Bible Study and Remembrance Mass Resources, Taize candles etc.

AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS

Support the Augustinian Volunteers Australia Fundraising Dinner

7pm, Sat 1 June 2019

St Kieran's Parish Centre, 2 King St., Manly Vale
$50 per person Thai Banquet – BYO Drinks
Book your table of 8 people or join a table

RSVP 24 May
Contact Honorine 0416 042 316

AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS

AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS CITY2SURF RUNNERS APPEAL

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

PARISH CARPARK AND DRIVEWAY

We ask everyone to please observe the new traffic lines and car park signs accordingly.
Let us all help to promote safety and good traffic flow, especially in times of emergency.

DRIVEWAY:

Parish driveway is reserved for parish staff and emergency vehicles only.
No parking is permitted for any other reason.
It is also allocated as drop off zone only.

CARPARK:

Park cars in the designated parking spaces.
No blocking of the pedestrian entries off Moore Street.
No double parking.
No parking is allowed on the diagonal and pedestrian crossing lines.

Thank you.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

"Our hearts have been made for you, O God, and they shall never rest until they rest in you."

St Augustine of Hippo
354-430 AD

WORD SEARCH Jesus appears to his friends

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K	V	V	S	H	O	R	E	V	E	A	T	Z	N
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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

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boat
death
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raised
bread
eat
jumped
shore
caught
fishing
morning
Zebedee

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

If a paper comes very tough in exam,
Just close your eyes for a moment,
Take a deep breath and say loudly,
"This is a very interesting subject; I want to study it again".

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS (Martyrs)

Patron Saint of Military and Armed Forces

Feast Day : 12th May

The first-century martyrs Saints Nereus and Achilleus were Roman soldiers and members of the elite Praetorian Guard, entrusted with the responsibility of defending the Roman Emperor. Upon converting to Christianity, they were arrested, taken to the island of Terracina, and martyred. Aside from this, nothing else is known about them.

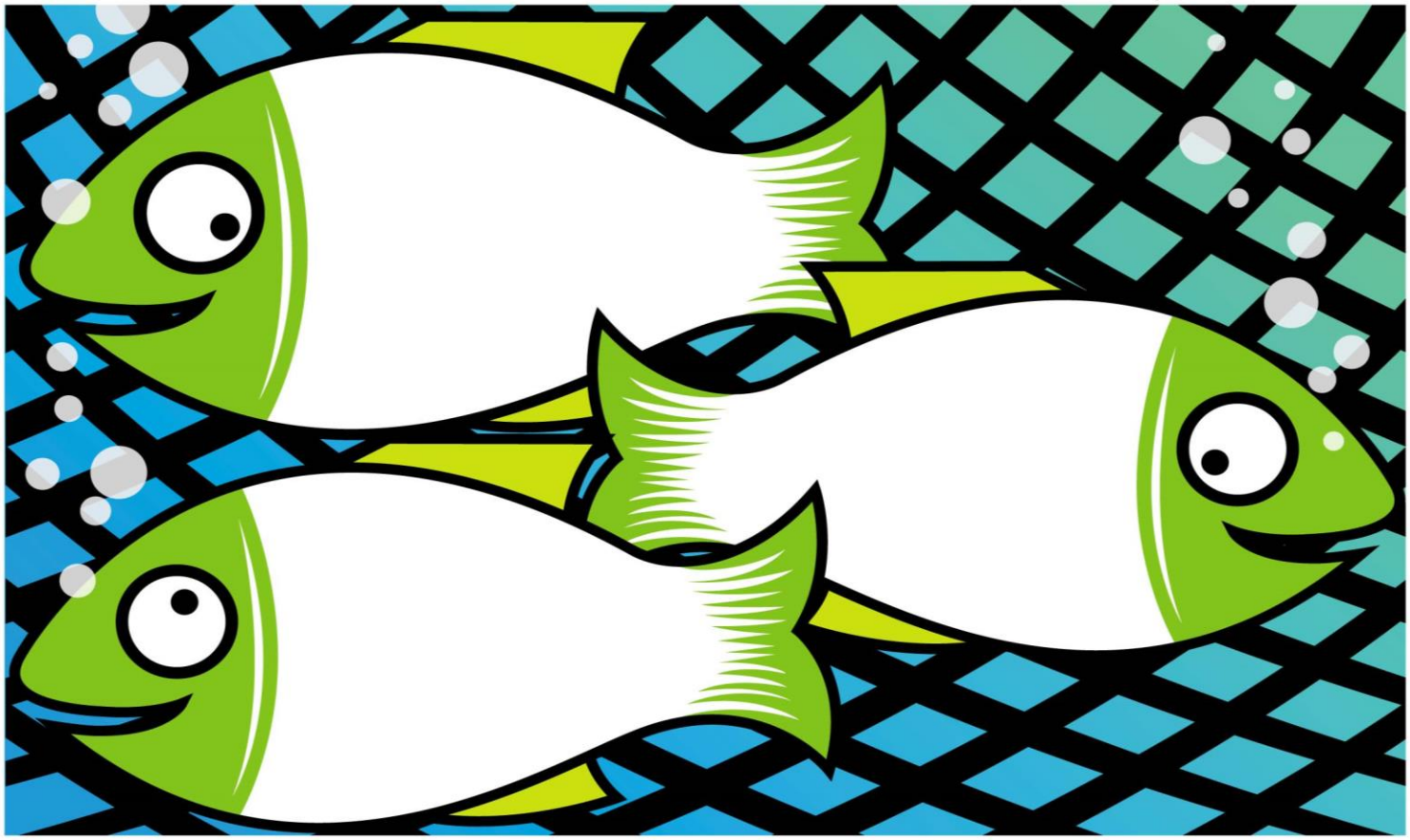
Three centuries later, Pope St. Damasus (d. 384) wrote of them: "The martyrs Nereus and Achilleus had enrolled themselves in the army and exercised the cruel office of carrying out the orders of the tyrant [the Emperor], being ever ready, through the constraint of fear, to obey his will. O miracle of faith! Suddenly they cease from their fury, they become converted, they fly from the camp of their wicked leader; they throw away their shields, their armor and their blood-stained javelins. Confessing the faith of Christ, they rejoice to bear testimony to its triumph. Learn now from the words of Damasus what great things the glory of Christ can accomplish."

According to St. Damasus, the two martyrs were buried in the cemetery Domitilla on the Via Ardeatina near Rome. Sts. Nereus and Achilleus were not the first enemies or persecutors of the Church to undergo a dramatic conversion and then join the group they had been persecuting. Unexpected conversions are a vivid reminder of the power of the gospel and of divine grace.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The disciples had almost given up on catching fish when Jesus appeared to them and told them to let down their nets one more time. Write down about times in your life when Jesus has given you hope.



Jesus asked his disciples to let down their nets and they were rewarded. What are some things that Jesus asks us to do? How are we rewarded?

Help Peter swim to shore to be with Jesus.

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NEXT WEEKEND (12 MAY): 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Yr C

1st Reading
Acts 13:14, 43-52
Paul and Barnabas are expelled from Antioch.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 100.1-2, 3, 5 (*R.*3c)
We are God's people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading
Revelation 7:9, 14-17
John sees people of every race before the throne.

Gospel Acclamation Verse
John 10.14
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel
John 10:27-30
The gift of eternal life.

FLOWERS: Group 1 (White)
CLEANERS: Group 4
BANNERS: White

11 MAY, 6PM	12 MAY, 8AM	12 MAY, 9.30AM	12 MAY, 6PM
Acolyte/Senior Server	***Acolyte/Senior Server***	***Acolyte/Senior Server***	***Acolyte/Senior Server***
Jacob Fonseca	Lou Szymkow	Anthony Bertumen	Danny Esguerra
Eucharistic Ministers	***Eucharistic Ministers***	***Eucharistic Ministers***	***Eucharistic Ministers***
Marion Durbin	Sue Oram	Shirley Croning	Romana Cunanan
Mary Fonseca	Belen Leynes	Ken Allen	James Pirotta
Sylvia Herft	Louise Bucholtz	Cathy Allen	Lena Maclean
Moira Rebello	Frances Flood	Marie Sanosa	Pearl Joson
Janice Salmon	Annette Brackett	Nida Hawley	Olga Esguerra
Hazel Littlewood	Ron Brackett	Joy Rulewski	Esther Rose
Jeanne Appleton	Christine Younes	Delia Santos	Jan Manzanares
Dita Sy	Gloria Slade	Sina Carvalho	John Shelley
Reader 1	***Reader 1***	***Reader 1***	***Reader 1***
Dudley Littlewood	Sally Banguis	Joy Rulewski	Olga Esguerra
Reader 2	***Reader 2***	***Reader 2***	***Reader 2***
Millie Perez	Sue Oram	Uinise Blake	Candice Salmon
Commentator	***Commentator***	***Commentator***	***Commentator***
Margaret Herbert	Carol Vella	Kelly Apikotoa	Marty Facciol
Music	***Music***	***Music***	***Music***
Victor Brangwin	Mel Waters	Mary Immaculate	Volunteer Needed
Powerpoint	***Powerpoint***	***Powerpoint***	***Powerpoint***
Nanette I.	Manuel Fidow	Boy Sanosa	Volunteer Needed
Junior Servers	***Junior Servers***	***Junior Servers***	***Junior Servers***
Jonathon King	Rhys Sarno	Jamie Bertumen	Angelo Laranang
Xavier Boulos	Isaiah Banguis	Francis Buenavista	Rinoa Laranang
			Raphael Ortiz
Devotional Stall	***Devotional Stall***	***Devotional Stall***	***Devotional Stall***
Lorensz Herft	Louise Bucholtz	Ray Portelli	Jacinta Paulo
Welcomers	***Welcomers***	***Welcomers***	***Welcomers***
Terry Serrao	Sarah Damole	Rhoda Bertumen	Chervawn Wren
Danny Sy	Jun Damole	Jenny Kyd	Eleanor Stuart
Dita Sy	Espy Sarno	Volunteer Needed	Esther Rose

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