

# 1st Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 112.4-5, 6-7, 8a-9 (R.4) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Faith is a gift from God.

## **Gospel Acclamation Verse**

See John 8.12
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the
Lord; whoever follows me will have
the light of life.
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16 Salt of the earth, light of the world.

## **LITURGY TIMES**

#### Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

#### Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun, 6pm Filipino Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 9.05am

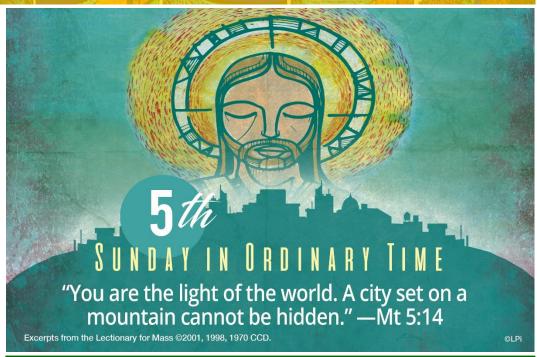
## Friday Night Devotions (7.30pm)

1<sup>st</sup> Fri, Taize & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri, Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of the month (during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals by appointment



## **VOICE FROM THE PEWS**

We know from the Gospels that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. His goodness and love have the power to obliterate the darkness of fear, poverty and oppression. Matthew's Gospel reminds us that we share Christ's light. It is our gift as children of God, but it is not a gift meant to be stowed away or kept to ourselves.

With the light of Christ we are empowered to break through the darkness and share God's love and goodness with all those in need. We refuse to tolerate racist talk and we shine a light through prejudice. We gather food and send it to a food pantry, and we bring a light into the darkness of hunger and poverty. We bake some cookies, practice some songs, and bring our light to a nursing home—casting out, for at least a little while, the darkness of loneliness.

The light of Christ can be shared in all sorts of simple ways: a kind letter, a

phone call, a smile, or a hug. Parents share their light with their children with every story they read and every tussle of their child's hair. And I know, firsthand, children share their light with us.

Yesterday was a bad day for me. Everything was going wrong. There were family problems and work worries, another book deadline, and some bigtime back pain. Then my son and daughter-in-law stopped by with my newest grandchild.

As I sat and rocked baby Julia and felt the wonderful weight of her fourmonth-old body across my chest, my body relaxed with a deep sense of peace. And when Julia brought her head back and looked at me, her beautiful smile lit up my day. Without even knowing it, Peter and Katie shared the light of their lives with me, by bringing Julia's gentle Christlight into my darkness.

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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 most important thing in the life of every man and every woman is not that they should never fall along the way. The important thing is always to get back up, not to stay on the ground licking your wounds.

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

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Fr Richard Pido, OSA, Greg Murphy, Larry O'Connell, Bernard Lenchico, Geneen Brennan, Lyndal Moore-Fitzgerald, Coise Alwis.

## **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Daisy Margaret Assey, Alwyn Kenyon Assey, Barry Brooker, John Edward Machado, Vincent Saldanha, Michelle Lattanzio, Santana Dias, Grace de Souza, Manuel de Souza, Julie & Victor Sequeira, Francis Oliveira, Fr Alban D'Souza, Ditozia & Joseph D'Souza.

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 <sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION	For the care of our Augustinian clergy	\$ 1,613.60
2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION	Loose plate	\$ 843.00
For the administration & maintenance costs of the	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,325.00
parish	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 1,084.42
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	\$ N/A

## THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

**Tue 11 Feb:** Safer Internet Day; World Day of Prayer for

the Sick; Int'l Day of Women and Girls in

Science

Wed 12 Feb: 1965, Commencement of the Freedom Ride

in Australia

**Thu 13 Feb:** 1958, Establishment of the Federal Council

for the Advancement of Aborigines & Torres Strait Islanders; 2008, Apology to Stolen Generations by the Australian Government



## REFLECTION

## **Scriptural Context - Following Blessings**

Today's gospel passage is one that is quite commonly quoted and relatively well known. When it is taken in isolation, it's very easy to forget that these words immediately follow the Beatitudes that we heard in last week's gospel. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has blessed all these who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.

## Have you thought? - Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light for the world.

## Different View - Jesus' call for justice

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, 'You must be the change you want to see in the world.' He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance. It's tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus because so much of his approach reflected Jesus' call for justice. The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.

## **Questions for Adults**

Why do you think this particular teaching by Jesus immediately follows the Beatitudes? How might Jesus' reference to salt becoming tasteless fit with the understanding of a call to justice? In what way/s have you seen this familiar passage with new eyes today? What challenge for your own actions do you find in today's gospel?

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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 11 February, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenters are Ted and Fe Uy.



**RILEY SHAINE BENNET** (Son of Shaine & Nicola)

**LACHLAN BENJAMIN MARTIN** 

(Son of Michael & Lisa)

**LUKAS BROOMHALL** 

(Son of Tusitino & Kristina)

PENELOPE NADIA ZORA

(Daughter of Davis & Victoria)

**TOBIAS ANTHONY MILLER** 

(Son of Andrew & Ashley)

## **PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS**

## Mon 10 February

Sacrament Prep for Confirmation, Pioneers Rm & Church, 4.30pm Sacrament Prep for Confirmation, Pioneers Rm & Church, 7.30pm

## **Tue 11 February**

SVDP, Mercy Room, 7pm Baptism Preparation, Pioneer Rm 7.30pm

#### Wed 12 February

Emmaus Netball, Demountable, 4.30pm Sacrament Prep for Confirmation, Pioneers Rm & Church, 7pm BASIC GIFT, Mercy Room, 7.30pm

## Thu 13 February

Mother's Prayers Group, Augustine Rm, 10am Ministers at the Altar, Pioneers Rm, 7.30pm

## Fri 14 February

Sacrament Prep for Confirmation, Pioneers Rm, 4.30pm

Children's Choir Practice, Church, 4.30pm

## Sat 15 February

RCIC, Pioneers Rm, 9am Laudate Choir Practice, Church, 10am Anglo-Indian Choir Practice, Church, 4pm RCIA, Pioneers Rm, 4.45pm

## Sun 16 February

Sudanese Community, Demountable, 1pm

## THE SUNDAY FLOCK







"You are the salt of the earth."

## Sheepish Question:

When have I shied away from exemplifying the Gospel among my friends?

## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**

We pray for the children of our parish who are preparing for their Confirmation this year. They will be confirmed by Monsignor Ron McFarlane on Sat 29 February (10am & 2pm) and Sat 7 March (10am).



## LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

During the Lenten Season, parishioners are invited to participate in a Lenten Discussion Program. The Parish is making available *BE OPENED: A Journey To New Life.* This program developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This year Lent begins on 26 February (Ash Wednesday).

We are inviting parishioners to join in a Lenten group and reflect on the readings of the five Sundays of Lent. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer. Sign-up deadline is on Tuesday 11th February.

Booklets and other resources have been ordered from Faith and Life Brisbane and will be available for purchase at a reasonable cost.



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.

## New Parish Pastoral Council Chair

The Parish Pastoral Council has elected last Monday Ana Gregoriou as Chairperson, replacing Maggie Kama-Fono who has moved to the North Coast last December. We also welcome the new members of our PPC, Dominic Dimech and Michael Paulo. Congratulations and all the best!

We would like to thank Maggie for her year of dedicated service as Chair of Pastoral Council.



Tuesday 11th February, 10:30am St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown





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## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS







# **Wedding Anniversary Mass** 16 February 2020, 9.30AM MASS

Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of February are most welcome to join us.

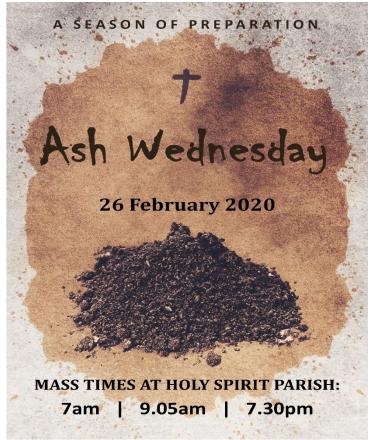
## **TAP & GO MACHINE**

With Tap & Go you can make a contribution at any time you wish.

All contributions go to the maintenance and development of the Parish as does the second collection at weekend Masses.

The tap & go machine is in the foyer and is set to \$10. If you wish to donate more than \$10 simply tap your credit card as many times as you like. Thank you for your generosity.





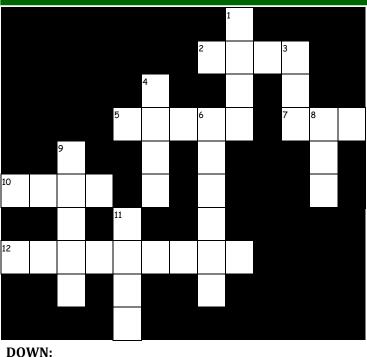
## **AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY**



"So anyone who thinks that he has understood the divine scriptures or any part of them, but cannot by his understanding build up this double love of God and neighbor, has not yet succeeded in understanding them."

St Augustine of Hippo

## CROSSWORD You are like light for the whole world



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## **ACROSS:**

- 2: a light you can carry around
- 5: not dark
- 7: the opposite of bottom
- 10: you eat this when you are hungry
- 12: Jesus' friends
- 1: Jesus told the disciples they were like \_\_\_ for everyone on earth
- 3: an indoor plant grows in this
- 4: a very large town
- 6: kept out of sight
- 8: the number before two
- 9: a place where you live
- 11: a small mountain

## **ON A LIGHTER NOTE**

A frog goes to a fortune teller to find out if he will ever be lucky in love.

The fortune teller reads his palm and tells the frog, "I have good news and I have bad news. Which would you like to hear first?"

The frog asks for the good news first.

The fortune teller says, "You are going to meet the most beautiful girl, who is going to be very interested in you and will want to know all about you. She will want you to open up for her and you will give her your heart."

"That's great!" says the frog. "But what's the bad news?"

"Well, you're going to meet her in Biology class."

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

## **SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**

Patron Saint of Sudan
Patron of Victims of Modern Slavery and
Human Trafficking
Feast Day: 8<sup>th</sup> February



St Josephine Margaret Bakhita, born around 1869 in the village of Olgossa in the Darfur region of Sudan, was a member of the Daju people. Her uncle was a tribal chief.

Historians believe that sometime in Feb 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. Although she was just a child, she was forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles to a slave market in El Obeid. She was bought and sold at least twice during the grueling journey, and this would be her fate for the next 12 years. She suffered unspeakable cruelty during her years in captivity.

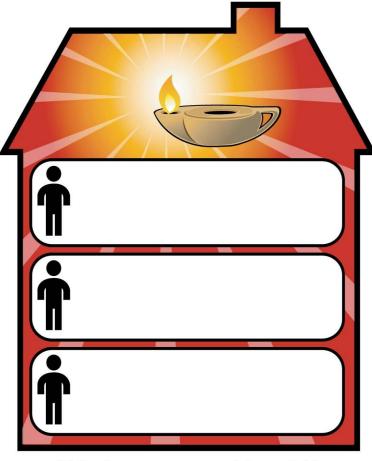
In 1883, the Turkish general sold her to a kind Italian Vice Consul, Callisto Legani, who took her back with him to Italy, where she was given away to a new family as their nanny. When her new mistress decided to travel to Sudan, Josephine was placed in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice, and it was here that she came to know God. According to Josephine, she had always known about God, who created all things, but she did not know who He was. The sisters answered her questions. She was deeply moved during her time with the sisters and discerned a call to follow Christ. She was baptized on Jan 9, 1890 and took the name Josephine Margaret Fortunata. (Latin translation for her Arabic name, Bakhita), and received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation on the same day.

She became a novice with the Canossian Daughters of Charity on Dec 7, 1893, and in 1896 took her final vows. She was eventually assigned to a convent in Schio, Vicenza, for the next 42 years. She travelled to other convents telling her story to the sisters and preparing them for work in Africa. When speaking of her enslavement, she often professed she would thank her kidnappers, for had she not been kidnapped, she might never have come to know Jesus Christ. During World War II, the people of the village of Schio regarded her as their protector, and, although bombs fell on their village, not one citizen died. After many years of suffering physical pain, Josephine died on Feb 8, 1947. She was beatified on May 17, 1992 and was canonized and publicly honoured in Sudan on Oct 1, 2000, by Pope John Paul II.

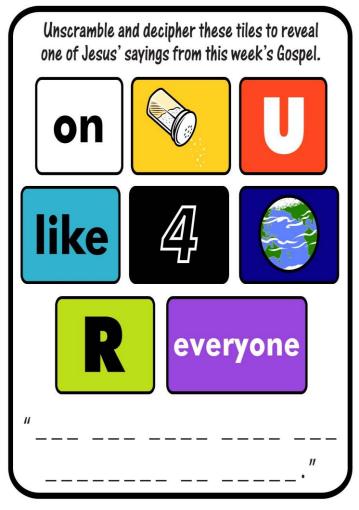
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## CHILDREN'S CORNER



Write down a way you can let your light shine for each person in this house?



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## NEXT WEEKEND (16 FEBRUARY): 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

## 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!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.* 

FLOWERS: Group 2 (Green)

**CLEANERS:** Group 4 **BANNERS:** Green

#### 15 FEB, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

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

#### **Reader 1** Moira Rebello

Reader 2 Volunteer Needed

## Commentator

<mark>Volunteer Needed</mark>

## *Music* Anglo-Indian Choir

**Powerpoint**Nanette I.

## Junior Servers

Jonathon Adrian

**Devotional Stall**Bernadette Stevens

#### Welcomers

Corinne King Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira

#### 16 FEB. 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Christine Younes
Elsa Roberto
Annette Brackett
Ron Brackett
Lisa Brackett
Celeste Lapid
Belen Leynes
Volunteer Needed

# **Reader 1**Manuel Fidow

**Reader 2** Sarah Damole

# **Commentator**Shirley Croning

*Music* Luchie's Choir

# **Powerpoint**Louise Bucholtz

**Junior Servers** 

## Mason

Xavier

# **Devotional Stall**Elsa Roberto

**Welcomers**Sarah Damole

# Jun Damole Yvette Pinto

#### 16 FEB, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Michael Paulo Marthese Grima John Shelley Aruna Heslop Nilo Gajo Luchie Gacis Lou de Guia Anabel Jader

# **Reader 1**Luchie Gacis

**Reader 2** Joanne Staunton

## Commentator Nida Hawley

*Music* Laudate Choir

# **Powerpoint** Ivan Fernandes

## **Junior Servers**

Rhys Isaiah Roko

# **Devotional Stall**Marthese Grima

## Welcomers

Volunteer Needed Sue Oram Ioe Duval

#### 16 FEB, 6PM

Minister at the Altar
Peter Smith

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

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

# **Reader 1**Corinne Brooker

**Reader 2** Karina Micallef

# Commentator

Joseph Valladores

## *Music* Volunteer Needed

**Powerpoint** James Pirotta

## Junior Servers

Daniel Seb

# **Devotional Stall**Fiona Ferreira

Welcomers Kriz Florido Romana Cunanan Suzana Matic

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