



Holy Spirit Parish

2019 CHRISTMAS BULLETIN

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

MESSAGE

Christmastide is the time of year when we are especially encouraged to live in the spirit of peace and goodwill to all. It is a time for renewal of spirit and inner refreshment and for making a new start. The glow from the crib which heralds the birth of the Christ-Child warms the hearts of young, and the not so young, when we allow it to do so.

In the Charles Dickens novel, *A Christmas Carol*, we read how even the miserable and hard-hearted Ebenezer Scrooge, was transformed into an entirely new person - a much more lovable person who is at last at peace with himself and the world around him. This is a vital part of the Christmas message for all of us, to allow our better selves to blossom and grow and to make the world around us a better place.

This Christmastime let us try to care for those around us who are in any need. It is an opportunity to spread warmth and happiness in a world that, for many, is challenging in these difficult economic times.

May we all hear in our hearts the song of the Angels at Bethlehem, on that first Christmas night, heralding peace and goodwill and may we experience the coming to fruit of what is best in each

one of us.

For many, Christmas is the time for coming home to family and friends. It is important to be close to those who are dear to us. Let us also come home to the Holy Family as we gather at the Crib.

For Christians throughout the world, the Holy Night resonates with the wonder of what happened on that special night in Bethlehem so many years ago. It is a night of joyful thanksgiving.

This time can also be a moment of new discovery and decision, new opportunities as we prepare for the New Year. The love of God, which centered our world in such a spectacular way at the Birth of the Christ-Child, takes on a new force. It can turn us away from the forces of darkness and negativity and open our minds and hearts with a new and realistic optimism.

The sense of eternity enters our world of here and now. Peace and goodwill to all is the Christmas cry of the Christian at this holy time as we gather at the Crib.

Come, let us worship!

✠ Fr Myk Belonio, OSA
Parish Priest



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



Welcome

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.

Help our Parish by Supporting Planned Giving Program

We have generally two collections taken up at Mass.

The first collection is for the support of our clergy in the parish and for the work of the Augustinians.

The second collection is for the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission. For example: liturgical needs, parish ministries, salaries, utilities, resources, maintenance of the church, repayment of loans, sacramental formation and pastoral programs.

We are grateful for your generosity in supporting the parish in so many ways, including financially.

Our main concern is to grow the parish in these challenging times. However, to realise our mission and initiate programs we need to ensure we have a healthy budget and a steady income.

We ask you to support our Planned Giving Program. For those who use the Planned Giving envelopes, we do encourage you to give electronically (deducted from either your bank account or your credit card), as this also saves time at our end. Forms (beige-coloured paper) are available in the foyer.

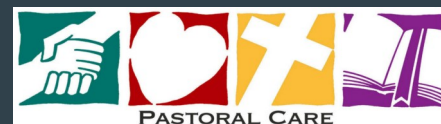
For more info contact Mila Llamas, 9670 8205 (Mon/Wed only), or email accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au.

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

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)

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 ageing. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office at admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au or 9670 8222.



Pope Francis said:

"Being a Catechist is a Vocation"

Is it Your Vocation? Join Us and Find Out...

FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH

BE THE CHURCH

GET INVOLVED. JOIN A MINISTRY.
'Join A Ministry' Forms are available in the foyer.



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY?

Good deeds will live beyond your lifetime with a gift in Will to your parish and faith community. After providing for your family and loved ones, please consider sharing God's blessings with future generations.

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA
PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

For more info, visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

WE'RE TAKING A SELFIE
WITH JESUS!

WOULD YOU LIKE
TO BE IN IT?

Become a Catholic.

Enquiries:
Holy Spirit Church 5 Todd Row St Clair
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website: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au
email: admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir practice is held every Friday (during school term) in the Church from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

We invite the children of our parish to come, join and be part of the Parish's Children's Choir.

The Children's Choir sing every 4th Sunday of the month at the 9.30am Mass.

FRIDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS

7.30pm, commencing in February 2020

1ST FRIDAY:

Taizé with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3RD FRIDAY:

Divine Mercy with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

COME JOIN US!

**BASIC
GIFT**
BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST
GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



FAITH-FRIENDS-
FUN-FOOD

EVERY SUNDAY
7PM-9PM
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Experience
Healing GRACE
Anointing OIL
Forgiveness
& Peace

Mass For The Sick



Every 1st Friday, 9.05am • Followed by Morning Tea
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8.30am-9am



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 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

2020 Sacramental Preparation



Early bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website
commencing 1 December 2019
www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

CONFIRMATION (Year 5)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 3 Feb @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 5 Feb @ 7pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be in February (3 weeks)
- Confirmation Masses: Sat 29 Feb (10am, 2pm); Sat 7 Mar (10am)

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 4 May @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 6 May @ 7pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be in May (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 June

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Year 3)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 27 July @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 29 July @ 7pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be in August (3 weeks)
- First Reconciliation: 22, 26, 27, 29 August
- Thanksgiving Mass: 20 September @ 9.30am

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 2759 NSW

Mark your 2020 Calendar

JANUARY

- 26 Wedding Anniversary Mass
- 28 Beginning of Term 1

FEBRUARY

- 2 25th Anniv of Arrival of Augustinians in St Clair
- 15 Bingo Night
- 16 Wedding Anniversary Mass
- 26 Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 22 Wedding Anniversary Mass
- 25 Lenten Reconciliation

APRIL

- 5 Passion/Palm Sunday
- 9 End of Term 1
Holy Thursday
- 10 Good Friday
- 11 Easter Vigil
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 26 Wedding Anniversary Mass
- 27 Beginning of Term 2

MAY

- 10 Mother's Day
- 23 Bingo Night
- 31 Pentecost Sunday
Wedding Anniversary Mass

JUNE

- 28 Wedding Anniversary Mass

JULY

- 3 End of Term 2
- 20 Beginning of Term 3
- 26 Grandparents Day
Wedding Anniversary Mass

AUGUST

- 8 Bingo Night
- 15 Assumption of Mary
- 24 RCIA Info Evening
- 30 Multi-Cultural Mass
Wedding Anniversary Mass

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Father's Day
- 20 Wedding Anniversary Mass
- 25 End of Term 3
- 30 Marian Talk

OCTOBER

- 1-9 Marian Novena
- 10 Marian Fiesta
- 12 Beginning of Term 4
- 25 Wedding Anniversary Mass

NOVEMBER

- 7 Bingo Night
- 18 Remembrance Mass
- 29 Wedding Anniversary Mass

DECEMBER

- 6 Wedding Anniversary Mass
- 9 Advent Reconciliation
- 18 End of Term 4



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PARISH:

Holy Spirit Parish St Clair—Erskine Parish

FAMILY MINISTRY:

Holy Spirit Parish St Clair—Family Ministry

BASIC GIFT (Youth Group):

BASIC GIFT

BASIC GIFT OVER 18s MINISTRY



**AUGUSTINIANS
IN ST CLAIR**
1995 — 2020



Sunday 2 February 2020 • 9.30am Mass

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

*Thank you for all your
support to our Christmas
Appeal.*



Holy Spirit Parish

St Clair • Erskine Park • Parts of Kemps Creek

Under the Pastoral Care of the Augustinians

Diocese of Parramatta

www.parra.catholic.org.au

Parish Office

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Office Hours

9.00am to 5pm (Monday to Friday)

Priory

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Parish Staff

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Parish Secretary: Elisa Reynolds P 9670 8222 E admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au (Tue–Fri)

Parish Bookkeeper: Mila Llamas P 9670 8205 E accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au (Mon and Wed)

SRE Coordinator (Catechists): Margaret Currie M 0411 468 921 E mmcurrie9@gmail.com

Sacramental Coordinator: Germaine Gil P 02 9670 8222 E sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au

Parish Youth Contact: Patrice Moriarty M 0423 968 054 E pm12_88@hotmail.com

Parish Council

Chair: Maggie Fono • **Asst Chair:** Sarah Cañete-Damole • **Secretary:** Bernadette Stevens

Members: Cathy Allen, Jamie Dowsett, Ana Gregoriou, Paula Dicenso, Margaret Portelli, Gus Morgan, Manuel Fidow, Eleanor Stuart (BASIC GIFT Representative),

Fr Michael Belonio OSA, Fr Peter Tangey OSA, Rev Quang Tuyen Pham OSA

Schools/College

Holy Spirit Primary School (7 Todd Row, St Clair) P 02 8886 3200 W www.hsstclair.catholic.edu.au

Trinity Primary School (61 Bakers Ln, Kemps Creek) P 02 9834 3212 W trinitykempscreek.catholic.edu.au

Emmaus Catholic College (87 Bakers Ln, Kemps Creek) P 02 9670 8300 W emmauskempscreek.catholic.edu.au

Retirement Vill

Emmaus Retirement Village (85 Bakers Ln, Kemps Creek) P 02 8804 0200