

1st Reading

Sirach 15:15-20 We may choose life or death.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119.1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (*R*.1)

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10
God reveals his wisdom through
the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

See Matthew 11.25
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth; you have
revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37 *Jesus comes to fulfill the law.*

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)

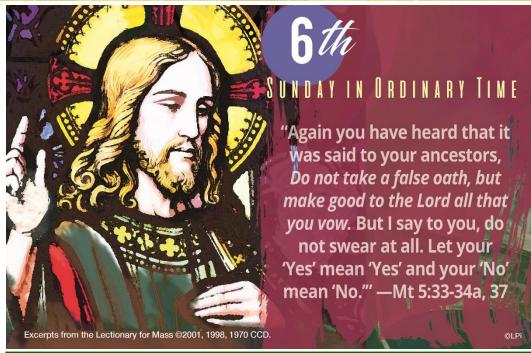
1st Fri, Taize & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

In the first part of this reading Jesus seems to offer parents a freeway to the kingdom. It would seem the kingdom is ours if we live by the Ten Commandments and teach our children to do the same. However, as the reading goes on, Jesus tells us that his followers are challenged to do even more.

To be Jesus' followers, we are to live beyond the letter of the law. For example, it is not enough to say we won't hurt anyone physically (the fifth commandment). Jesus tells us we are not to hurt anyone emotionally either. We must curb our anger. We shouldn't insult others, and we certainly don't call them names. Finally, if we have hurt someone, we offer a sincere apology and try to make amends.

This is definitely a lesson we teach our children by example. All parents lose their tempers occasionally. Regrettably, when I was raising my children, it was more than occasionally. Fortunately, I learned the importance of saying I was sorry once things had calmed down; and to say it with more than words. I would try to take their hand or sit close to them making sure to look them in the eyes. I would tell them I was wrong, not in the dispute perhaps, but in the way I'd handled it.

As time went on, I learned that by making myself admit I was wrong (something not easy for me to do) I became more aware of what triggered my temper. I learned to walk out of the room before exploding. And because I was modeling the behavior, it was easier for me to make sure my children did the same. Teaching children to admit they are wrong and say they are sorry to a sibling certainly bring us, and them, a little closer to the kingdom.

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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:

The failure of global summits on the environment make it plain that our politics are subject to technology and finance.

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, Gen Goco, Rollie Pelagio, Cleo Almanzor, Timothy Bushnell, Josette Sultana, Glenda Coultard, Clint Gielink, Malcolm Marescia, Jimmy Floro, Anthea Lee-Lim, Necitas Clarefina Mandar, Buenaventura Yason, Josefina V Sevilla, Jimmy Soo, Michelle Caruana.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Larry O'Connell, Antonio Castillo, Bernard Lenchico, Geneen Brennan.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Marciana Abad, Benigno Abad, Dolores Bunch, Mauro Ocampo, Irenea Ocampo, Vicente Floro, Terrance Peters, Terry Teodoro, Elisa Viajar, Lydia & Wenceslao Viajar, Michael Rodrigues, Norbert Carvaho.

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	\$ 1,167.40
2ND COLLECTION For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Loose plate	\$ 336.80
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 894.50
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 1,084.42
Average Weekly Operating Expenses		\$4,342.96
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	\$ N/A

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Mon 17 Feb: 2014, Murder of

Iranian asylum-seeker Reza Barati in offshore immigration detention on Manus Island

Thu 20 Feb: World Day of Social

Justice

Fri 21 Feb: Int'l Mother Language

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REFLECTION

Historical Context - But now I say to you...

There is a distinct pattern to the teaching examples Jesus provides: 'You have heard it said ...'; 'but I now say to you...'. This was a common method of teaching in Jesus' day and is often used as an example to suggest that Jesus was regarded as a Rabbi in his day. It is a typical rabbinical method of interpreting scripture. The rabbi quotes the teaching (you have heard it said...) and then offers an interpretation or reinterpretation of that teaching (but I now say to you). While it is an unfamiliar teaching style for us today, it would have been common in Jesus' time.

Have you thought? - Teaching examples

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking. When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

Living the Gospel - Interpretation

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

Questions for Adults

Why does Jesus speak about not only keeping commandments but also teaching others to keep them? How do you feel about the interpretations of the Law that Jesus cites as examples? When has a particular interpretation of scripture helped you with a difficult literal passage? Where in your life are you called to be someone who fulfils or completes the Law and the Prophets?

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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 25 February, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



(Son of Steven and Celeste)

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 17 February

Sacrament Preparation, Pioneers Rm & Church, 4.30pm & 7pm

Tue 18 February

Music Practice, Peter Mercia, Church, 7pm SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm

Wed 19 February

Sacrament Preparation, Pioneers Rm & Church, 7pm

BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 7.30pm

Thu 20 February

Mother's Prayer Group, Augustine Rm, 10am

Fri 21 February

Trinity Opening Mass, Church, 10.30am Children's Choir Practice, Church, 4.30pm Sacrament Preparation, Pioneers Rm & Church, 4.30pm

Sat 22 February

RCIC, Pioneers Rm, 9am RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 4.45pm Children's Liturgy, Church, 6pm Bingo Night, Holy Spirit School MPA, 7.30pm

Sun 23 February

Children's Liturgy, Church, 9.30am Oberammergau Passion Play Orientation, Pioneers Rm, 11.30am

Paulo Family Choir Practice, Church, 12.30pm Sudanese Community, Demountable, 1pm

THE SUNDAY FLOCK









Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.com

"Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them."

Sheepish Question:

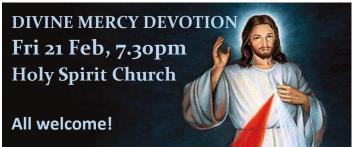
There are only two choices. Why is it so hard sometimes for me to go with God's way?

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.









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.

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ALL WELCOME!!!

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2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March | 6 April

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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- Participants will enjoy some short, provided personal reading & reflection in preparation for engaging group conversation at each gathering
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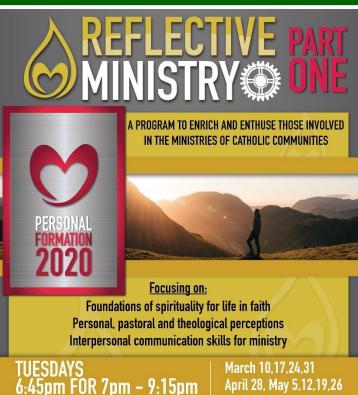
CatholicCare Family Spirit Info Evening

Can you picture yourself as a foster carer? Family Spirit is looking for compassionate people who can provide security and comfort to children in need. To find out more, please join us for an information night on Tuesday 18 February, 6pm to 8:30pm at Marist 180, 36 First Avenue, Blacktown. A light meal will be served. To secure you place call 13 18 19 or email connect@familyspirit.org



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.



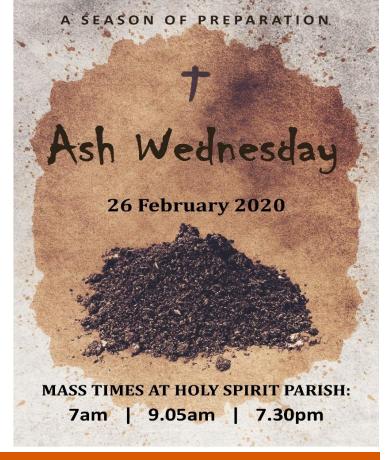
For more information, contact Sister Grace on 02 9296 6369 Email: connect@ifm.org.au

PART TWO - WORD AND MISSION COMING IN AUGUST 2020

1–5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN (OFF FLUSHCOMBE ROAD)



June 2.9.16



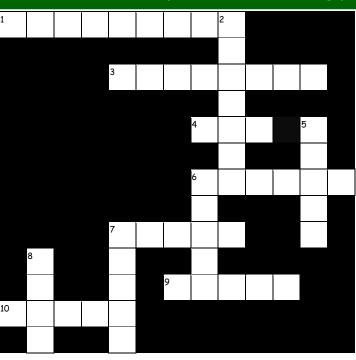
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Moral character is assessed not by what a man knows but by what he loves."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Make peace before offering your gift to God



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ACROSS:

- 1: followers of Jesus
- 3: to recall a memory
- 4: our Father in heaven
- 6: 'cats' is to 'cat' as 'people' is to '_____'
- 7: the priest breaks the bread at the
- 9: to go away from
- 10: to willingly give something

DOWN:

- 2: a person we may or may not know
- 5: the opposite of back
- 6: when there is no more fighting or war
- 7: very mad
- 8: something we give, like a present

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

They had great seats right behind their team's bench.

After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it, and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was, 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like, hello? It's only 25 cents!"

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT PETER DAMIAN

Patron Saint Leprosy Sufferers and Outcasts

Feast Day: 21st February



Saint Peter Damian, Italian San Pier Damiani, (born 1007, Ravenna, Italy, and died on February 22, 1072), cardinal and Doctor of the Church, an original leader and a forceful figure in the Gregorian Reform movement, whose personal example and many writings exercised great influence on religious.

Having lost his parents when very young, he was left in charge of a brother in whose house he was treated like a slave. As soon as he was old enough he was sent to tend swine. Another brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took pity on him and undertook to have him educated, first at Faenza and then at Parma.

A bright student he became a master and professor and spent long hours in watchful prayer and fasting and great austerity. He took delight in serving the outcasts of society, and by his example, was able bring people back into the narrow path of virtue. After a while he left his worldly goods behind and became a reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal in the circle of Pope Leo XI.

St. Peter was one of the chief forerunners of the Hildebrandine reform in the Church. His preaching was most eloquent and his writings voluminous. He was a great predecessor of Saint Francis of Assisi and he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828. He was struck down by a sudden and acute attack of fever and died 8 days later while monks were praying around his bedside. His feast day is February 21st.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis

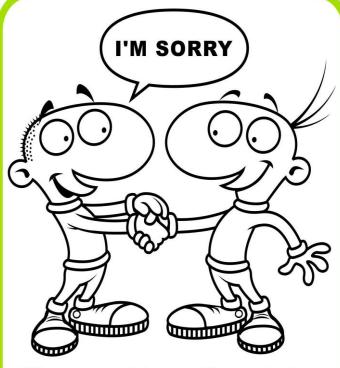
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus wants us to make peace with those who we have wronged

When someone does wrong things against me, I can make peace with them by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can make peace with them by....



"When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

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NEXT WEEKEND (23 FEBRUARY): 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

1st Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18 Love your neighbor as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13 (R.8)The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 What is wise with the world, is absurd with God.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

See 1 John 2.5 Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

> Gospel Matthew 5:38-48 Turn the other cheek.

Group 3 (Green) FLOWERS:

Group 5 **CLEANERS: BANNERS:** Green

22 FEB, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Lois Schleifer Marion Durbin Sylvia Herft Lea Jadraque Dita Sy Pat Dowd

Reader 1 Janice Salmon

Reader 2 Romeo Prieto

Commentator Lea Jadraque

Music Couples for Christ

> Powerpoint Nanette I.

Junior Servers

Lucas Roman

Devotional Stall Fiona Ferreira

> Welcomers Terry Serrao Danny Sy

Dita Sv

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH!

23 FEB. 8AM

Acolyte/Senior Server Edward DeLeon

Eucharistic Ministers

Celeste Lapid Belen Levnes Frances Flood Kate Blasco Elsa Roberto Annette Brackett Lisa Brackett Faye Aboghazaleh

Reader 1 Vitolina Fidow

Reader 2 Frances Flood

Commentator Espy Sarno

Music Gabrielle Rumora

Powerpoint Christine Younes

Junior Servers Michael Adrian

Devotional Stall Volunteer Needed

> **Welcomers** Espy Sarno Dorotea Seed

Yvette Pinto

23 FEB, 9.30AM

Acolyte/Senior Server Fred Harris

Eucharistic Ministers

Shirley Croning Lorraine Robertson Anabel Jader Ken Allen Cathy Allen Nilo Gaio Seaview Kama Marthese Grima

Reader 1

Tina Fernandes

Reader 2 Michael Paulo

Commentator Carmen Marcelo

Music Children's Choir

Powerpoint Joseph Valladores

Junior Servers

Jarryd Francis Lynden

Devotional Stall Marthese Grima

Welcomers Ray Portelli Joe Duval Volunteer Needed 23 FEB, 6PM

Acolyte/Senior Server Bert Llamas

Eucharistic Ministers

Peter Smith Chloe Daley Roslyn Smith James Pirotta Lumen Decena Olga Esguerra Jan Manzanares Danny Esguerra

Reader 1 Jodie Donlan

Reader 2 Millie Perez

Commentator Derrick Pereira

> Music **BASIC GIFT**

Powerpoint BASIC GIFT

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Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteer Needed

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