

1st Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

Responsorial PsalmPsalm 51.1-2, 3-4a, 10-11, 12+15
(R.1a+4a)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading

Romans 5:12-19
Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

Gospel Acclamation Verse Matthew 4.4

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

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

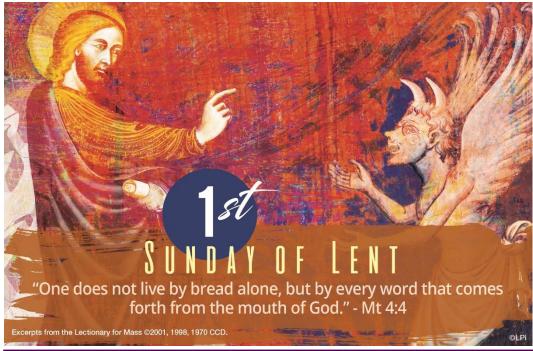
Friday Night Devotions (7.30pm) 1st Fri, Taize & Exposition of the

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

Temptation is a part of life. Everyone must deal with it, even Jesus. One of our jobs as parents is to help our children develop a right conscience so they can face temptation. I remember when my young children were watching the movie Pinocchio and I was wishing my children had their own Blue Fairy.

There is a very solemn scene in the movie where the Blue Fairy asks Jiminy Cricket to kneel as she dubs him the "Lord high-keeper of right and wrong, counselor in moments of temptation." Wouldn't it be great if all our children were given tiny umbrella-wielding consciences to keep them on the straight and narrow?

As Christians, we have very definite ideas of what is right and wrong. We are called to value others as much as we value ourselves and to value ourselves as much as God values us.

We can try to help our children internalize this message by taking the time to listen and ask questions as they unpack

their good deeds and bad. Why did they do what they did? How did they feel? Did the action help or hurt others or themselves? How was the action wrong or right? We will do well if we teach our children to ask themselves these questions before they act.

We play the role of Jiminy Cricket for the first few years of our children's lives. We are the outside voice that points out right from wrong, until, we hope, like Pinocchio, they learn from their mistakes and successes and begin to listen to the quiet voice inside.

Then, like that little wooden boy, they, too, are on their way to becoming all their Creator hopes they will be.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Have family members talk about what they think they will be like in ten years. What do they think God would want them to be like in ten years?

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:

Being with" Christ does not mean isolating ourselves from others.
Rather, it is a "being with" in order to go forth and encounter others.

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

Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Michelle Caruana, Josette Sultana, Stephen Ferreira, Jimmy Floro, Ramarihi Sainsbury, Anthea Lee-Lim, Necitas Clarefina Mandar, Buenaventura Yason, Clint Gielink, Malcolm Marescia, Glenda Coultard.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Elaine Estrellado, Indrani Perera, Felicidad Hefferman, Enrique Villavicencio, Miguel Dela Cerna Aton, Brett Walkom, Randy Jayasekera, Lloyd De Souza, Lambrini Vesa, Leo Weeks, Rita Sultana, Glen Bouche.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Virginia Nastor, Augrey Gonsalvez, Kathy & Raymond Esber, Milton Fernandes, Doug Chant, Noel & Philomena Batholomeusz, Raphael Vasallo, Tony Kuljanic, Milton Fernandes, Hazel De Silva, Diamond Jacob, Dunstan Herft, Peter Paul & Joan De Souza, Ron Hall, Bonney Fernandes.

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	\$ 2,162.75		
2ND COLLECTION For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Loose plate	\$ 1,063.30		
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,431.50		
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 1,084.42		
Average Weekly Operating Expe	\$ 4,342.96			
Parish Bingo Night (Net)	\$ 542.00			

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Sun 1 Mar: Zero Discrimination Day; Nuclear Free

and Independent Pacific Day

Tue 3 Mar: World Wildlife Day

Wed 4 Mar: 1979, Pope John Paul II's encyclical

Redemptor Hominis (Redeemer of Man)

Fri 6 Mar: Int'l Day of Unplugging

Sun 8 Mar: Int'l Women's Day



REFLECTION

Scriptural Context - Trusting God

The testing and temptation of Jesus echoes the plight of the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert for forty years. They relied on God to provide them with food and protection and ultimately lead them into the land that was promised to them. They had to trust that God would deliver these things in God's own time and way. Jesus is tempted to ignore God's time and ways by seizing for himself food, protection and ownership of the land. The temptations of Jesus and the people of Israel are all about trusting God.

Historical Context - Sin

The Greek word translated as 'sin' in the New Testament literally means 'miss the mark'. Its origin may lie in archery where the object was always to hit the mark; to miss the mark was to not achieve at one's best. Jesus set about trying to redefine the Jewish notion of sin from being a transgression against God that deserves punishment to the more compassionate idea that sin is a wandering off course that can be rectified – a missing of the mark. When he encountered someone who was missing the mark, Jesus called them back into right relationship.

Have you thought? - An invitation

Lent is a season of invitation. It is an invitation to step into the desert with Jesus; to confront our own purpose and ministry and to renew our trust in God's vision for the world and for us individually. Seen in this light, Lent is so much more than fasting from meat and giving up ice cream for a few weeks. The whole idea of fasting and sacrifice is an attempt to simplify our lives. Through simplifying our life and removing some of the daily distractions, we can share in the desert experience of Jesus and then truly celebrate the hope reborn in the Easter season.

Questions for Adults

Why might this gospel reading have been chosen for the Lenten season? How do the actions of Jesus balance or counter the actions of Adam and Eve? What temptations do you face and how do you try to address them? When have you put trust in God to resolve a situation beyond your control?

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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 24 March, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.



PROJECT COMPASSION boxes/envelopes are now available in the foyer.

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 2 March

Lenten Reflection Group, Pioneers Rm, 9.30am PPC Exec, Augustine Rm, 7.30pm Easter Vigil Choir Practice, Church, 7.30pm

Tue 3 March

SVDP, Mercy Rm, 7pm Good Friday Rehearsal, Church, 7.30pm Social Justice Commission, Augustine Rm, 7.30pm

Wed 4 March

Catholic Schools Week, Church, 9.05am Lenten Reflection Group, Pioneers Rm, 6.30pm Men's Business, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm BASIC GIFT, Mercy Rm,8pm

Thu 5 March

Mother's Prayers Group, Augustine Rm, 10am Good Friday Rehearsal, Church, 7.30pm

Fri 6 March

Children's Choir, Church, 4.30pm Altar Servers Lenten Recol'n, Pioneers Rm, 7pm Taize, Church, 7.30pm

Sat 7 March

RCIC, Pioneers Rm, 9am Confirmation Mass, Church, 10am Lenten Reflection Group, Pioneers Rm, 2pm RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 4.45pm Children's Liturgy, Church, 6pm

Sun 8 March

Children's Liturgy, Church, 9.30am Paulo Family Choir, Church, 12.30pm Sudanese Community, Demountable, 1pm

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"The woman answered the serpent: 'God said, You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die."

Sheepish Question:

But seriously, about temptation: How am I like Adam or Eve?

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.



ALL WELCOME!!!

Conductress: Joy Rulewski • Pianist: Victor Brangwin
Holy Spirit Church, Monday Evenings 7.30pm to 9pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March | 6 April

STATIONS OF THE

During Lent, the church will remain open until **5PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.**

We encourage parishioners to visit the Church and make the Stations of the Cross with their family and friends.

There are booklets for the Stations of the Cross available in the foyer for \$6 each.



The Flower Ministry is organising a

FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOP

on Sat 14 March, 1-4 PM

A prepayment of \$30 for cost of flowers and accessories. Participants to take home their arrangement. Limited slots only.

Please register with payment to the Flower Ministry. For more info, contact Espy Sarno on 0410 541 537 or any of the Flower Ladies.

HOLY SPIRITPrimary School St Clair



TRINITY CATHOLIC PRIMARY KEMPS CREEK

(Erskine Park side)

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH, 2020 9.00 - 11.00am



Evening School Tour

Date: Monday 9th March 2020 Time: 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Enrolment Information Evening

Date: Monday 16th March 2020 Time: 7. 00pm

Trinity C.P.S Kemps Creek

61 - 83 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek NSW 2178 (Near First Estate and Erskine Business Park)



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Own one of these beautiful battery-operated night lights available in the Devotional Stall for \$25 each.

This is also a good present especially for children preparing the sacraments.



Emmaus Catholic College

OPEN NIGHT Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Students will be showcasing what occurs in the learning environment at Emmaus Catholic College

General Information: 5pm – 5.30 pm Tours of the College: 5.30pm – 8.00pm Venue: Sr Patricia Tully Centre (Hall) 87-109 Bakers Lane, Kemps Creek

Enrolment Applications will be available on the night Contact: 02 9670 8300



this weekend (29 Feb) at the 10am & 2pm Masses by Monsignor Ron McFarlane. Thank you to the parents and children for their commitment to preparing for this Sacrament and also a big thank you to the Sacramental Team for volunteering their time and skill in facilitating this program.

Congratulations all!



Friday 6 March, 9.05am

Reconciliation available before Mass from 8.30-9am
Join us for Morning Tea after Mass at the Pioneers Rm
Please bring a plate to share



FRI 6 MAR, 7.30PM • HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process that makes it possible for adults to be received into the Catholic Church.

This weekend we celebrate a very important occasion in the RCIA: Rite of Enrolment of Names and the Rite of Sending at Holy Spirit Parish-St Clair during the 6pm Vigil Mass and the Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta this Sunday 1 March.

The Rites of Election and Enrolment of Names mark the end of a lengthy period of preparation for the Catechumens (those being Baptised at Easter). During the Rites the Catechumens publicly acknowledge their desire to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, and their desire to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church on Easter Saturday. The Rites mark the beginning of period of more intense preparation for those to be received, and after the Rite of Election are now called The Elect, are asked to follow Christ with greater generosity of spirit.

To our community, thank you for the prayerful support you have given the RCIA this far on the journey. Please continue to pray for our Catechumens, Sponsors and Team as we continue our journey to Easter.

The Catechumens who will receive Baptism at Easter are:

- 1. Emily Miloszek
- 2. Skye Spacek
- 3. Ana Younes
- 4. Luca James Spacek

And the candidates who will receive Confirmation and First Communion are:

- 1. Cian Torres-Alley
- 2. Amaris Torres-Alley
- 3. Bodell Laron Torres-Alley

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Men are so blind in their impiety that, as it were, they bump into mountains and refuse to see what hits them in the eye."

St Augustine of Hippo 354-430 AD

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ON A LIGHTER NOTE

On the way there, he tells his driver that looks a bit like him:

"I'm sick of all these conferences. I always say the same things over and over!" The driver agrees: "You're right. As your driver, I attended all of them, and even though I don't know anything about science, I could give the conference in your place."

"That's a great idea!" says Einstein. "Let's switch places then!"

So they switch clothes and as soon as they arrive, the driver dressed as Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the usual speech, while the real Einstein, dressed as the car driver, attends it.

But in the crowd, there is one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks of a very difficult question to ask Einstein, hoping he won't be able to respond. So this guy stands up and interrupts the conference by posing his very difficult question. The whole room goes silent, holding their breath, waiting for the response.

The driver looks at him, dead in the eye, and says: "Sir, your question is so easy to answer that I'm going to let my driver reply to it for me."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT PERPETUA AND FELICITY

Patron Saint of Mothers and Expectant Mothers

Feast Day: 7th March



Saints Perpetua and Felicity were Christian martyrs who lived during the early persecution of the Church in the Roman province of Africa by the Emperor Severus.

In 203 AD, Vivia Perpetua, a welleducated noblewoman, aged 22, decided to follow the path of her mother and become a Christian, even though she was well aware of the consequences. Her pagan father tried to talk her out of her decision.

Perpetua had every reason to want to live -including a baby son. She was arrested with four other catechumens, including two slaves, Felicity and Revocatus, and Saturninus and Secundulus. Their instructor in the faith, Saturus, was also imprisoned.

Perpetua was baptized before taken to prison. She suffered not only the pain of being separated from her baby, but she and the young slave, Felicity, who was 8 months pregnant, suffered the stifling heat in an overcrowded prison and rough handling by prison guards. Perpetua prayed to God for endurance in the face of her trials.

Perpetua and Felicity were both tried and sentenced with the other catechumens to be thrown to wild beasts in the arena.

Two days before the execution, Felicity gave birth to a healthy girl who was adopted and raised by one of the Christian women of Carthage.

Perpetua and Felicity were thrown back into the arena to face the gladiators but were eventually killed by the sword.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

NEXT WEEKEND (8 MARCH): 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, Yr A

1st Reading

Genesis 12:1-4 Abram leaves home receiving promises from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33.4-5, 18-19, 20+22, (R.22) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10 Following the Gospel entails some hardship.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

See Luke 9.35 From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

FLOWERS: Group 5 (Violet) **CLEANERS:** Group 2

BANNERS: Violet

7 MAR, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Jacob Fonseca

Eucharistic Ministers

Marion Durbin Mary Fonseca Sylvia Herft Moira Rebello Janice Salmon Hazel Littlewood Jeanne Appleton Dita Sy

Reader 1

Corinne Cerdor

Reader 2 Margaret Herbert

Commentator Dudley Littlewood

Music

Victor B & Micheal H

Powerpoint Nanette I.

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Devotional Stall Lorensz Herft

Welcomers

Terry Serrao Danny Sy Dita Sy

8 MAR, 8AM

Acolyte/Senior Server Lindsay Hewerdine

Eucharistic Ministers

Sue Oram Belen Leynes Louise Bucholtz Frances Flood Annette Brackett Ron Brackett **Christine Younes** Gloria Slade

Reader 1

Stephen Middleton

Reader 2 Carol Vella

Commentator Sally Banguis

Music

Victor B/Micheal Hay

Powerpoint Manuel Fidow

Junior Servers Rhys'Isaiah

Devotional Stall Louise Bucholtz

Welcomers

Sarah Damole Iun Damole Espy Sarno

8 MAR, 9.30AM

Acolyte/Senior Server Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers

Shirley Croning Ken Allen Cathy Allen Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley Joy Rulewski Jenny Kyd Sina Carvalho

Reader 1 Kelly Apikotoa

Reader 2 Joy Rulewski

Commentator Uinise Blake

Music Mary Immaculate Choir

Powerpoint Boy Sanosa

Junior Servers Kirsten Hayden

Jamie **Devotional Stall**

Ray Portelli

Welcomers

Rhoda Bertumen Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed

8 MAR, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Danny Esguerra

Eucharistic Ministers

Romana Cunanan James Pirotta Kate Blasco Pearl Joson Olga Esguerra Esther Rose Jan Manzanares Chloe Daley

Reader 1 Candice Salmon

Reader 2 Marty Facciol

Commentator

Derrick Pereira Music

BASIC GIFT

Powerpoint BASIC GIFT

Junior Servers

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Devotional Stall Volunteer Needed

Welcomers

Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteer Needed



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