



1st Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

2nd Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

Psalm 119.135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.



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23rd

SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."
- Lk 14:27

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VOICE FROM THE PEWS

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

WHAT FAMILY MEANS TO ME:

To me, family means love, passion for each other and encouragement.

My family is loving and very supportive when it comes to tests, school, sport or even problems we might have.

My parents and grandparents are very inspiring to me because they help people in need and teach some schools religion. My Nunna and my Mum are religion teachers at school. They also teach sacraments and my Nunnu works for St Vincent De Paul and hands out things for the poor.

But I am not just talking about my family I am also talking about God's family. Jesus died on the cross for us. And God Our Father made the Earth, animals and food for us.

We can't forget about Mary, our mother. An angel came to her and asked her to have Jesus – and she said

yes! Saint Joseph, Jesus' foster father, he loved Jesus and took care of him like He was his own son.

There is also one more family that I would love to talk about and that is the Church family.

The Church family say "We Do" at the sacrament of baptism. They say we do to supporting, teaching and helping each other and celebrating together.

The priest is also a part of this family as he represents Jesus and he is a witness to all sacraments and masses.

That is what family means to me.

✍ Jarryd Murtough-Coombes
Parishioner, 11 years old



*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:

"To evangelize, therefore, it is necessary to open ourselves once again to the horizon of God's Spirit, without being afraid of what he asks us or of where he leads 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 at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SICK

Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Jennifer Johnson, Alberto Mercado, Emy Iniguez Mercado, Melanie Iniguez Mercado, Jack Kest, Norbert Mascarenhas, Christine Le Feuvre, Jenny Anestoudis, Babylyn Mendiones, Vicente Litiato Jr., Wendy Davidson, Leon Barnfield, Jan Baird, Jeanette Furness

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Virginia Nastor, Esmie Canute, Vincent Thomas Heufel, Betty Falzon, Adele Cook, Lidia Barias, Luciano Molina, Alejandrino Blanco, Michael Mariano, Mary de Vaz, Lilibeth Santos, Dante Laguitan, Antonia Lim Vargas, Edgardo Pena

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Ester & Isidro Ferrer, Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha, Benita Azores, Liling Santos, Nicolo Gabriel Ramirez, Gerarda Raguine, Ste Salazar, Elmer Santos, Kurt Heufel, Jun and Katrina Marcelo, Evelyn Gonsalvez, Manuel de Jesus, Hortense Gladys, Manuel Cabiles, Emmanuel Buhagiar, Joseph Sant, Teresa Vella, Marvyn Gabin, Julie Sequeira, Manuel de Souza, Mary D'Mello, Tom Flood, Harry Ganado, Willie Rogers, Carmelo Felica, Gajto Mallisa, Maxi and Pamela Gonsalvez

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	<i>For the care of our Augustinian clergy</i>	\$ 1,738.55
2ND COLLECTION	Loose plate	\$ 819.00
<i>For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,143.00
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 1,084.42
	Planned Giving Program Weekly Target	\$ 1,153.85
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	\$ N/A

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Sun 8 Sept: Int'l Literacy Day; Child Protection Sunday
Tue 10 Sept: World Suicide Prevention Day
Thu 11 Sept: 2001, '9/11' Terrorist attacks on NY and Washington DC, killing nearly 3000 people
Sat 14 Sept: 1981, Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Laborem Exercens* (On Human Work)
Sun 15 Sept: Int'l Day of Democracy

**NATIONAL
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK 2019**

REFLECTION

Historical Context – Radical Poverty

The earliest Christian communities were characterised by a redistribution of all wealth and possessions to ensure that the needs of every single member were met. This was the first interpretation of Jesus' teaching to give up possessions to embrace discipleship. Modern religious life, grounded in the monastic traditions of the Middle Ages, embraces a radical poverty in order to free religious from societal notions of status and power so that they might more freely and openly serve others. Lack of possessions and wealth brings a humility and openness that is almost impossible when playing the game of 'keeping up with the Joneses'.

Scriptural Context – Honour and Shame

The first example of counting the cost that Jesus relates is about a man building a house without the means to complete it suffering the fate of his neighbours making fun of him. Whilst the thought of neighbours laughing at our mistake may not be too serious to us, it was a devastating thought in the 1st Century. A social code of honour and shame dominated the world view at the time. To be shamed by your actions or by the actions of others was humiliating and lowered social status. Jesus frequently used the honour-shame code to make his point and challenge social expectations.

Living the Gospel – Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction mobile phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?

Questions for Adults

What might Jesus have meant by 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me'? What is the connection between the examples of counting the cost and the call to give up possessions? What possession would you find hardest to give up? Why? Under what circumstances do you think possessions cease to be important? How can we reconcile the wealth of affluent societies with the poverty and need in other countries?

BAPTISMS

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Preparation Meeting

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 10 September, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.

We welcome
into our faith community

ESTER LUCIA KOOL
(Daughter of James and Laurena)

who will be baptised this Sunday



PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 9 September

Bible Study, Demountable, 7.30pm
PPC, Augustine Rm, 7.30pm

Tue 10 September

Mothers Prayer Group, Augustine Rm, 10am
Music Practice - Peter Mercia, Church, 1.30pm
SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm
Baptism Preparation, Pioneer Rm 7.30pm

Wed 11 September

Altar Servers Training, Church, 7.30pm
BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 7.30pm

Thu 12 September

Bible Study (Pillar 1 & 2), Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Fri 13 September

Children's Choir Practice, Church, 4.30pm

Sat 14 September

RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 4.30pm

Sun 15 September

Thanksgiving Mass – First Reconciliation, Church
9.30am
Wedding Anniversary Mass, Church, 9.30am

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"The corruptible body burdens the soul."

Sheepish Question:

What weaknesses frustrate my commitment to follow Jesus' way?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

The Holy Spirit Parish and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR POOR CHILDREN IN SRI LANKA

The Social Justice Commission is launching the annual appeal to provide Christmas gifts to some of the most disadvantaged children of Sri Lanka.

Each child receives a gift pack without discrimination of religion or ethnic background

There is an urgent need for NEW:

1. T-Shirts (sizes S&M)
2. Socks (white)
3. Caps
4. Large combs for girls
5. School Items
6. Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, and toothbrush)

Your gift to any one of these children will bring them inexpressible joy this Christmas.

Your gifts will need to be placed in the box in the foyer next weekend, 14th and 15th September 2019.

For more info contact Lorensz 0426 399 502



FR DAVE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Sun 15 Sept, 9.30am Mass

Holy Spirit Parish

Please bring a plate of food to share after Mass.



MARIAN FIESTA

DINNER AND RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER MASS

Dinner Tickets:

Adults \$5; children under 10 yrs old \$3

Raffle Tickets: \$5 for 3 or \$2 each

First Prize: \$500 Second Prize: \$300

Third Prize: \$200

15 SEPTEMBER 2019, 9.30AM MASS

Wedding Anniversary Mass



Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of September are most welcome to join us.



Holy Spirit Parish BINGO NIGHT

Sat 14 September 2019, 7.30PM

at Holy Spirit School Hall

COME WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

10 ROUNDS + 1 BUMPER ROUND

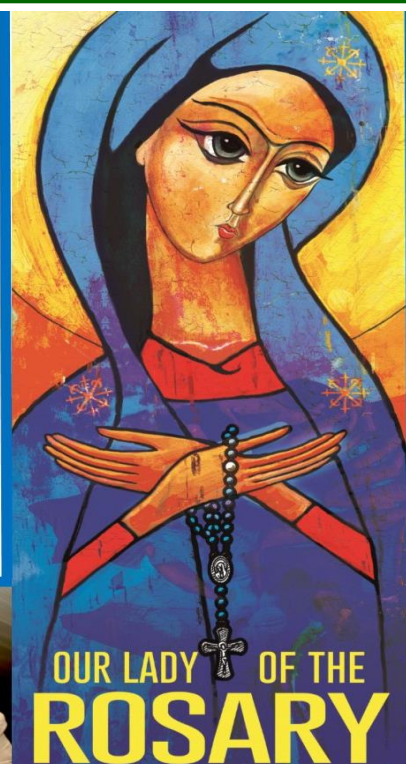
Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale

Free tea, coffee & biscuits

Donations welcome

Organised by the Community and Cultural Commission

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

invites you to the celebration of the

2019 Feast of

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary



MARIAN TALK

Wed 25 September, 7.30pm

Speaker: Fr. John Sullivan, OSA

Topic: Mary in the Fathers of the Church

NOVENA

7.30pm, Holy Spirit Church

Thu 26 Sept, India

Fri 27 Sept, Pacific Islands

Sat 28 Sept, Europe

Sun 29 Sept, Youth

Mon 30 Sept, Africa

Tue 1 Oct, Australia

Wed 2 Oct, Men's Business

Thu 3 Oct, Sri Lanka & Pakistan

Fri 4 Oct, Philippines

FIESTA DAY

Sat 5 October

5pm, Block Rosary

6pm, Mass

followed by dinner, entertainment and raffle

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



“Love is ever new
because it never groweth old.”

St Augustine of Hippo

WORD SEARCH Love God more than your own life

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

brother	cannot	children	cross
crowd	disciple	father	large
life	more	mother	sister

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

Bugs Bunny was shopping at the supermarket and a sales assistant said to him: “If you can tell me what 19,866 times 10,543 is, we’ll give you free carrots for life.”

Immediately, Bugs responded: “209,447,238”.

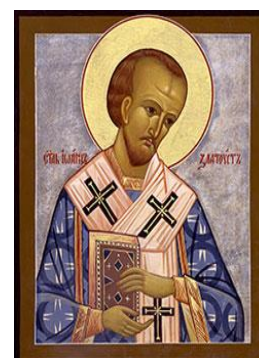
The sales assistant was astonished and asked: “How on earth did you do that?”

Bugs replied: “If there’s one thing rabbits are good at, it’s multiplying.”

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Patron Saint of Istanbul – Educators, Preachers, and Sufferers of Epilepsy
Feast Day : 14th September



St. John, who was Archbishop of Constantinople and an important Early Church leader, was born of Christian parents, in 349 AD, in Antioch, Turkey. He studied rhetoric under Libanius, a pagan, the most famous orator of the age. In 374, he began to lead the life of a hermit in the mountains near Antioch, but in 386, due to ill health, he was forced to return to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest.

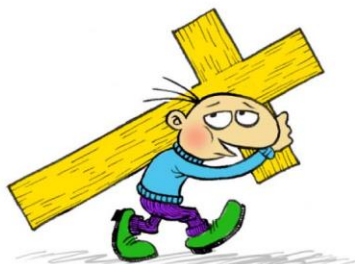
In 398, he was elevated to the See of Constantinople, and became one of the greatest leaders of the Church. He had enemies in high places, the most powerful of whom was the empress Eudoxia, who was offended by the apostolic freedom of his sermons. Several accusations were brought against him in a pseudo-council, and he was sent into exile.

In the midst of his sufferings, like the apostle, St. Paul, whom he so greatly admired, he found the greatest peace and happiness, and was comforted knowing that the Pope remained his friend. His enemies were not satisfied with the sufferings he had already endured, so they banished him still further, to Pythius. He died en route, in Comana, on September 14, 407. His last words are said to have been “Glory be to God for all things”.

John was venerated as a Saint soon after his death. His relics were transferred in 438 to Constantinople, but most of them were looted by Crusaders in 1204 and taken to Rome. Some of his bones were returned to the Orthodox Church in 2004 by Pope John Paul II, and are enshrined in the Church of St George in Istanbul.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Jesus tells us that choosing his way is not always easy.
When might it be hard to do what Jesus asks us?

What are some good choices
you can make this week?
Tick the good choices and
cross the bad ones.



**HELP AROUND THE HOUSE
WITHOUT BEING ASKED TO**

☐

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT
SAYING MY EVENING
PRAYERS**

☐

**CONTRIBUTE TO THE
OFFERATORY PLATE**

☐

**MAKE FRIENDS WITH
SOMEONE NEW**

☐

**MAKE FUN OF THE
TEACHERS**

☐

**OWN UP TO MAKING
A BAD DECISION**

☐

**TURN OFF THE T.V.
AND READ A BOOK**

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**STOP DOING YOUR
HOMEWORK AND GO
OUTSIDE TO PLAY**

☐

**DO SOMETHING NICE
FOR YOUR PARENTS**

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The
**Love
Maze**
Find the path to God



NEXT WEEKEND (15 SEPTEMBER): 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

	14 SEPT, 6PM	15 SEPT, 8AM	15 SEPT, 9.30AM	15 SEPT, 6PM
1st Reading Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14 <i>Moses intercedes for Israel and diverts the wrath of God.</i>	Acolyte/Senior Server Lorensz	Acolyte/Senior Server Gloria Slade	Acolyte/Senior Server Nono Gacis	Acolyte/Senior Server Peter Smith
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 51.1-2, 10-11, 15+17, (R. Lk 15.18) <i>I will rise and go to my father.</i>	Eucharistic Ministers Lea Jadraque Ted Uy Bernadette Stevens Jeanne Appleton Pat Dowd Margaret Herbert Janice Salmon Moira Rebello	Eucharistic Ministers Christine Younes Elsa Roberto Lou Szymkow Annette Brackett Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett Celeste Lapid Belen Leynes	Eucharistic Ministers Michael Paulo Jenny Kyd John Shelley Aruna Heslop Delia Santos Luchie Gacis Lou de Guia Anabel Jader	Eucharistic Ministers Olga Esguerra Bert Llamas Romana Cunanan Pearl Joson Danny Esguerra Lumen Decena Jan Manzanares Fiona Ferreira
2nd Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17 <i>The mercy Paul has received is a sign for all.</i>	Reader 1 Fe Uy	Reader 1 Sarah Damole	Reader 1 Joanne Staunton	Reader 1 Karina Micallef
Gospel Acclamation Verse 2 Corinthians 5.19 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>	Reader 2 Marianella Licuanan	Reader 2 Shirley Croning	Reader 2 Nida Hawley	Reader 2 Joseph Valladores
	Commentator Moira Rebello	Commentator Manuel Fidow	Commentator Luchie Gacis	Commentator Marty Faccioli
	Music Victor Brangwin	Music Peter Mercia	Music Laudate Choir	Music Eshter Rose Choir
	Powerpoint Nanette I.	Powerpoint Volunteer Needed	Powerpoint Andrew Alsop	Powerpoint James Pirota
Gospel Luke 15:1-32 <i>Parable of the Prodigal Son.</i>	Junior Servers Jake Fenech Jonathon King	Junior Servers Lucas Gil Roman Gil	Junior Servers Michael Iotua Ryan Espadilla Adrian Tauro	Junior Servers Angelo Laranang Rinoa Laranang Raphael Ortiz
	Devotional Stall Margaret Herbert	Devotional Stall Elsa Roberto	Devotional Stall Marthese Grima	Devotional Stall Fiona Gerreira
	Welcomers Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira Corinne King	Welcomers Sarah Damole Jun Damole Ivette Pinto	Welcomers Jenny Kyd Joe Duval Volunteer Needed	Welcomers Romana Cunanan Kriz Florida

FLOWERS: Group 4 (Green)
CLEANERS: Group 2
BANNERS: Green

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