

1st Reading

Acts 2:1-11

The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104.1ab+24ac, 29b-30. 31+34 (R.30) Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 We are one body with different gifts.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23 Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the Apostles.

LITURGY TIMES

Commencing 1st June, only 50 people are allowed in the church building at any one time. Booking is necessary if you wish to come to Mass. To book:

- Ring 9834 2527 or 9670 8222. Please ring between 9am and 5pm, Tuesday to Friday.
- Email tpham@holyspiritstclair.com.au or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au

Saturday

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

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 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

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



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

RECONCILIATION WEEK is from 27th of May until the 3rd of June in 2020.

Reconciliation Week is a time to become more fully the Church that Jesus wants us to be. We must stand with those who are poor, marginalised and down trodden.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island people have lived in this land for thousands of years. Listed below are some of the reasons why change needs to take place in our country regarding the way our Government relates to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

In the last 10 years there has been an 83% increase in incarcerated Aboriginal & Torres Strait people, that means they are 13 times more likely to be imprisoned than non-indigenous people.

Aboriginal women are 34 times more likely to be hospitalised as a result of domestic violence than other women. Their children are more likely to be removed from the family home than others as well.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait people can expect to live 10 to 17 years less than other Australians.

A third of Aboriginal & Torres Strait people live below the poverty line.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people experience higher rates of preventable diseases such as heart disease, kidney disease and diabetes.

In 2017 The Uluru Statement of The Heart was presented to our government; it presents us with a way forward. There have been many reports over the years, but little has changed. We cannot allow this appalling state of affairs to continue. RECONCILIATION IS A PRIORITY FOR **OUR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE AND OUR NATIONS FUTURE.**

> Market Chris Brenton. Social Justice Commission, Holy Spirit Parish

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:

God does not wait for us to go to him, but it is he who moves toward us, without calculation, without quantification.

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ester Perez, Florence Mary Oliveira, Glenn Bouche, Phyllis D'Souza, Leo Pereira, Delia Farrales, Isobel Rebeiro, Norma Fahey, Larry O'Connell and all who died from Coronavirus.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Sofia Falcatan, Oscar Bertumen, Lionel Batcho, Elvira Puyat, Anthony Scott, George Herft, Jane Croning, Arthur Falleiro, Wilfred & Dorothy Gonsalvez, Ernest Johnstone.

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	\$ 594.10
2ND COLLECTION For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish	Loose plate	\$ 115.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,435.00
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 1,479.79
Average Weekly Operating Expenses		\$4,342.96
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Wed 3 June: 1886, Catholic and

Anglican Martyrs of

Uganda

Thu 4 June: Int'l Day of Innocent

Children Victims of Aggression; 1989, Tiananmen Square Massacre, Beijing

Fri 5 June: World Environment Dav



REFLECTION

Historical Context - Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you thought? - The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Living the Gospel - Come Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, 'Vene Sancte Spiritus', has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

Questions for Adults

What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience? What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages? Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church? Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence/action? Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

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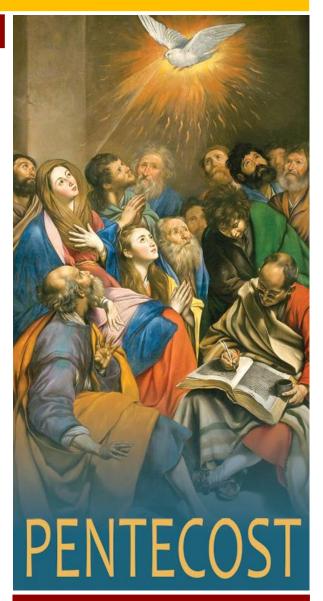


Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation Evening is on Tue 9 June, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Michael Zammit.

PROJECT COMPASSION GO FURTHER TOGETHER

You can send your donations by electronic funds transfer or visit www.lent.caritas.org.au or you could drop it off in the church.

Or call 1800 024 413 for details.



THE SUNDAY FLOCK





"To each individual the manifestation of the spirit is given for some benefit."

Sheepish Question:

When, lately, have I felt the Spirit prompting me in a way that serves others.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

The Voice From The Pews

Are you interested to share your faith experiences, Godmoments 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.

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 attendance in the church is still limited.

${\tt \#HolySpiritStClairWorshipAtHome}$

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



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

You can also send your offerings/donations thru bank transfer:

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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 of our parish!



FRI 5 JUNE • 7.30-8.30PM • HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



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.

- Regular Weekday and Weekend Masses. Because only 50 people are allowed at any one time in the church building, booking is necessary if you wish to come to Mass. To book, ring 9834 2527 or 9670 8222 or email tpham@holyspiritstclair.com.au or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au. Please ring between 9am and 5pm, Tuesday to Friday.
- Church is open for private prayer and devotions, Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is every Saturday from 5pm to 5:45pm. If you wish to come on weekdays, contact the Parish Office.
- **Baptisms.** One family is allowed to have their child baptised with 50 attendees. Contact the Parish Office for details.
- Anointing of the Sick. Contact the Parish Office.
- **Weddings.** Up to 20 persons plus the couple, the celebrant and assisting ministers are permitted.
- Funerals. 50 mourners are permitted, 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 NEWS AND EVENTS



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: Tithing vs Stewardship

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

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A place to rest and recoup

Your donation enables us to help individuals and families find a safe place to sleep when they have nowhere else to go.

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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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AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

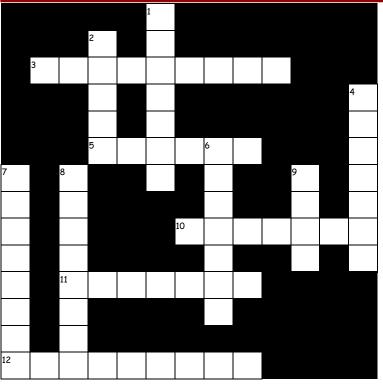


"Bad times, hard times, this is what people keep saying; but let us live well, and times shall be good. We are the times: Such as we are, such are the times."

St Augustine of Hippo 354-430 AD

CROSSWORD

The disciples received the Holy Spirit



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DOWN:

2: Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you

> anyone's sins, they will be forgiven'

- 4: the day after Saturday
- 5: to have come into sight
- 8: glad
- 9: someone who leads

ACROSS:

- 1: frightened or scared
- 3: bad deeds
- 6: it has fingers and a thumb
- 7: the time of day between afternoon and night
- 8: Jesus breathed the ___ on his disciples
- 10: another word for centre
- 11: the opposite of give

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

A linguistics professor was lecturing his class the other day.

"In English," he said, "a double negative forms a positive. However, in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative remains a negative. But there isn't a single language, not one, in which a double positive can express a negative."

A voice from the back of the room retorted, "Yeah, right."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT BONIFACE

Patron Saint of Germany, Brewers and Tailors

Feast Day: 5th June



St. Boniface was born as Wynfrid, in 672 AD in Wessex, England). He was a leading figure in the Anglo-Saxon mission to the Germanic parts of the Frankish Empire during the 8th century.

Overcoming the initial disapproval of his Anglo-Saxon family, he was able to pursue a career in the church. Wynfrid was educated at English monasteries and became an ordained priest at the age of 30.

In 716, Wynfrid became a missionary and travelled to Frisia (now part of the Netherlands), following in the footsteps of other Anglo-Saxon missionaries. However, he found the local ruler unwelcoming and soon left the area.

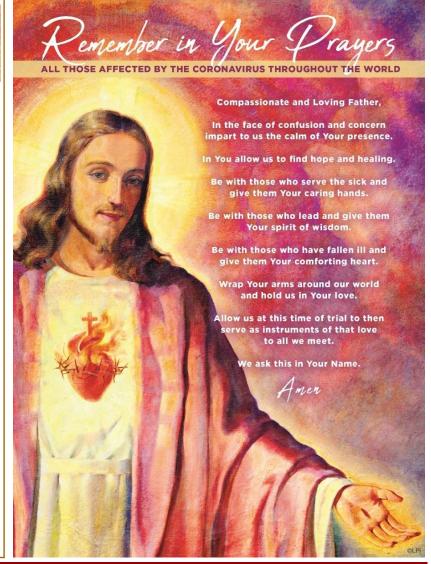
After his return to England, Wynfrid was chosen to be the abbot of his monastery. He turned down the position and proceeded to Rome in 718, where he met with Pope Gregory II, who gave him the name Boniface. On May 15, 719, the pope sanctioned Boniface's desire to spread the gospel, and having been made bishop in 722, he travelled to Europe where he converted pagan peoples in present-day Germany and the Netherlands, and worked on church reforms. As archbishop in 732, he was able "to consecrate bishops wherever the faithful have increased". He wrote several books which contain "The letters of Saint Boniface".

On 5th June, 754, he was killed by pagan tribespeople in Frisia (Dokkum, Netherlands). Saint Boniface, "apostle to the Germans," is buried at Fulda Cathedral, Germany.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

Readings for the Week

- **1 June: Mary, Mother of the Church (Solemnity)** Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 John 19:25-34
- 2 June: Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18 • Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1] • Mark 12:13-17
- **3 June: St Charles Lwanga & comp's, martyrs** 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b] Mark 12:18-27
- 4 June: Thursday, 9th Week in Ordinary Time 2 Timothy 2:8-15 • Psalm 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4] • Mark 12:28-34
- **5 June: St Boniface, bishop & martyr** 2 Timothy 3:10-17 Psalm 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a] Mark 12:35-37
- 6 June: St Norbert & Marcellin Champagnat 2 Timothy 4:1-8 • Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab] • Mark 12:38-44
- **7 June: Trinity Sunday**Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b] 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18





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