

1st Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66.1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18 Suffer for good deeds, not evil.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

John 14.23
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my
words, and my Father will love
them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21 Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete.

LITURGY TIMES

Sunday (commencing 24 May) Mass, 9.30am and 6pm

Monday and Wednesday
Mass, 7am
(except on Public Holidays which
changes to 9.05am)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am

If you wish to come to Mass ring 9834 2527 to book. Booking is necessary. Please ring between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3-5pm Weekdays – contact the Parish Office

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,
Anointing of the Sick
by appointment

Church is open for private prayer and devotions, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus promises his disciples that he will not leave them orphans. He assures them that "I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever." The word 'advocate' essentially means helper or defender, who stands beside you in time of difficulty, providing supportive comforting, encouraging presence. Indeed, these consoling words of Jesus become more relevant as we prepare to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord next Sunday. Though Jesus must return to the Father and he may no longer be physically present, his comfort and assurance will continue in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

At this point, we might ask ourselves how often do we forget the presence of the Holy Spirit? How rarely do we invoke him with trustful dependence? The Spirit is the most precious gift that God the Father has given to us. But we so readily neglect this gift. So, let us open to the Holy Spirit, who will lead us to the Truth that Jesus taught us. Also, the Holy Spirit abiding within us will sustain our faith and nourish our spiritual life.

Especially, in the midst of the pandemic or the difficulties of our life, Jesus' consoling words continue to resonate to us: "I will not leave you orphans." We will never be alone and we do not struggle alone since God has given us the Holy Spirit, who always stands beside to comfort, support and encourage us. Thus, let us entrust our lives to the grace and action of the Spirit.

🕦 Deacon Quang Tuyen Pham, OSA



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:

Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's development and emotional maturity.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

In this time of pandemic, our clergy bring the sacraments of reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members of the community who are very ill. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office, 02 9670 8222, or email admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SICK

Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Linda Allen, Giulia Caruana, Joseph Caruana, Steven Batty, Angela Cook, Harry Young, Emily Michel, Ruby Ellis, Amanda Young, Bella Tassone and all who tested positive from Coronavirus

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jose Marde Belonio, Indrani Perera, Larry O'Connell, Barry Warren Lewis, Lisa Tagaule, Audrey Atkinson, Murial Aloysius Baxter, Marlon Jimenea, Dolores Jumaran Montano, John McMahon, and all who died from Coronavirus

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Arthur Falleiro, Jane Croning, Wilfred & Dorothy Gonsalvez

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	\$	50.00
2ND COLLECTION For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Loose plate		
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 150.00	
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$2,665.67	
Average Weekly Operating Expenses		\$4,342.96	
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A		

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Sun 17 May: World Telecommunications & Information Society Day

Wed 20 May: 2002, Timor-Leste Constitution enters into force

Thu 21 May: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue &

Development

Fri 22 May: Int'l Day for Biological Diversity
Sat 23 May: Int'l Day to End Obstetric Fistula

Sun 24 May: 2015, Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si (On the Care

for Our Common Home)

REFLECTION

From the perspective of... - The disciples

The words of Jesus in this gospel passage were addressed to the disciples at the Last Supper. They had almost no inclination of what was about to befall them, nor the heart-wrenching loss that they would feel. Yet Jesus tried to prepare them and reassure them that they would not be abandoned by him. In the days after his death, the disciples struggled to remember these words and they were caught up by despair. Even once they had witnessed the Risen Lord, he told them that he would again be leaving them. They must have been so confused and afraid.

Living the Gospel - Live in love

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

Gospel Focus - Paraclete

The Greek word, *parakletos*, is translated into a number of different terms in English translations of the gospel. Its technical use was for a lawyer or attorney. However, its use in scripture is like the broader meaning of advocate that we use today: someone who stands up for another; someone who speaks up for another; someone who intercedes on behalf of another. An advocate is one who lends strength and support to someone who is disempowered. That is exactly what Jesus did for many people during his ministry and it is also what the Holy Spirit is sent to do.

Questions for Adults

How might this passage have contributed to the teaching of God as Trinity? In what ways did Jesus fulfil the role of a paraclete or advocate? What are the commandments that Jesus refers to as 'his commandments'? What does this passage tells us about Jesus' vision of what it is to be a disciple?

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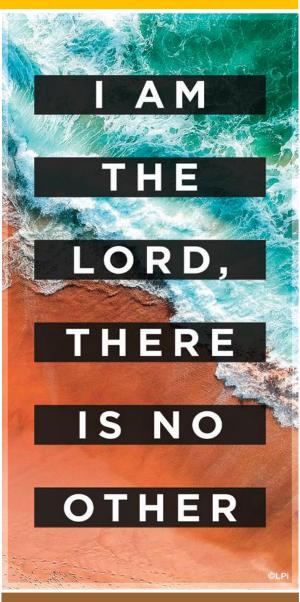
BAPTISMS BAPTISM PREPARATION

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK





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"He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

Sheepish Question:

As you pray to the Holy Spirit, are you more attentive to the gifts you receive or to the giver?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

DUE TO COVID-19, ONLY 10 PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS AT ANY ONE TIME



UPDATE ON THE RE-OPENING OF CHURCH

As required by NSW Government, those who enter the church must complete the sign-in form available in the church foyer. Physical distancing must be strictly observed.

- Holy Spirit Church is open for private prayer and devotions, Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is every Saturday from 3pm to 5pm. If you wish to come on weekdays, contact the Parish Office.
- Weekday Masses. Regular Weekday Masses will resume on Monday 18 May. If you wish to come to Mass, ring 9834 2527 to book. Booking is necessary. Please ring between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday.
- Sunday Masses. Sunday Masses will commence on 24 May, 9.30am and 6pm. If you wish to come to Mass, ring 9834 2527 to book. Booking is necessary. Please ring between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday.
- **Baptisms.** One family is allowed to have their child baptised with only 10 attendees. Contact the Parish Office for details.
- Anointing of the Sick. Contact the Parish Office.
- **Weddings.** Up to 10 persons plus the couple, the celebrant and assisting ministers are permitted.
- Funerals. 20 mourners indoors or 30 mourners outdoors are permitted for funerals, in addition to clergy and funeral directors.
- The elderly, those with health conditions and lowimmune system are still advised to stay at home.
- Touch-free hand sanitiser dispensers are available near the holy water fonts.
- Please disinfect the chair you used before leaving the church with the disinfecting wipes provided in the foyer.

Parish Office is now OPEN every Tue-Fri 9am-5pm.

If you wish to contact the Parish Office: 02 9670 8222 • 0451 279 934 admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au

Would you like to receive thru email a copy of our weekly Parish Bulletin and Worship At Home Liturgy Resource?

Email our Parish Secretary: admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au

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WORSHIP @ HOME



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

#HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome

Jesuit Social Services-Ignite Food Store

The Jesuit Social Services has been connecting with and offering service to the people of Emerton and wider Mt Druitt. Ignite Food Store has become the point of hope for so many people. However, as a result of the COVID19 virus, they are in short supply and currently require donations of groceries to provide to local residents.

If your family would like to donate groceries please email *Claire.Thomas@jss.org.au* or contact Claire on 0417 269 623. If you would like to make a financial donation to the Ignite Food Store to assist in purchasing wholesale goods, please go to: http://www.ignitefoodstore.com.au/.

Your contribution and generosity make such a wonderful impact on the lives of so many. On behalf of the Ignite Food Store team and the Emerton and broader Mt Druitt communities a huge thank you!

TOP 14 GROCERY ITEMS:

- 1. Coffee/Milo
- 2. Breakfast Cereals
- 3. Honey/Vegemite/Nutella
- 4. Cake Mixes/Sugar/Flour
- 5. Assorted long life milk
- 6. Muesli Bars/LCM Bars
- 7. Savoury biscuits/Rice cracker/Crackers
- 8. Pasta Sauce/Simmer sauces
- 9. Rice
- 10. 2 minutes noodles/noodles
- 11. Mayo/salad dressings
- 12. Canned goods Baked Beans/Spaghetti/Canned Vegies
- 13. Baby needs formula and nappies (toddlers- junior)
- 14. Toilet Rolls

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

As you can imagine, our main source of income is greatly depleted with the suspension of public Masses. Please know you can still support Holy Spirit by signing up to contribute online. Setting up a one-time or recurring donation/Planned Giving is quick and easy. Just go to:

www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations

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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Mila at accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au.

Or drop off your Planned Giving envelopes at the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your support!

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2020 Sacramental Preparation

Bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

Registration for First Reconciliation is ongoing
Registration for First Communion will commence on 1st July 2020

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON GOVERNMENT'S DIRECTIVES

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Year 3)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - Mon, 27 July @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - ♦ Wed, 29 July @ 7pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be in August (3 weeks)
- First Reconciliation: 22, 26, 27, 29 August
- Thanksgiving Mass: 20 September @ 9.30am

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Parent Information & Catechesis Meeting
 - ♦ Mon, 24 August @ 9.30am (1 hr)
 - Wed, 26 August @ 7pm (1 hr)
- Preparation Sessions will be in September (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 17-18, 24-25, 31 October, 1 November

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: Sign Before the Gospel

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing hear the Gospel, acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

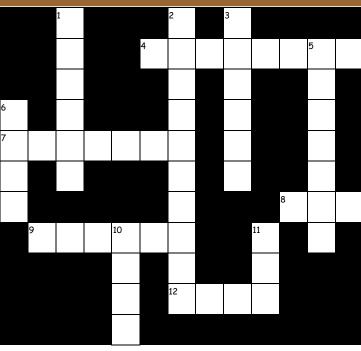


How shall we be beautiful? By loving the One who is always beautiful. The more love grows in you, the more beauty grows: for love itself is the beauty of the soul.

St Augustine of Hippo 354-430 AD

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ACROSS:

- 4: Jesus said that he would c__ b__ to his disciples (two words)
- 7: children without living parents 8: it comes
- before two 9: the first person of
- the Trinity 12: not false

DOWN:

- 1: the people of this world cannot _____ the Spirit
- 2: those who had faith were given the ____ (two words)
- 3: humans
- 5: an order to do something
- 6: the opposite of hate
- 10: assist
- 11: you do this with your eyes

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

A man absolutely hated his wife's cat and decided to get rid of him one day by driving him 20 blocks from his home and leaving him at the park. As he was getting home, the cat was walking up the driveway.

The next day he decided to drive the cat 40 blocks away. He put the beast out and headed home.

Driving back up his driveway, there was the cat! He kept taking the cat further and further and the cat would always beat him home.

At last he decided to drive a few miles away, turn right, then left, past the bridge, then right again and another right until he reached what he thought was a safe distance from his home and left the cat there. Hours later the man calls home to his wife: "Jen, is the cat there?" "Yes", the wife answers, "why do you ask?"

Frustrated, the man answered, "Put him on the phone, I'm lost and need directions!"

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT RITA OF CASIA

Patron Saint of impossible cases, difficult marriages and parenthood Feast Day: 22nd May



Saint Rita of Casia, an Augustinian nun, also called Margarita, was born in Roccaporena, Casia, Italy, in 1381, and expressed from an early age the desire to become a nun. Her elderly parents insisted that she be married at the age of twelve to a man described in accounts of her life as cruel and harsh. She spent eighteen extremely unhappy years, had two sons, and was finally widowed when her husband was killed in a brawl. Both sons also died, and Rita, still anxious to become a nun, tried unsuccessfully to enter the Augustinians in their convent at Cascia. She was refused because she was a widow and because of the requirement that all sisters should be virgins. Finally, in 1413, the order gave her entry, and she earned fame for her austerity, devotion to prayer, and charity.

Rita had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ, and one day, when she was sixty years old, she asked, "Please let me suffer like you, Divine Saviour."

In the midst of chronic illnesses, she received visions and wounds on her forehead which resembled the crown of thorns. She died on May 22, 1457, at Cascia, and many miracles were reported instantly. She was beatified by Pope Urban VIII in 1626 and canonized by Pope Leo XIII on 24th May 1900. She is honored in Spain as La Santa de los Imposibles and elsewhere as the Patron Saint of the Impossible.

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Readings for the Week

18 May: St John 1, Pope and martyr

Acts 16:11-15 • Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a] • John 15:26— 16:4a

19 May: Tuesday. 6th Week of Easter

Acts 16:22-34 • Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c] • John 16:5-11

20 May: St Bernardine of Siena, priest

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 • Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 • John 16:12-15

21 May: St Christopher Magallanes & comp.

Acts 18:1-8 • Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b] • John 16:16-20

22 May: St Rita of Cascia, religious

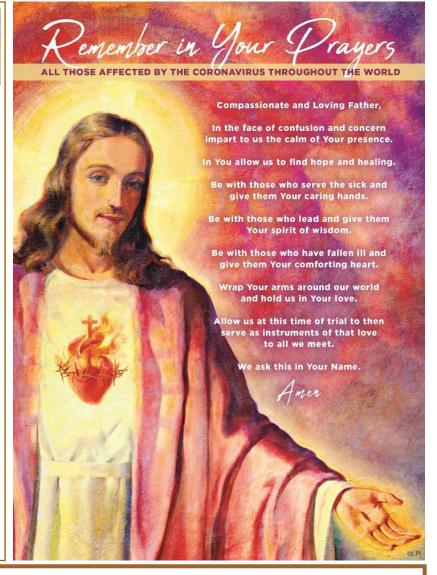
Acts 18:9-18 • Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a] • John 16:20-23

23 May: Saturday, 6th Week of Easter

Acts 18:23-28 • Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a] • John 16:23b-28

24 May: The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6] • Ephesians 1:17-23 • Matthew 28:16-20





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