

1st Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17 Naaman is cured of leprosy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 (R.2b) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2nd Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13 If we die with Jesus we will live with him.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

1 Thessalonians 5.18
Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus cures ten lepers, one returns with thanks.

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)

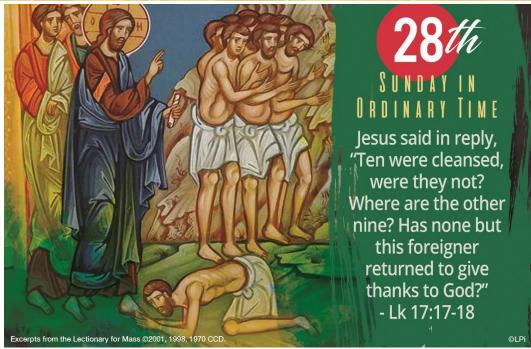
1st Fri, Taize & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

What happened to those other nine lepers who were cured? Why didn't they come back to thank Jesus? I've given it some thought, and I have come up with nine reasonable rationalizations. Some sounded pretty familiar to my ears. You could probably come up with a few of your own. Here are mine:

- 1. I want to get back to my family or friends or work. He'll understand.
- 2. I'll do it later. Maybe I'll even write him a nice note.
- 3. It probably wasn't even a miracle. Maybe I just had a bad case of psoriasis.
- 4. Such a great guy doesn't expect thanks.
- 5. I have to get to the priest and do the required ritual, or the miracle might not last.
- 6. I never did anything to deserve getting leprosy, so I deserve the cure.

- 7. Why say thanks? Miracles are this guy's business.
- 8. I don't have time to double back.
- 9. I asked one of the other lepers to say thanks for me.

Teach your children not just to say "thank you," but to plant their feet firmly on the ground, look the person in the eyes and say the words meaningfully. A person who is truly grateful is a person who understands the give and take of relationships. They are also more likely to begin to appreciate the everyday gifts that surround them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Besides your family, what are you most thankful for? Who are the people in your life who deserve your thanks? Have you thanked them lately?

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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:

This is one of the greatest challenges of our time: to convert ourselves to a type of development that knows how to respect creation.

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

Ramona Villote Puri, Robert Jackson, Sid Torrisi, Jack Kest, Remedios Avenido, Fr Peter Njau, C.S.Sp., Hurry Young, Emily Morgan, Ruby Ellis, Angela Cook, Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Jennifer Johnson.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Spagnol, Dileepa Abeyakoon, Dorothy Thomas, Marjanovic Mara, Vicente Fortun Jr.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Victorina Teodoro, Elverta Marie Tass, Terence & Olga Littlewood, Henry & Margaret Emmanual, George Pinto, Maggie Peters, Violet John, Rita Walters, Walter Murphy, Joseph Gatt, Belen Valladores, Lawrence Cachia, Clarise Edna Faulkner, Murial Baxter, Augustine Mascarenhas, Lydia Viajar, Daniel Barnes, Wilma Julian, Elpidio De Pedro, Dominic Cao, Wayne Rose, Oscar Bertumen, Enzo Quarta, Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha.

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	\$ 1,495.15
2ND COLLECTION For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Loose plate	\$ 739.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 912.10
	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 13 Oct: Int'l Day for Disaster Reduction;

Beginning of Anti-Poverty Week

Tue 15 Oct: Int'l Day of Rural Women

Wed 16 Oct: World Food Day

Thu 17 Oct: Int'l Day for the Eradication of

Poverty

Sun 20 Oct: World Statistics Day; World

Mission Sunday



REFLECTION

Historical Context - Leprosy

In ancient times, a wide variety of skin diseases were loosely labelled as 'leprosy'. Because of Jewish purity laws, people with skin diseases were automatically regarded as 'unclean' and were forced to live away from others. The assumption was that such disfigurement must be a punishment from God for sinful behaviour. When Jesus encounters the men they are outside the town and keep the required distance from Jesus. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest, whose authority was relied upon to declare a person healed and fit to return to society after extensive ritual purification.

Have you thought? - On the Borders

When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that fell between the two countries was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline – welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere.

Gospel Focus - Where are they?

'The other nine, where are they?' asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

Questions for Adults

Why do the men ask Jesus to have pity on them, rather than asking to be healed? In what ways do the men's reactions reveal that they didn't expect to be fully healed? Why is it significant that the grateful man is a Samaritan? In what way can the 'leprosy' of the story be applied as a metaphor for today?

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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 22 October, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenters are Ted & Fe Uy.

We welcome into our faith community

CELESTINA SEFO

(Daughter of Charis and Vitolina)

ZARA DIANNE FARRELL-LAZARUS

(Daughter of Jamie and Michelle)

who will be baptised this Sunday



PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 14 October

PPC, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

Tue 15 October

SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm

Wed 16 October

BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 7.30pm

Thu 17 October

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

Fri 18 October

Peter Mercia Practice, Church, 1.30pm Children's Choir Practice, Church, 4.30pm Divine Mercy Devotion, Church, 7.30pm

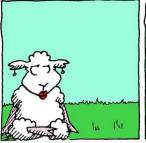
Sat 19 October

Laudate Choir Practice, Church, 11am
Prayer Meeting Group, Demountable, 3pm
RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 4.45pm

Sun 20 October

THE SUNDAY FLOCK







Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.com

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

Sheepish Questions:

Do I praise God often, or just hmmm along? Why?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS





Drop your donations to the JRS FOODBANK BOX

The foodbank provides much needed fresh food, non-perishable items, and toiletries to over 350 individuals and families every month. The JRS have identified a few staple items that are most frequently requested, and we are encouraging parishioners to bring donation to the church over the next few weeks. Donation Box will be in the foyer from 27 October until 3 November.

WISH LIST:

Basmati Rice Chickpeas Long life milk Cooking Oil Tinned Tomatoes
Tuna in Oil Red kidney beans
Sugar & Salt Tea & instant coffee

Shampoo Deodorant

IMPORTANT ADVICE ON OUR PHONE LINES

As our main phone lines are down we are having a temporary new Ph Number for our Parish:

2 02 8416 1620

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. We'll keep you posted once the usual numbers are up and running.



This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the life-saving work supported by Catholic Mission in Ghana, through programs designed to rescue babies and children who are vulnerable and foster their personal development for a brighter future.





SUPPORT THE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM OF OUR YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL IN PERTH IN DECEMBER 2019.

Help them sell chocolates in your workplace. If interested to help, sign-up sheets are available in the foyer. One box is \$60.

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS NEEDED

Do you wish to serve the parish somehow? Why don't you consider joining the church cleaning roster?

You will be rostered once every 5 weeks on a Saturday from 8-9am, orientation will be provided.

Contact Parish Office or approach any priest if you are interested.



DIOCESAN SESSION 1: 17 OCTOBER

You are invited to the first of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Missionary and Evangelising' will be held on 17 October from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

DIOCESAN SESSION 2: 23 OCTOBER

You are invited to the second of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal' will be held on 23 October from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Thank you to all our 2019 Parish Fiesta Sponsors & Donors

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We appreciate all the support extended to the Holy Spirit Parish Fiesta by the above businesses and families. We encourage you to support them.

Thank you, also, to the Fiesta Committee and the generous volunteers and families of the parish for the set up and pack up, lucky door prizes, flowers, entertainment, food and cash donations that went toward the Dinner & Raffle Prizes.



Marian Fiesta Celebration

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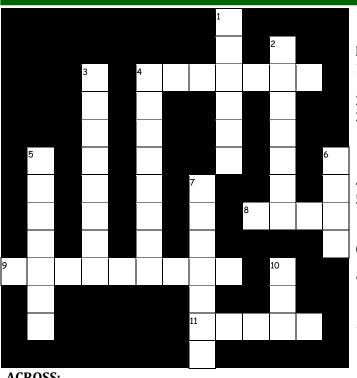
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own imperfections."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Your faith has made you well



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DOWN:

- 1: cured, made better
- 2: a small town
- 3: the measurement between two points
- 4: speaking loudly
- 5: lepers suffer from this disease
- 6: feel sorry for someone
- people who perform religious rites
- 10: Jesus sent this many lepers to see the priests

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MAGDALENE OF NAGASAKI

Virgin and Martyr Patron of the Secular Augustinian **Recollect Fraternity** Feast Day: 20th October



Magdalene was born in 1611 near Nagasaki, Japan, the daughter of devout Christian parents. While she was still young, her family were martyred for the Faith. In 1624 she acquainted with Augustinian members of the Recollect Congregation and was attracted by their deep spirituality.

In 1629 she sought refuge in the hills of Nagasaki, sharing the sufferings of her fellow Christians, baptizing the young and visiting the sick. Because many Christians were renouncing their faith in the face of torture, she decided to encourage them through her own acceptance of persecution.

In September 1634, dressed in the habit of a tertiary, she turned herself in to the anti-Christian civil authorities, and a month later she was subjected to the torture of the pit for 13 days. On the last day, 16th October, 1634, the pit was filled with water and she was drowned.

Her body was burned and her ashes were dispersed to prevent the Christians from having any relics of

Magdalene was beatified on February 18, 1981, in Manila, Philippines, by Pope John Paul II, and canonized on October 18, 1987, at St. Peter's Basilica, in Rome, by Pope John

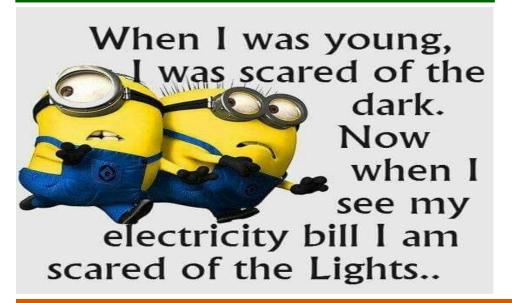
Her shrine is at Binondo Church in Manila, Phillipines.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

ACROSS:

- 4: A Samaritan comes from this country
- the appendages on the end of our legs
- 9: someone from a foreign country
- 11: to show gratitude

ON A LIGHTER NOTE



CORNER CHILDREN'S

Draw the leper who returned to thank Jesus.

When are some of the times when you can ask Jesus for help?

Fill in the missing letters, then match them up by number in the large boxes to reveal the message of this story.

- Jesus was on h□s way to Jeru□alem.
- Te \square lepers asked Jesus to take pi \square y on them.
- Jesus told them to $s \sqsubseteq ow$ themselves to the pri $\sqsubseteq sts$.
- One of the men disco $\underline{\ }$ ered he was heale $\underline{\ }$, and returned to Jesus, giving praise to \square od.
- He b \square wed down at Jesus' fee \square and than \square ed him.
- Jesus then told him, " \square et up and g \square 4. Your f_ith has made you well."

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NEXT WEEKEND (20 OCTOBER): 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1st Reading

Exodus 17:8-13 With the staff of God, Moses helps Israel defeat Amalek.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (R.2) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2nd Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 All scripture is inspired of God.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

Hebrews 4.12 Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8 The widow and the irreligious judge.

FLOWERS: Group 4 (Green)

CLEANERS: Group 2 **BANNERS:** Green

19 OCT, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Phillip Roffey

Eucharistic Ministers

Lea Jadraque Ted Uy Bernadette Stevens Jeanne Appleton Pat Dowd Margaret Herbert Janice Salmon Moira Rebello

Reader 1

Marinella Licuanan

Reader 2 Moira Rebello

Commentator Fe Uy

Music Anglo-Indian Choir

Powerpoint Nanette I.

Junior Servers Daniel Matic

Jonathon King **Devotional Stall**

Margaret Herbert Welcomers

Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira Corinne King

20 OCT, 8AM

Acolyte/Senior Server Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Christine Younes Elsa Roberto Lou Szymkow Annette Brackett Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett Celeste Lapid Belen Leynes

Reader 1

Shirley Croning

Reader 2 Manuel Fidow

Commentator Sarah Damole

Music Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Devotional Stall Elsa Roberto

Welcomers Sarah Damole

Holy Spirit Parish St Clair-Erskine Park • Holy Spirit Parish St Clair Family Ministry • BASICGIFT (Youth Ministry)

Jun Damole Yvette Pinto

Volunteer Needed

20 OCT, 9.30AM

Acolyte/Senior Server Nono Gacis

Eucharistic Ministers

Michael Paulo Jenny Kyd John Shelley Aruna Heslop Nilo Gajo Luchie Gacis Lou de Guia Anabel Jader

Reader 1 Nida Hawley

Reader 2 Luchie Gacis

Commentator Joanne Staunton

Music Laudate Choir

Powerpoint Andrew Alsop

Junior Servers

Michael Iotua Kristen Morales Ryan Espadilla

Devotional Stall Marthese Grima

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Joe Duval

20 OCT, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Peter Smith

Eucharistic Ministers

Olga Esguerra Bert Llamas Romana Cunanan Pearl Joson Danny Esguerra Lumen Decena Lena MacLean Fiona Ferreira

Reader 1 Joseph Valladores

Reader 2 Marty Facciol

Commentator

Karina Micallef

Music

Esther Rose Choir

Powerpoint James Pirotta

Junior Servers

Jaime Bertumen Havden Bertumen Jarryd Coombes

Devotional Stall

Fiona Ferreira

Welcomers

Romana Cunanan Kriz Florido

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