

1st Reading

Numbers 11:25-29 The Lord bestows his spirit on seventy elders.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19.7, 9, 11-12, 13 (R.8a) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

2nd Reading

James 5:1-6 Harsh words for those who exploit others.

Gospel Acclamation

John 17.17b
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth; make
us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

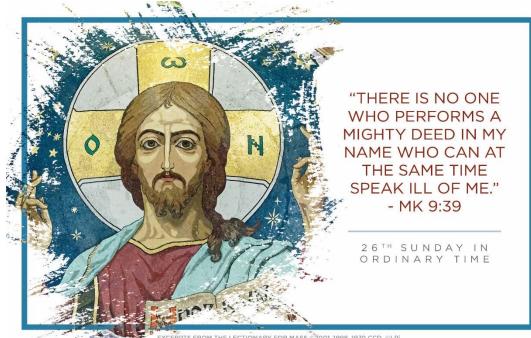
Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48
If they are not against us, they are for us.



While Public Mass is still not allowed, we invite you to join us for online daily Mass at our Parish's Facebook page.

Sunday, 9.30am Monday to Saturday, 8.30am

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VOICE FROM THE PEWS

The apostles sound a bit cliquish in this Gospel. They seem to be saying that only "card-carrying" Jesus followers are allowed to work miracles in Jesus' name. Jesus tells them to look at the fruit of the venture, and to remember, "Whoever is not against us is for us." Jesus statement serves well to remind us of the importance of ecumenism in the Catholic mindset.

The Catechism tells us that God is truth and love. Since we were created in the image and likeness of God, these two attributes are essential in our own lives if we wish to follow Jesus. Living one's life in truth and love is the litmus test for the children of God. If someone is living life honestly, searching for truth and acting in loving ways, she is on the right path. She is walking with God.

I think in today's world, Jesus would probably tell us to stop being so parochial, so legalistic and tell us to be more ecumenical. God's plan has always been a universe filled with peace and harmony. All people are called to be one with each other and one with God. In God's world there is no place for nit-picking over irrelevant details.

Jesus asks us to look for the good we see in another's life (the fruits) no matter their religion. Ecumenism means looking for and concentrating on the things we have in common with folks. We need to name and celebrate the things that bring us together and work our way diligently through those issues that separate us.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Have family members discuss what they like best about your parish church. Who are some of your favourite people in the parish? PERSONAL RESPONSE:

What do you like most and least about your parish? How can you help to make your parish better?

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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 world will never be the same again. But it is precisely within this calamity that we must grasp those signs that can prove to be the cornerstones of reconstruction."

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

Lily Damole, Jon Damole, Jeca Damole, Alexander Magluyan, Dr Eugene Lim, Geoff Dupille, Terry Dowsett, Raymond Eid, Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Linda Allen, Joel Dizon, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Antonio Samson, Elisa Rey, Nestor Deocareza, Aloysius Antao, Jason Paladero, Lucy Newell, Delfin Wenceslao, Moises Nuqui.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Violeta Melocoton, Rosalia Berin, Elena Fajardo, Narciso Damole, Marina Paz, Norbert Mascarenhas, Dorothy Thomas, Silvestre Decena, Clare Yates, Joseph Mercia, Michael Rodrigues, Vincent Carabott.

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 Regular Parish Contribution, 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. 30% of the collection is for the care of our Augustinian clergy and the 70% is for the administration and maintenance costs of the parish.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Loose plate, Planned Giving Envelopes, Direct Debit & Credit Card)

For the care of our Augustinian clergy	\$ 727.55
For the administration and maintenance costs of the parish	\$ 1,697.62
Weekly Parish's Running Costs	\$ 4,216.31
SHORTFALL/Over	\$ 1,791.14
SPECIAL COLLECTION N/A	NII



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



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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

Second Reading: James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

Gospel Reading: Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?

BAPTISM Preparation Meeting

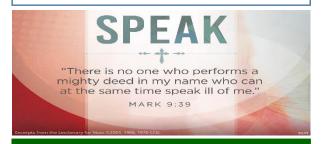
Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 12 October, 7.30pm, via Zoom. Presenter is Michael Zammit.



WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day is September 27. This saint once wrote, "I am for God and the poor." In mid-life, Vincent underwent a transformation which caused him to dedicate the rest of his life to those in need. He taught his followers that we encounter Christ in the needs of our poor neighbors, stating that "The poor are your masters and you are their servants." Your challenge this week is to interview someone in poverty and let them tell you what they most need. You might consider serving at a soup kitchen or shelter to find your "master," the person to whom you are going to listen. Then really do listen-with your heart as well as your head—to this person's wisdom experience. Try your best to do what he/she recommends to help the poor get out of their situation.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK





"Are you jealous for my sake?"

Sheepish Question:

What personal change would help me quit going to the sacrament of complaining?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES COMMENCING 29 AUGUST

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines effective Friday 9 July 2021.

The church is closed to the public but the priests are still available for pastoral assistance. Please contact parish office to make an appointment. Parish Office is open Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Funerals are still permitted with a maximum number of 10 attendees only.

NSW Health continues to mandate that face masks are to be worn at all indoor venues, including places of worship.

Weddings and other celebrations are also not allowed during this period.

Livestreaming of Daily Mass resumes today, Sunday 29 August. See page 1 of parish bulletin for details.

CONTACT TRACING:

For those attending the funeral and those involved in the livestreaming, NSW Government still requires contact tracing. There are two ways to do this:

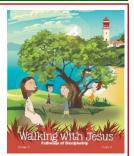
- Sign-in using the QR Code displayed near the entrance doors or
- Mass Attendance cards to be completed by each household per mass. Cards are available in the fover.

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



CATHOLIC SRE LEARNING FROM HOME

Due to the postponement of Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE) Classes in Public Schools, online resources are made available. To access the Home Lessons, go to:



https://www.ccress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/

New Learning from Home lessons have been uploaded this week and are available for parents to access across NSW. These include user-friendly Click & Learn PowerPoints and home activity sheets.

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church Plenary Council should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit

www.parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/

to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH

This is a section in our parish bulletin where 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 from Hazel and Dudley Littlewood. We have been in St Clair since 1984, having migrated from Calcutta – the City of Joy - in 1982, with our daughters Karen and Stephanie. We lived in Bankstown for about 18 months before moving to St Clair.

Holy Spirit Parish had been newly formed at the time of our move and we have been involved in various Parish Ministries ever since - Welcoming, Reading, Singing (in the AI Choir), with Dudley being a Parish Council member for a couple of years. Presently we are involved in the Cultural Commission organising Bingo evenings, Cultural and Social events for the Parish, as well as Hazel being a Scripture teacher, and a member of the Flower Ministry.

Hazel retired after working with the NSW Public Service for 26 years and Dudley has also retired after working for a chemical company for 18 years and finally with the NSW Fire Brigade for 13 years.

We have had the pleasure of seeing Holy Spirit Parish grow over the last 37 years into a very interesting and vibrant multi-cultural Parish – firstly with the hard work of the Late Fr Brian Rooney at the helm, and currently with our Augustinians, who we are blessed to have for over 25 years. We are fortunate to be part of Holy Spirit Parish community.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



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This course will help you to achieve an understanding of the major areas in the discipline of Theology—biblical studies, historical or comparative studies, systematic theology, ethics, and spirituality.



WHEN: 1st October 2021 at 7pm via Zoom (thereafter fortnightly)

REQUIREMENT: Nothing, except your faith and enthusiasm **COST:** Free (except contribution to cover cost of materials)

FOR REGISTRATION: joseph.lam@parracatholic.org or secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Upon registration, you will receive the link to ZOOM classroom

PRESENTER: Fr Joseph Lam, PP of Glenbrook.

Fr Joe has been a Professor of Theology in Rome (Pontifical Patristic Institute, Lateran University) and a Senior Lecturer at the Australian Catholic University. He has published seven books and over 60 peer review articles in German, English, Italian and Spanish and Dutch.



Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The View From The Back of the Line

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? "I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years." "Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help." "I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it."

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands continual а accounting of who we can be. what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone. even if it's something that never occurred to us before.

There's only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

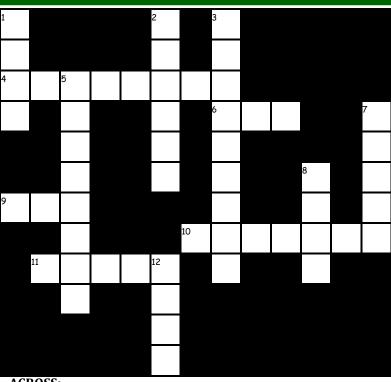


"To call out to God also means being ready to listen and to receive what He gives to us.

God is never wrong."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Those who praise Jesus will be rewarded



ACROSS:

- 4: Jesus was happy for people to perform these in his name
- 6: a container you drink from
- 9: Jesus said, 'anyone who is not against us is __ us'
- 10: someone who teaches
- 11: we should do good things in the name of this man

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DOWN:

- 1: the word you are known by
 - if you ____ to Jesus you will be rewarded
- 3: these people were friends and followers of Jesus
- 5: you will be r____ if you do good works in Jesus' name7: you will be
- rewarded if you give someone a cup of this in Jesus' name
- 8: this man asked Jesus about the miracle worker
- 12: ___ is the opposite of start

TOWARDS PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY ONE - OCT 2021

FAN THE FLAME

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many needs and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 12)

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



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (3 OCT, 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B)

1st Reading

Genesis 2:18-24
The Lord God creates
woman

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128.1-2, 3, 4-5 (R.5) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

2nd Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11 Jesus was made low to taste death for all people.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4.12
Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in
perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16
'Let the children come to me.'



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, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be

Amen

separated from You.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 26 SEPTEMBER

Mon 27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul, priest

Tue 28 Sept: St Lawrence Ruiz & companions; St Wenceslaus, martyrs

Wed 29 Sept: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels **Thu 30 Sept:** St Jerome, priest, Doctor of the Church

Fri 1 Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, Doctor of the Church

Sat 2 Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels



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