

1st Reading Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14 Vision of those who survive the trial.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (*R*.7c+10b) Lord, blessed are those who seek your face.

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-3 We are already children of God.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

Matthew 11.28 Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

> **Gospel** Matthew 5:1-12 *The Beatitudes.*

LITURGY TIMES

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

Sunday Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm

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

1st Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

> **Children's Liturgy** Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 2nd & 4th Sun of the month (during school term)

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



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

Moses went up a mountain to receive the Ten Commandments, and in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus went up a mountain to give us the Beatitudes. The Ten Commandments are a set of laws to help us live in harmony with God's love. The Beatitudes are broader and more subtle. They offer a vision and suggest a self-giving attitude that goes beyond the Commandments.

The Beatitudes talk about the poor and those who mourn, those who are hungry for justice, those who are merciful and peacemakers, those who are pure in heart, and those who are persecuted. Jesus tells us that all of these people will be happy. They will be blessed. How can this be?

Perhaps Jesus is just reminding us that life is difficult. Each of us will face our own hardships. We need to remember that nothing—not poverty or deep loss or suffering, not the worst injustice — can triumph over us. Jesus offers his own strength and endurance, his assurance that we will not be alone. We are blessed. We are gifted not only with faith, but with hope.

The Beatitudes ask us to be meek, not the doormat sort of meek, but the biblical idea of meek—tolerant and unassuming. We are to be poor in spirit. Money and possessions should not own us. We are to be peacemakers and hunger and thirst after justice. The Beatitudes offer a positive way to respond to difficult life experiences. They encourage us to live in a selfpossessed, positive way.

Finding the Kingdom of God is not just about keeping the Ten Commandments; it's keeping the commandments with the right attitudes—the Beatitudes.

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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 truth is not grasped as a thing; the truth is encountered. It is not a possession; it is an encounter with a Person.

(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 at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

SICK

Maryrose Gatt, Michelle Makin, Nympha Miller, Carmen Mejia, Gen Gocco, Rosario Hili, Amari Krishma Lagrosas Escubio, Benjamin & Roselle Fonelosa, Tanya Ajepoor, Fr Paul Cardona, Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Linda Allen, Giulia and Joseph Caruana, Rosie Casha, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Jacqueline Rebeiro, Mary Gonsalvez, and all who tested positive from Coronavirus.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Antao, Irene Figoroa Estrella, William Wong, Oscar Gallangan, Oscar Halum, Alfonso Pajarillo, Bernardo Rosales, Norbert Mascarenhas, Oscar Callangan, Lily Lim, and all who died from Coronavirus.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Walter Murphy, Conrado Villote, Rebecca Herft, Juana Velcic, Frenk Velcic, Flaviana Silvestre Pascual, Tony Kulganic, Eva Innes, Mary Anne Avelino, Juanita Vincent, Barbara Middleton.

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	\$ 974.90		
2 ND COLLECTION	Loose plate	\$ 198.90		
For the administration & maintenance costs of the	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,775.60		
parish	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 2,211.00		
	Total 2 nd Collection	\$ 4,185.50		
Weekly Parish's Running Cos	ts	\$ 4,216.61		
SHORTFALL		\$ 30.81		
SPECIAL COLLECTION	Marian Fiesta Fundraising (from 19 Sept)	\$ 2,215.00		

THIS WEEK IN SOCIAL JUSTICE DIARY:

Mon 2 Nov:	Int'l Day to End Impunity for
	Crimes against Journalists
Wed 4 Nov:	Day of Prayer for Anglican-Roman
	Catholic Reconciliation
Thu 5 Nov:	World Tsunami Awareness Day
Fri 6 Nov:	Int'l Day for Preventing the
	Exploitation of the Environment
	in War and Armed Conflict



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



Especially with regard to living the Gospel, we are not alone. A great cloud of witnesses journey with us offering us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. We look to them for the example of perseverance we desperately need in order to be faithful, and for what it means to "walk the talk!" The Beatitudes are indeed a blessed vision that people hunger to hear and embrace. But, they also clearly remind us that following Jesus is difficult. Poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and peace making are not virtues readily accepted by the world. Pursuing a purity of heart and acknowledging the hunger of our souls require not only a courageous stance, but a single-minded devotion to God. And, after going against the grain of the world and meeting resistance along the way, the true disciple may find themselves persecuted and paying a high price. Look to all the saints for the secret to happiness and the example of fidelity. Their lives speak volumes of how God can use even the weakest and most humble among us in tremendous ways. Saints are not even close to being perfect. They are just ordinary folks like us trying to give honor to God with their lives.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: In a vision, John sees in heaven those who survived being tested in their faith. What would you say is the biggest test of threat to your faith?

Second Reading: John speaks of the importance of "hope" in the life of a Christian. What do you hope for as a believer in Jesus Christ?

Gospel Reading: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) begins with a listing of beatitudes. How do you think you measure up to these beatitudes?

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 10 November, 7.30pm, Pioneers Rm. Presenter is Germaine Gil.



VALENTINO FALANGA (Son of Christopher and Melissa)



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Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.con

"We are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him."

Sheepish Question:

What can I do every day to improve my chances of saintliness?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES COMMENCING 23 OCTOBER

With the announcement of new restrictions commencing Friday 23rd October, we are allowed to have 175 people in the church at any one time, excluding the clergy and those involved in the liturgy. More people (125) will be accommodated outside, if necessary. Hence, there is no need to book.

CONTACT TRACING:

Because NSW Government still requires contact tracing, there are three ways to do this:

- Mass Attendance cards MUST be completed by each household per mass. Cards are available in the foyer. Feel free to take home a few cards so you can complete them before going to church to avoid delay. Drop the completed card on the day you are attending in the designated box provided in the foyer
- Sign-in using the QR code displayed in the foyer
- Online Mass Attendance card (Eventbrite) is available. To register, go to:

https://holyspiritstclair.eventbrite.com.au Eventbrite registration will close 24 hours before the event

Please print your cards/tickets and drop them on the day you are attending in the designated box provided in the foyer.

In order to maximise the use of our liturgical space, please observe the following:

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- Families and those living under one household sit together.
- Proceed to end of row if vacant.
- Leave 3 chairs empty between you and another household.

Please be mindful of the following:

The 1.5 metre physical distancing rules will continue to apply whether indoors or outdoors

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- No congregational singing should occur
- Face masks are still strongly encouraged
- Mingling and social gatherings in the outdoor area should also not occur after the Mass (This would be considered an outdoor social gathering, where the current limit is set at 30)

The elderly, those with health conditions, flu-like symptoms and low-immune system are still advised to stay at home.

Catholics from Parramatta Diocese are still dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.



MASS TIMES: 7am and 7pm

Please refer to the updated Covid-19 Safety Guidelines commencing 23 October



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we won't be having the Book of the Deceased in the church. Instead we ask you to use the November Envelopes available in the

foyer. Place in the envelope the names of your deceased loved ones. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Thank you.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bishop Vincent is calling for nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Pastoral Council assists with the pastoral governance of the Church. The Council are seeking a cross-section of people from across the Diocese with different backgrounds and experiences. For more information, or to fill out the nomination form, please visit parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/. Applications close Monday 2 November.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

We congratulate the children in our parish who receive their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Uchechi Alozie, Rily Channells, Sienna Chidiac, Ezekial Crofts, Antonio Di Censo, Hannah Haddad, Alyssa Johnson, Zachery Mateariki, Patrick Pascual, Valentino Russo, Santino Russo, Justin Spiteri, Jose Valladores, Caleb Worobiej

PRAYER REQUESTS

During this time of COVID19 Fr Peter is at the priory almost all the time. If you are in need of a prayer or a short chat, please feel free to give him a call on 9834 2527 between 9am-5pm, M-F, or email him with your request ptangey@holyspiritstclair.com.au



TAP & GO MACHINES AND REGULAR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION

The passing of collection plate by parishioners along the pews is now a thing of the past as some churches have already decided to stop using it to help stop the spread of the virus.

The Tap & Go machines are available in the church foyer and are set to \$10 per tap. If you wish to donate more than that simply tap your credit card as many times as you like. It also accepts Apple Pay, Google Pay and Pay Wave.



Each machine is labeled to where contributions go to. One machine supports the ministry of our Augustinian clergy and the second machine supports the maintenance and development of the Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Another option, if you prefer a cashless transaction, is to sign-up for Regular Church Contribution (Planned Giving) by direct debit/credit card. Forms are available in the foyer and on our parish website.

We encourage you to give electronically as this saves the parish a significant amount of money and time. This is your church and your parish—we depend on your financial support to grow and nourish our parishioners.

Collection baskets are still available in the church.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do some people receive Communion in the hand, while others have it put on the tongue? And is one better than the other?

Answer:

Prior to the liturgical reforms that accompanied the Second Vatican Council, it was the universal practice that Catholics would receive communion "on the tongue," meaning that the one receiving would allow the priest distributing place communion to the consecrated host on their outstretched tongue. At this time, only the priest celebrant (and, on special occasions, priests assisting at the Mass) was allowed to receive the Precious Blood.

Since 1977 (with the approval of the Holy See) the bishops of the United States have officially approved two equally valid options for receiving Holy Communion in Masses celebrated according to the Ordinary Form of the Mass. As the bishops' statement Norms for Holy *Communion Under Both Kinds states:* The communicant may choose whether to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost" (no. 41).

As we noted, both ways of receiving communion are equally valid and it is important that we always keep the instructions of the bishops in mind as we reflect on which method we might prefer.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Better to have fewer wants than greater riches to supply increasing wants."

St Augustine of Hippo

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ON A LIGHTER NOTE

An old man with an old truck crashed into a BMW. The BMW owner said "What the heck! Are you blind?"

And the old man said, "Relax man!"

"How do you think that I can be relaxed? You just crashed my car!" "Look, I produce a delicious craft beer at my house, take a bottle and chill."

He drinks the bottle and likes it, so he asks for another beer. "Damn, that's very good, but what about my car?"

"Don't worry, I'll call the police and we can do the breathaliser test."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Patron Saint of people of mixed race, innkeepers, barbers, public health workers.

Feast Day : 3rd November



St. Martin de Porres who was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579, was the illegitimate son of a Spanish gentlemen and a freed African slave. At a young age, Martin's father abandoned the family, leaving Martin to grow up in deep poverty. After two years in primary school, Martin was placed with a barber/surgeon where he would learn to cut hair and the medical arts.

Martin experienced a great deal of ridicule for being of mixed-race. In Peru, by law, all descendants of African or Indians were not allowed to become full members of religious orders.

At age 15, he was received into the Dominican Convent of the Rosary in Lima as a volunteer servant boy, and was able to wear the habit and live within the religious community.

Martin became a Dominican lay brother at the age of 24, and 10 years later was assigned to the infirmary where he would remain in charge until his death.

Martin's life reflected his great love for God and neighbour, and he was blessed with extraordinary abilities and gifts. He cared for the sick, regardless of race or wealth, and founded an orphanage for abandoned children and slaves.

He died on 3 November, 1639, aged 60, was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI on October 29, 1837 and canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962.

An initiative of Evangelization and Catechesis Commission

NEXT WEEKEND (8 NOVEMBER): 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A

1st Reading Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom comes to those who are worthy.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (R.1a) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 God will raise up those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Verse

See Matthew 24.42, 44 Alleluia. alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you do not know when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the ten bridesmaids.

FLOWERS:Group 5 (Green)CLEANERS:Group 2BANNERS:Green		Wed 4 Nov: Thu 5 Nov: Fri 6 Nov: Sat 7 Nov:	St Charles Borromeo, bishop Bl Mariano de la Mata Aparicio, Augustinian priest Commemoration of the Deceased Members of the Augustinian Order Bl Gratia of Kotor, religious				
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7 NOV, 6PM

Minister at the Altar **Jacob** Fonseca **Eucharistic Ministers** Mary Fonseca

Reader 1 **Dudley Littlewood**

Reader 2 **Corinne Cerdor** *Commentator* Lea Jadrague

Music Victor Brangwin

Powerpoint Nanette I.

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed **Devotional Stall** Lorensz Herft

Welcomers **Terry Serrao** Fiona Ferreira Volunteer Needed

8 NOV, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Carol Vella **Eucharistic Ministers**

> Christine Younes Reader 1 Sally Banguis

Reader 2 Stephen Middleton *Commentator*

Manuel Fidow

Music Gabrielle Rumora

Powerpoint Christine Younes

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Devotional Stall Louise Bucholtz

> **Welcomers** Sara Damole Jun Damole Espy Sarno

8 NOV, 9.30AM Minister at the Altar

Anthony Bertumen Eucharistic Ministers Ken Allen

> Reader 1 **Uinise Blake**

Reader 2 Joy Rulewski

Commentator Kelly Apikotoa

Music Mary Immaculate Choir

Powerpoint Boy Sanosa **Junior Servers**

Volunteer Needed **Devotional Stall**

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed **8 NOV, 6PM**

Minister at the Altar Danny Esguerra

Eucharistic Ministers Esther Rose

Reader 1 **Derrick Pereira**

Reader 2 **Candice Salmon**

Commentator Marty Facciol

> Music **BASIC GIFT**

Powerpoint BASIC GIFT

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Devotional Stall Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 1 NOVEMBER 2020

Mon 2 Nov: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day) Tue 3 Nov: St Martin de Porres, religious

1 November 2020

