

**1st Reading** Ezekiel 17:22-24 The Lord will plant the crest of the cedar.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 92.1-2, 12-13, 14-15 (*R*.1) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**2nd Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 While in the body we are away from the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation Verse** 

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 4:26-34 Parable of the mustard seed.

# **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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

> **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, Anointing of the Sick by appointment

# SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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about the rippling effect one small act of

kindness can have. When a person offers

a smile or a simple courtesy, it can

sometimes change the course of

very little effort I have managed to raise

a whole family of morning grumps. I

remember the days when all seven of us

were playing "beat the clock" at 6:30 AM.

At best, our "good mornings" were

grumbled as we tried to keep out of each

other's way. Some mornings our house

felt like the proverbial powder keg, just

one missing sock away from disaster. On

those mornings, one person's outburst

over an empty milk carton could sour

by watching how that powder keg could

be defused—a shared cinnamon bun,

some help searching for missing keys, or

I developed my mustard seed theory

I am not a morning person, and with

**VOICE FROM THE PEWS** 

another's day.

everyone's day.

When I think about that tiny mustard a ride offered to school. One person's act of seed and the kingdom of God, I think kindness could affect everyone. Since I am

effort for me to be that person. I discovered that when I started the day with prayer I could often find a quiet peace inside myself that helped me respond rather than react. It was wonderful to watch how sometimes that mustard seed experience of peace could even grow to fill a household. I picture the kingdom of God as an eternal experience of that peace—an experience we can sometimes taste even on grumpy mornings.

not my best at daybreak, it took a conscious

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PERSONAL RESPONSE:

What are some of the things that set you up to be grumpy? How can you avoid them or work around them?

FAMILY RESPONSE: Ask family members to share what gets them out of grumpy moods. How can they get themselves out of a bad mood?

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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:**

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

# 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

Vinay Lopes, Peter Heslop, Alexander M Molina II, Jacqueline Cuschieri, Carmen Valleta, Mary & Christopher Coombs, Joe Micallef, Fred Sultana, Elena Crooks, Joel Dizon, Adrian Cedrieck M Azucena, Juan Fernando Trujillo-Ruiz, Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Linda Allen, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera, Antonio Samson.

# **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Adriana Respecio, Felicidad Litiatco, Emmanuel Eric Ortiz, Phillip Gaddes, Ronald Mouldes, Antionette Di Mello, Caesar Fernandes.

# **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Doreen Dirk, Ramona Villote Puri, Gerarda Molina Balisi, Leticia Cunanan, Isaac Sandot, Eleuterio Ereño Petrona Sandot, Rebecca Yosores. Fe De Guia, Clinton Cariño, Mirko Veselcic, Tomo Marjanovic.

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 \$ 1,202.15 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION Loose plate \$ 429.30 For the administration & Planned Giving Envelopes Collected \$1,048.00 maintenance costs of the Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card \$ 1.799.04 parish Total 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Weekly Parish's Running Costs \$ 4,216.31 SHORTFALL \$ 1,369.27 SPECIAL COLLECTION N/A N/A



We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. GOD BLESS YOU

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### 13 JUNE 2021

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Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

# **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:** The prophet Ezekiel's image of God growing Israel into a mighty majestic cedar tree bearing fruit, with birds nesting in its branches was intended to be words of comfort for the exiled Israelites in Babylon. How do you find God's comfort in times of distress?

**Second Reading:** Paul encourages the believers in Corinth to be courageous in knowing one day all will appear before "the judgment seat of Christ." How confident are you in reflecting on judgment day?

**Gospel Reading:** Mark tells us that Jesus often spoke in parables to the crowds about the kingdom of God. Today's parables speak to the often unseen and subtle growth of the kingdom of God in our midst. How might you better observe the kingdom of God at work in your life?

# BAPTISMS



Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 13 July, 7.30pm, at the Church. Presenters are Ted & Fe Uy.



(Son of Shane and Amine-Yvon) ALICE ALVEBLOM (Daughter of Alveblom and Heidi)

# WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

If ever there was a "how to" manual for Christians, it is in the readings this week. Using parables and stories, Jesus tells the people how to live.

- 1. Have faith; a little goes a long way.
- 2. Love your enemies.
- 3. If someone asks you for something, give it and more.
- 4. When you do something generous, do it in secret.
- 5. Don't store up treasures here on earth.
- 6. Don't worry about it; God has everything under control.

Your challenge this week is to read the six summaries above slowly. Which one is the Holy Spirit calling you to live in a particular way now? In the words of Pope Francis, be a "living Gospel in the world" by practicing one of these six teachings of Jesus.

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# THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Planted in the house of the Lord, the just shall flourish."

Sheepish Question:

What kind of seeds do I want to plant in faith this week?

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# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

# COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES COMMENCING 17 MAY

With the announcement of the easing of restrictions commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, we are now limited by the 2 square metre rule. Hence, we can now accommodate 350 people in the church.

The wearing of face mask is encouraged if social distancing is not possible. Congregational singing is now permitted. Support 1.5m social distancing where possible.

# **CONTACT TRACING:**

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

- Sign-in using the QR Code displayed near the entrance doors.
- Mass Attendance cards MUST be completed by each household per mass. Cards are available in the foyer.

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

- Families and those living under one household sit together.
- Proceed to end of row if vacant.
- Support social distancing from one household to another where possible.



If interested, please contact the Parish Office or approach any of our priests.

Volunteering during Mass is a beautiful way to share your faith and gifts. Holy Spirit Parish offers four Masses each weekend, so it is essential to have volunteers. The various roles and how you can get involved are the following:

# WELCOMERS

Those who are in the Welcoming Ministry have a special role of greeting others with a smile and a kind word as they gather to worship. We invite you to continue this feeling of hospitality by introducing yourself to others; maybe gifting them with a smile or a kind word. In coming to know others with whom you celebrate, we can be more truly the Body of Christ.

# COLLECTORS

At the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass the parish collection is taken up. This is not a rostered team, but volunteers may assist in this service during the Mass.



The Fundraising Committee of the Parish is organizing a Raffle as part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Year Foundation Anniversary celebrations. The aim of this fundraising activity is to help our parish cover the operating cost shortfall.

We thank our generous parishioners who have indicated to sponsor our major cash prizes. We also accept sponsors for our minor prizes:

# WHITE GOODS OR VOUCHERS WITH A VALUE OF \$100 & OVER OR CASH TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF MINOR PRIZES

 Bank: Westpac
 BSB: 732 278
 Account Number: 556 381

 Account Name:
 Corine Morgan & Milagros Llamas

Draw date on 29 August 2021.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.



Raffle Tickets for our Parish's Fundraising are now available for sale. Take home a book and help us sell tickets. The more tickets you sell, the more funds are raised for our parish.

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

2021 Sacramental Preparation

Early bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website commencing mid December 2020 www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

# **FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)**

Parent Information & Catechesis—online link will be provided

- Preparation Sessions will be end July/August(3 weeks)
   Eint Communication Measure 14, 15, 21, 22, 20, 20, August
- First Communion Masses: 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 August

PLEASE NOTE : THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO ANY FURTHER COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.



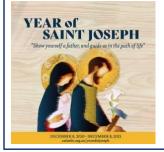
# Wedding Anniversary Mass 20 June 2021, 9.30AM MASS

Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of JUNE are most welcome to join us. Morning Tea available after Mass.

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Archbishop Tim Costello SDB, Archbishop of Perth and President of the Plenary Council, will be speaking on the coming Plenary Council at a public lecture in the Diocese of Parramatta at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Monday 28 June at 7pm. Bookings are essential, as limited spaces are available. Please RSVP by 25 June to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org



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VOTIVE MASS OF ST JOSEPH EVERY WEDNESDAY, 7AM until 8 December

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH invites you to a night of fun with family and friends



# Sat 10 July 2021, 7.30pm at Holy Spirit School Hall

Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale Free tea, coffee & biscuits

### Donations welcome

Organised by the Community and Cultural Commission

# **VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

You can help rescue a child from homelessness.

Appeal envelopes are available in the foyer. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

# WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH

This is a new section in our parish bulletin. Each week we will feature a parishioner. Our hope is that in the end we come to know and strengthen our friendship among each other.



Hello! My name is Germaine, I was born in Durban South Africa and immigrated to Australia when I was 8yrs old.

I have been a parishioner at Holy Spirit Parish for over 35 years. I am married to Vasco and blessed with 5 children - Gabriel, Lucas, Roman, Amalia and Elizabeth.

I worked in financial services for many years before becoming a stay-at-home mum for 14 years. For the past 10 years I have been working casually for the Dioceses of Sydney and Parramatta speaking to couples who are engaged to marry about Natural Family Planning. This year is my first year back into the workforce, with a change of career – I now work 5 days a week at Trinity Catholic School as a Teacher's Aide and I am thoroughly enjoying it.

I am also the Parish's Sacramental Coordinator and have been in this role for a few years.

I have learnt so much about the sacraments and enjoy meeting & helping families understand the sacraments and the meaning of them. I love learning more about my faith and bringing children and families closer to God.

I have a few passions – eating out at great restaurants, travelling (ex-COVID!) and following my kids around Sydney watching them play football!

# AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself."

St Augustine of Hippo

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# TOWARDS PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY ONE - OCT 2021

# FAN THE FLAME

**'What can we say the kingdom of God is like?'** *Mark 4:26-34* 



PlenaryCouncil Listen to what the Spirit is saying

This love cannot be mere words because it is an imitation of Christ's own love for every person, a love that forgives, transforms, and brings those who hear him into the fullness of life.

(Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/



# WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

# **Question**:

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

### Answer:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs.

Here at Holy Spirit, we have two collections during weekend Masses. The weekly collections consist of regular electronic contributions by direct debit/credit card or by cash given at the time of the collection.

The FIRST COLLECTION (BASKET 1) is for the upkeep of our Augustinian priests. This is to provide for their household expenses and to support the ministry of the Augustinians.

The SECOND COLLECTION (BASKET 2) is for the Parish. It provides for the regular running costs of the parish - for the maintenance of the parish buildings (including electricity and insurance), administration of the parish, support of ministries exercised for the parish and for the remuneration of staff.

There are times during the year when there is a SPECIAL THIRD COLLECTION for the various charitable missions (St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Mission, seminary appeals and various other ministries). **1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Job 38:1. 8-11 The Lord constrains the sea.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 107.23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (R.1) Give thanks to the Lord, God's love is everlasting.

**2nd Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 We are new creations in Christ.

# **Gospel Acclamation Verse**

Luke 7.16 Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

> **Gospel** Mark 4:35-41 Jesus stills the sea.

FLOWERS:	Group 5 (Green)
CLEANERS:	Group 1
BANNERS:	Group 4 Green

### 19 JUNE, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Lorensz Herft Eucharistic Ministers

Janice Salmon Moira Rebello Bernadette Stevens *Reader 1* Marinella Licuanan

**Reader 2** Sylvia Herft

Commentator Fe Uy Music Anglo Indian Choir

*Powerpoint* Nanette I. *Junior Servers* Volunteers Needed

*Devotional Stall* Bernadette Stevens

> *Welcomers* Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Corinne Cerdor

20 JUNE, 8AM Minister at the Altar

Gloria Slade Eucharistic Ministers Lisa Brackett Celeste Lapid Belen Leynes

*Reader 1* Shirley Croning *Reader 2* 

Carol Vella Commentator

Sarah Damole *Music* Peter Mercia

*Powerpoint* Louise Bucholtz

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Devotional Stall

Elsa Roberto *Welcomers* Sarah Damole

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### 20 JUNE, 9.30AM

*Minister at the Altar* Nono Gacis

**Eucharistic Ministers** John Shelley Nilo Gajo Lou De Guia

> **Reader 1** Nida Hawley **Reader 2**

Luchie Gacis

Joanne Staunton Music Laudate Choir

**Powerpoint** Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Devotional Stall

Marthese Grima

*Welcomers* Joe Duval Sue Oram

Volunteers Needed

20 JUNE, 6PM

*Minister at the Altar* Peter Smith

Eucharistic Ministers Pearl Joson Lumen Decena Volunteer Needed

**Reader 1** Joseph Valladores

*Reader 2* Corinne Brooker

Commentator Isabelle Buenavista Music Ester Rose Choir Powerpoint Iames Pirotta

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

*Devotional Stall* Fiona Ferreira

*Welcomers* Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed

# **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 13 JUNE**

Mon 14 June:Monday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr ITue 15 June:Tuesday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr IWed 16 June:Wednesday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1Thu 17 June:Thursday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1Fri 18 June:Friday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1Sat 19 June:Saturday of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1; St Romuald, A

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	Members: Dominic Dimech, Jamie Dowsett, Gus Morgan, Sarah Cañete-Damole, Stephen Middleton
	Michael Paulo, Vince Cachia, Eleanor Stuart (BASIC GIFT Youth Representative)
	Fr Michael Belonio OSA, Fr Peter Tangey OSA, Br John Zhang, OSA
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