

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.*

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 t on Public Holidays whi

(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)

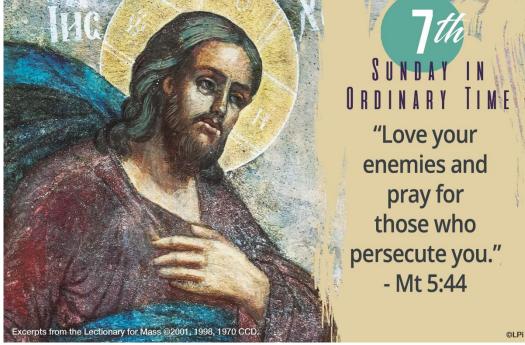
1st Fri, Taize & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

When Jesus tells us to love our enemies that doesn't mean we are expected to have warm, fuzzy feelings toward them. In fact, we don't even have to like them, seek them out, or sit down to dinner with them. We are expected, however, to love them as God loves them. This means respecting them, wishing them no evil, and even praying for them.

This teaching offers us a chance to remind our children that it is not wrong to be angry at someone. Anger is a feeling and, like all feelings, it is not sinful or wrong. It is what we do with those feeling that is important. It is our actions, angry words, and hurtful thoughts that get us into trouble. Teach your children to count to ten and say a prayer before walking away.

Jesus' second command, to "be perfect," sounds like an impossible challenge. How can we do this? The answer is hidden in the meaning of the word "perfect." The word comes from

the Greek *teleios*, meaning complete or whole. Simply put, Jesus wants us to become the wonderfully unique people we were created to be-and it doesn't take long to realize we'll need lots of help.

It is a lifetime of work to figure out and develop our talents. In the same lifetime, we need to learn which virtues come easily and which need more effort. On the journey of becoming our best selves, it doesn't take long to discover that without God's help, it is easy to get lost.

Only God is perfect. Only God is complete. However, if we are open to God's love, call on God's strength, and do our best to listen and live Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, one day we will get there. We will find our perfection; the person we were created to be, complete within the arms of the Divine.

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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 mindset which leaves no room for sincere concern for the environment is the same mindset which lacks concern for the most vulnerable members of society.

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, Michelle Caruana, Jimmy Floro, Josefina V Sevilla, Buenaventura Yason, Jimmy Soo, Necitas Clarefina Mandar, Anthea Lee-Lim, Glenda Coultard, Clint Gielink, Malcolm Marescia, Alejandra Modelo, Ramarihi Sainsbury.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Larry O'Connell, Antonio Castillo, Katarine Toic, Brett Walkom, Miguel Dela Cerna Aton, Elaine Estrellado, Indrani Perera, Felicidad Hefferman, Enrique Villavicencio.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Rodrigues, Virginia Nastor, Audrey Gonsalvez, Tony Kuljanic, Kathy & Raymond Esber, Noel & Philomena Batholomeusz, Milton Fernandes, Emilia Iniquez, Ernie Adique, Jayden Somera, Hazel De Silva.

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	\$ 1,510.65
2ND COLLECTION For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Loose plate	\$ 857.60
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 853.05
	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:

Wed 26 Feb: Project Compassion

begins

Sun 1 Mar: Zero Discrimination

Day; Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Day; 1999, Entry into force of International Treaty to Ban Landmines



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

REFLECTION

Historical Context - Walk two miles

Roman soldiers were allowed by their own military laws to require any person to carry the soldier's pack along the road from one milestone marker to another. That is, they could order a man to walk one mile with their pack. If they made someone carry their pack for more than one mile, the soldier himself was subject to discipline and punishment. Jesus says, 'If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him.' Like turning the other cheek, it is turning the tables on the one who would oppress you and bringing shame upon them.

Have you thought? - Let him have your cloak as well

This one is a little stranger to our modern cultural norms. In Jesus' time, it was not shameful or embarrassing for a person to be naked but it was shameful for the person who caused them to be naked. By law, if you were unable to repay a debt, the person to whom you owed money could literally take your clothes as payment of the debt. What Jesus says is, if someone demands your tunic as payment of a debt, give them everything you're wearing to shame them for making you naked to collect their debt.

Living the Gospel - Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.

Questions for Adults

In what ways is Jesus' teaching more complex than a simple lesson of revenge vs submission? What do you think may have happened to a person who acted on Jesus' teaching at the time? What aspects of today's gospel do you find most confronting/challenging? What aspects of the gospel passage do you find most comforting/reassuring?

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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.



ELLA LOUISE NIEDERMAYER

(Daughter of Garry and Melinda)

PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mon 24 February

Lenten Reflection Group, Pioneers Rm, 9.30am Term 1 SRE, Pioneers Rm, 1pm Sacrament Preparation, Pioneers Rm & Church 4.30pm & 7pm

Tue 25 February

SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm

Music Practice - Peter Mercia, Church, 7pm

Baptism Preparation, Pioneers Rm 7.30pm

Ministry of Readers Meeting, Church, 7.30pm

Wed 26 February

Ash Wed Mass, Church, 7am, 9.05am & 7.30pm Sacrament Prep, Pioneers Rm & Church 4.30pm Lenten Reflection Group, Pioneers Rm, 6.30am Emmaus Netball Club, Grace Rm, 7pm BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 8pm

Thu 27 February

Mother's Prayers Group, Augustine Rm, 10am

Fri 28 February

Children's Choir Practice, Church, 4.30pm Sacrament Preparation, Pioneers Rm, 4.30pm

Sat 29 February

RCIC, Pioneers Rm, 9am
Confirmation Masses, Church, 10am & 2pm
Lenten Reflection Group, Pioneers Rm, 2pm
RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 5pm
RCIA Rite of Sending to Election, Church, 6m

Sun 1 March

Paulo Family Choir Practice, Church, 12.30pm Sudanese Community, Demountable, 1pm Filipino Mass, Church & Foyer 3.30pm

THE SUNDAY FLOCK







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"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people."

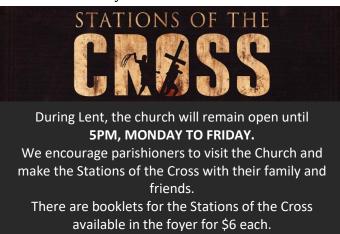
Sheepish Question:

Who are the people hardest for me to love, and what is my prayer for them today?

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.

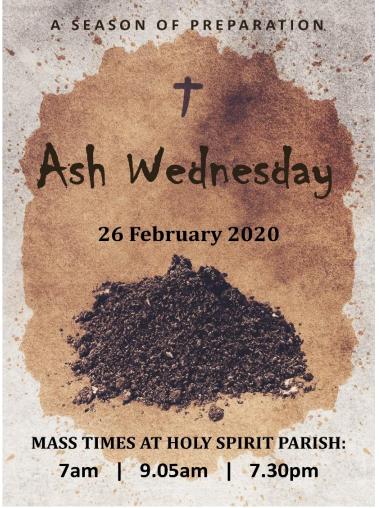
Please register with payment to the Flower Ministry. For more info, contact Espy Sarno on 0410 541 537 or any of the Flower Ladies.



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





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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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For more information, contact Donnie 0432 042 140
or Fr Paul 0417 441 177 or connect@ifm.org.au





Emmaus Catholic College

OPEN NIGHT Tuesday 3rd March 2020

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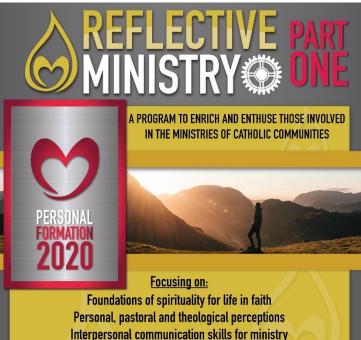
General Information: 5pm – 5.30 pm

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



TUESDAYS 6:45pm FOR 7pm - 9:15pm 1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN (OFF FLUSHCOMBE ROAD) March 10,17,24,31 April 28, May 5,12,19,26 June 2,9,16

PART TWO - WORD AND MISSION COMING IN AUGUST 2020

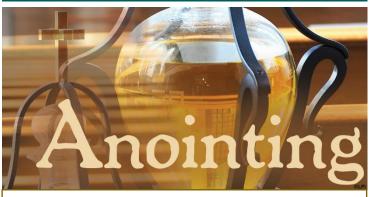


For more information, contact Sister Grace on 02 9296 6369 Email: connect@ifm.org.au





FRI 6 MAR, 7.30PM • HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



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

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

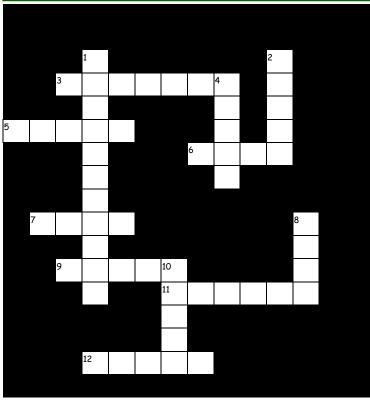


"Prayer is the key that opens heaven; the favors we ask descend upon us the very instant our prayers ascend to God."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD

Love your enemies



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ACROSS:

- 3: those who are against you
- 5: the side of your face
- 6: to communica te with God
- 7: God is _
- 9: incorrect
- 11: a gift for good deeds
- 12: "an eye for an eye, a ____ for a

DOWN:

- 1: people who do not believe
- 2: what we use to buy things
- 4: clothing worn over the upper body
- 8: to loan something to a person
- 10: welcome

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet.

"My dog is cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?" the man asks.

"Well I'm not sure," said the vet, "let's have a look at him."

So the vet picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then he checks his teeth. Finally, he says, "I'm going to have to put him down."

"What? Because he's cross-eyed?"

"No, because he's really heavy."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT OSWALD OF WORCHESTER

Patron Saint of Soldiers Feast Day: 28th February



Oswald of Worcester was Archbishop of York from 972 to his death in 992. He was of Danish ancestry, but brought up by his uncle, Oda, who sent him to France to the abbey of Fleury to become a monk. After a number of years at Fleury, Oswald returned to England at the request of his uncle, who died before Oswald returned. With his uncle's death, Oswald turned to another kinsman. Oskytel, who had recently become Archbishop of York. In 961 Archbishop Dunstan had Oswald consecrated as Bishop of Worcester, and in 972, Oswald was promoted to the see of York, although he continued to hold Worcester also.

As bishop and archbishop, Oswald was a supporter and one of the leading promoters (together with Ethelwold) of Dunstan's reforms of the church, including monastic reforms. Oswald founded a number of monasteries, including Ramsey Abbey, and reformed other seven.

Oswald also switched the cathedral chapter of Worcester from secular clergy to monks. He promoted the education of the clergy and persuaded scholars to come from Fleury and teach in England.

Oswald died in 992, while washing the feet of the poor, as was his daily custom during Lent, and was buried in the Church of Saint Mary at Worcester. Almost immediately after his death miracles were reported at his funeral and at his tomb. His remains were translated to a different burial spot in the cathedral ten years after his death. His feast day is celebrated on 28 February during common years and 29 February during leap years.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER



Jesus taught us to forgive others. He even asked God to forgive those who crucified and taunted him. Write down three other occasions when Jesus showed love for those who were against him.

Complete the Text Maze:

"Forgive others and God will forgive you." START



*CAN YOU FIND THE SIX HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS WEEKS GOSPEL READING?

FINISH

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NEXT WEEKEND (1 MARCH): 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, Yr A

1st Reading

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 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 attoned 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.

FLOWERS: Group 4 (Violet)

Group 1 **CLEANERS: BANNERS:** Violet

29 FEB, 6PM

Minister at the Altar **Jacob Fonseca**

Eucharistic Ministers

Hazel Littlewood Pat Dowd Bernadette Stevens Josephine Schembri Lois Schleifer Moira Rebello Mary Fonseca Jeanne Appleton

Reader 1

Sheila Francis

Reader 2

Marion Durbin

Commentator Eileen Baena

Music **AMEN Choir**

Powerpoint

Sherise Oliveira

Iunior Servers

Kirsten

Alexandra

Devotional Stall

Fiona Ferreira

Welcomers

Margaret Herbert Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira

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1 MAR. 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Louise Bucholtz Faye Aboghazaleh Annette Brackett Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett Frances Flood **Christine Younes** Celeste Lapid

Reader 1 **Down Timmins**

Reader 2

Christine Younes

Commentator Micheal Hay

Music

Luchie Gacis

Powerpoint Carol Vella

Junior Servers

Angelina Francis

Devotional Stall Louise Bucholtz

Welcomers

Frances Flood Dorotea Seed Yvette Pinto

1 MAR, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Fred Harris

Eucharistic Ministers

Sina Carvalho Sue Oram Seaview Kama Tina Fernandes Michael Paulo Aruna Heslop Jenny Kyd Lorraine Robertson

Reader 1 Cathy Allen

Reader 2

Tess Barnes

Commentator Ken Allen

Music

Luchie's Choir **Powerpoint**

Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Sienna

Daniel Ryan

Devotional Stall Margaret Portelli

Welcomers

Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Suzana Matic

1 MAR, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Tony Cleary

Eucharistic Ministers

James Wren **James Pirotta** Pearl Joson Lena MacLean Lumen Decena Esther Rose Kate Blasco Anabel Jader

Reader 1 Kate Blasco

Reader 2

Karina Micallef

Commentator James Pirotta

Music

El Shaddai Sydney Gospel Choir

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Devotional Stall Volunteer Needed

Welcomers

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