

1st Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14 The Lord promises to raise his people from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 130.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8 (R.7b) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2nd Reading Romans 8:8-11 The Spirit of God dwells in us.

Gospel Acclamation Verse John 11.25, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Gospel

John 11:1-45 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

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

SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

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VOICE FROM THE PEWS

The Coronavirus has humankind confronting mortality. In today's gospel Jesus has his best friends Mary and Martha experience pain and desolation at their brother's death. He could have healed him from a distance, like the centurion's servant. Does he mean to punish them? No. It is to reveal God's glory. One cannot love and desert someone at the same time. So also with us. If we believe that God loves us we need not despair no matter the circumstance.

In times like this some pray, some meditate, some tick their bucket list of things to do, some face their shadows and hopefully people will begin to think differently and live better and kinder lives and the earth will begin to heal.

Every person has to face the dark moments in one's life someday, but faith in Jesus will us get through the dark moments of our souls. I have found this prayer of St Augustine very helpful. Hope it helps you too. <u>God of our life</u>

There are days when the burdens we carry

Chafe our shoulders and weigh us down: When the road seems dreary and endless, The skies grey and threatening; When our lives have no music in them, And our hearts are lonely And our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light Run our eyes to where The skies are full of promise Tune our hearts to brave music Give us the sense of comradeship With heroes and saints of every age And so quicken our spirits That we may able to encourage The souls that journey with us On the road of life to your honour and glory.

St Augustine

>>> Norb Masc Parishioner

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:

It is the Holy Spirit himself, the gift of the risen Christ, who makes us recognize the Truth.

(The Church of Mercy)

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, Linda Allen, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Maria Griffin, N. Freland, Josette Sultana, Eugene Fernandez, Annie Reed, Stephen Ferreira, Pat Shelley, Dimphna Byrnes, Gen Goco, Cleo Almanzor, Rhoda Bertumen, and all who suffer from Coronavirus.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jerry Reti, Joemar Salumbides, Glenn Bouche, and all who died from the Coronavirus, Isobel Rebeiro.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Felix Martinez, Natividad Martinez, George Paz, Josefina Siazon, Ricardo Herft, Rebecca Herft, Alberto Florido Sr., Edin Falleiro.

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	\$ 586.30
2 ND COLLECTION	Loose plate	\$ 353.35
For the administration & maintenance costs of the	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 680.90
parish	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 1,084.42
Average Weekly Operating Expenses		\$4,342.96
SPECIAL COLLECTION	Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal	\$ 406.60

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Thu 2 Apr: Sat 4 Apr:	World Autism Awareness Day Int'l Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
Sun 5 Apr:	Assistance in Mine Action 1997, Publication of <i>Bringing Them</i> <i>Home</i> , the report of the Nat'l Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their
	Families



REFLECTION

Scriptural Context - Jesus wept

'Jesus wept' is the shortest verse in the New Testament. Just two little words carry a world of emotion and speak volumes about Jesus. Pope Leo I used this verse to highlight the two natures of Jesus, pointing out that in his humanity, Jesus wept for the death of his friend, but in his divinity Jesus raised Lazarus to life. Lazarus and his sisters were close friends of Jesus and Jesus is clearly emotional about the death and its effect on Martha and Mary. That Jesus is about to restore Lazarus to life does not deny the grief and mourning at Lazarus' death.

Living the Gospel - Unbind him; let him go free

To see a man bound up for burial suddenly come walking from his tomb must have been an unnerving experience to say the least. However, Jesus calmly commands the astonished onlookers to 'unbind him, let him go free'. These words speak to us today as we come to the end of the Lenten season and approach the celebration of Easter. What are the things that 'bind' us? From what do we need to be released so that we may 'go free'? Are they bindings placed by ourselves or others? What will it take to be unbound?

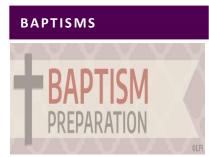
Gospel Focus – Death for life

The gospel writer paints the picture that Jesus is fully conscious of the implications of his return to Judea. As the events of the Passion unfold through this gospel, the reader has a very clear impression in their mind that if Jesus had not come to Judea; had not raised Lazarus; then he would not have been arrested and crucified. The reader is also drawn into the revelation that the sacrifice of Jesus was not solely for Lazarus but rather for all humanity. This realisation leads the reader to the ultimate humbling conclusion that if the sacrifice of Jesus was for people then the reader themself is also the recipient of that sacrifice.

Questions for Adults

What conclusions can be drawn from the fact that Jesus was friends with a family who lived only two miles from Jerusalem? What other evidence is in the text to suggest that Jesus had been in Jerusalem before this event? In what ways can the story of Lazarus be applied to the need for reconciliation with self and others? What aspects of your life do you need to 'die' to or let go of to enter into a fuller, richer life?

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Baptisms and Baptism Preparation Sessions are temporarily cancelled. You can book baptism of your child once everything is back to normal. Thank you.



You can send your donations by electronic funds transfer or visit www.lent.caritas.org.au.

Call 1800 024 413 for details.



Vacant units currently available at Emmaus Retirement Village (Kemps Creek)

Emmaus Retirement Village is located in a beautiful bushland setting, only a short 10minute drive to the local shopping centres. With only 23 units, residents enjoy the relaxed and social atmosphere, with regular barbeques, happy hour drinks and outings.

We currently have three units available.

- 1 Bedroom Unit- \$320,000*
- 2 Bedroom Unit- \$340,000*
- 3 Bedroom Unit- \$360,000*

To book a tour please visit our website *catholichealthcare.com.au/retirementliving/retirement-living-vacancies/emmausvacancies/* or call 1800 225 474.

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and have you rise from them."

Sheepish Question:

In what ways do I need to strengthen my belief in God's power, particularly in the truth of resurrection?

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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 email the Parish Office. The sharing can be in the form of an essay around 300 words, a prayer or a poem. Email to admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.

Fr Peter on Self-Isolation

Please be informed that Fr Peter decided to isolate in the priory in this time of Coronavirus outbreak. He is doing fine. Please avoid making visits. Thank you.





facebook.com/holyspiritstclair/

for more updates, reflections and other relevant information



Here are the suggested sites and TV channels where you can access Mass while isolated from the usual parish celebrations:

- Channel 10 (Aurora on Foxtel), Sunday 6am
- Mass on Demand (YouTube, anytime of the day)
- Livestream from St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood
 Daily, Adoration 7am, Mass 8am
 https://bit.ly/stjosephlive
- Livestream from St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne
 - o Mon-Fri, 1pm, Sat 8am, Sun 11am
 - o www.melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass
 - Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Facebook page

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

As you are aware, the Prime Minister announced on Sunday evening (22 March 2020) certain prohibitions on activities that would result in people gathering together. In that list was mentioned "places of worship" that were to be closed by midday 23 March 2020. The proscription is around "religious gatherings."

In the Diocese of Parramatta last weekend, some parishes elected to conduct celebrations of the Eucharist with a few people inside and the bulk of people outside. That gesture was appreciated by many of the faithful.

However, Stage 1 (as announced on Sunday evening by the Prime Minister) which has now been implemented applies to "religious gatherings" of any sort so that means that what was permitted last Sunday is no longer possible.

Masses and church buildings

Bishop Vincent has issued instructions to parishes, based on the directive of the government, that public Masses (both indoor and outdoor) must now cease. Also affected by this closure are church buildings, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for prayer and religious services.

Funerals

Funerals are still permitted with a small number of attendees (10 people) but if it takes place in a church building the social distancing rules must be observed. In the circumstances, consideration for a simple grave side service or using the crematorium chapel with a small number of mourners (very immediate family) is recommended. A memorial Mass when the current crisis is declared over can be held.

Weddings

Marriages are permitted to take place with only 5 people.

Baptism

It is suggested that baptism of infants not take place at this time unless the baptism is in case of emergency.

Penance

Given that the church cannot be used it places an extraordinary burden on priests as to how to respond to a request for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is suggested that each priest use his own discretion as to how to handle such requests, provided social distancing rules are to be observed.

Anointing of Sick

Individual request for the Sacrament of the Sick should be attended to in the manner described in the previous instructions issued.

Holy Week

It is anticipated that all the Holy Week liturgies will be "live streamed" from the Cathedral with Bishop Vincent.

With prayers for all those suffering at this time and imploring the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



During this time when we are no longer able to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, LiturgyHelp has enabled free access to all parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta. The URL for Parramatta is: www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray.

They are providing Catholics with access to a range of resources for personal and family prayer. They hope that Catholics in social isolation can gain a sense of prayerful solidarity with their local faith communities and the whole Body of Christ. Feel free to print resources and give them to your friends, family and community, particularly those who do not have access to the internet.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.

> Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

WORSHIP @ HOME



We invite parishioners to use this liturgy and pray together with your family. Available on our parish website (under bulletin insert) and facebook page. It will be made available every weekend while Masses in the church are suspended.

Hashtag: #HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome



Fr Michael is celebrating private Mass daily.

If you wish to send your Mass Intentions, please email admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au. You can send your donations either by visiting our Parish Website (under "Donate Now" button) or bank transfer:

Bank	: CBA
Account Name	: Holy Spirit Parish St Clair
BSB	: 067 950
Account No.	: 000 005 78

And for those who would like to update or join in the Planned Giving Program, forms are available on our parish website (under "Donate Now" button).



Quiet Time With God

Praying For The Sick

Checking On A Friend

Helping Others

Being The Church

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Humility raises us not by human arrogance but by divine grace."

> St Augustine of Hippo 354-430 AD City of God

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ON A LIGHTER NOTE

A group of Engineering professors were invited to fly in a plane. Right after they were comfortably seated, they were informed the plane was built by their students.

All but one got off their seats and headed frantically to the exits in maniacal panic.

The one lone professor that stayed put, calmly in his seat, was asked: "Why did you stay put?"

"I have plenty of confidence in my students. Knowing them, I for a fact can assure you this plane will never even start."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

Patron Saint of the Internet, computer users, computer technicians, programmers and students Feast Day: 4th April



In 1997, Pope John Paul II decided that the internet could use a patron saint to guide Catholics in its proper use. He chose Saint Isidore of Seville (560-636), Doctor of the Church.

Saint Isidore of Seville, was born in 560 AD, in Cartagena, Spain. His parents were of a high social rank and were instrumental in converting the Visigothic kings from Arianism to Catholicism. His three siblings, Leander of Seville, Saint Florentina and Fulgentius of Cartagena, have all been declared saints.

In the year 600 AD, Isidore succeeded his brother, Saint Leander, as Bishop of Seville. During this time, he devoted himself to caring for the poor, reformation of the clergy, fostering monastic life, educating the faithful after two centuries of barbaric rule under the Goths, and extirpating heresies.

Isidore became known as the greatest teacher in Spain. He wrote several books on theology and science, and commentaries on books of the Old and New Testaments.

After serving more than 32 years as Archbishop of Seville, Saint Isidore died on 4 April 636 AD, aged 76, in Seville, Spain. He was canonized in 1598 in Rome by Pope Clement VIII and is venerated in both the Catholic and Eastern orthodox churches.

In 688 AD, the fifteenth Council of Toledo paid tribute to Saint Isidore ".... the extraordinary doctor, the latest ornament of the Catholic Church, the most learned man of the latter ages, always to be named with reverence."

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

NEXT WEEKEND (5 APRIL): PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Yr A

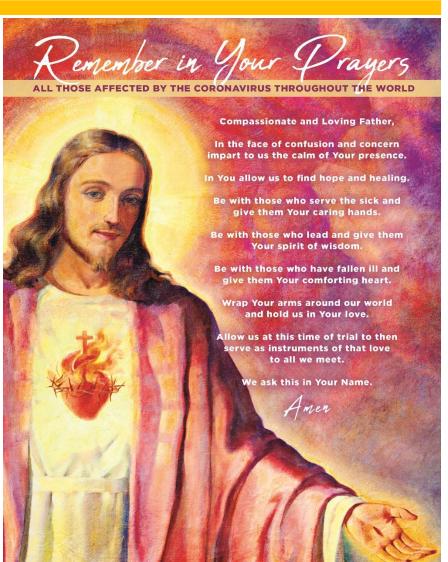
1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7 Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (*R*.1) *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11 Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

Gospel Acclamation Verse Philippians 2.8-9 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

> **Gospel** Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 *The Passion.*



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