HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Worshipping Communities of St Clair, Erskine Park and parts of Kemps Creek

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B — **17 OCTOBER 2021**

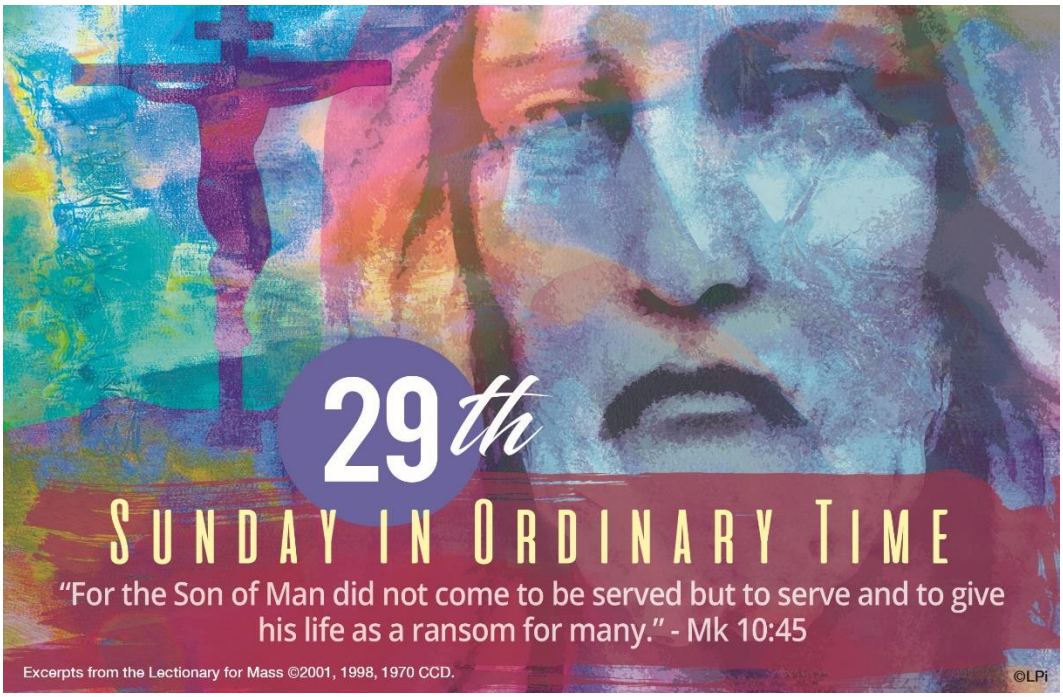
1st Reading
Isaiah 53:10-11
Through suffering, the Lord offers his life.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 33.4-5, 18-19, 20+22, (*R.*22)
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd Reading
Hebrews 4:14-16
Jesus faced the same temptations as us.

Gospel Acclamation
Mark 10.45
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to be serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 10:35-45
Whoever aspires to greatness must serve the rest.



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

Jesus' message is pretty clear. We are all called to be servants. This is no big deal for those of us who are married. Like most wives, I experience the call almost daily—when I put on the coffee, retrieve the newspaper, fix a dinner or make a bed. For those of us who have children, the list multiplies a hundredfold. For the most part I do my chores willingly, sometimes lovingly, but at other times...

Usually, I can accept the role of servant without even thinking about it, but there are other times when my response to the call is anything but loving. In my many years as wife and mother, my spouse and children have occasionally heard me say loud and clear, "I'm not your servant."

Should I feel guilty? Maybe once in a while, but for the most part my guilt is eased when I remember there is mutuality to Jesus' call. As wife and mom I'm doing my husband and children a disservice if I don't give them an opportunity to serve also. Perhaps shouting is not the gentlest way of promoting our common call. It would be much better to have family meetings and decide together who does what—and stick to it.

This may occasionally mean having a table not quite set, food served lukewarm and a bathroom that may not meet a white glove inspection. Resist the urge to do it over or do it yourself. Continue to stand by and instruct. Consider Jesus, it took him three years to get the apostles to comprehend the idea of servant leadership.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Talk about how household chores are divided up in your family. Are there any adjustments needed? What would make getting daily chores done more fun?

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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:

"Almighty God, grant us the Love with which you want us to love You and others".

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

Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Linda Allen, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera, Virginia P Decena, Connie Limjap, Lyca Gem Guzman Maribbay, Gustavo Catalicio, Dr Eugene Lim, Ian Urquhart, Michelle Caruana, Jonathan Junior and Senior.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Oswald Movin D'Souza, Linda Coloma, Amelita Columna, Siu Loan See Co, Elisa Rey, Audrey Murton, Ramesh Hiramanek, Ligaya Sarno, Elenita Espinas, Malcolm Howse, Walter Murphy, Audrey Murton, Ben Busuttil.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Colleen Green, Marie Tass, Mary Roffey, Keith Roffey, Barbara Middleton, Glenn Bouche, Josette Sultana, Wayne Rose.

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		$ 700.25
For the administration and maintenance costs of the parish		$ 1,633.92
Weekly Parish's Running Costs		$ 4,216.31
SHORTFALL/Over		$ 1,882.14
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	NIL

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

GOD BLESS YOU.

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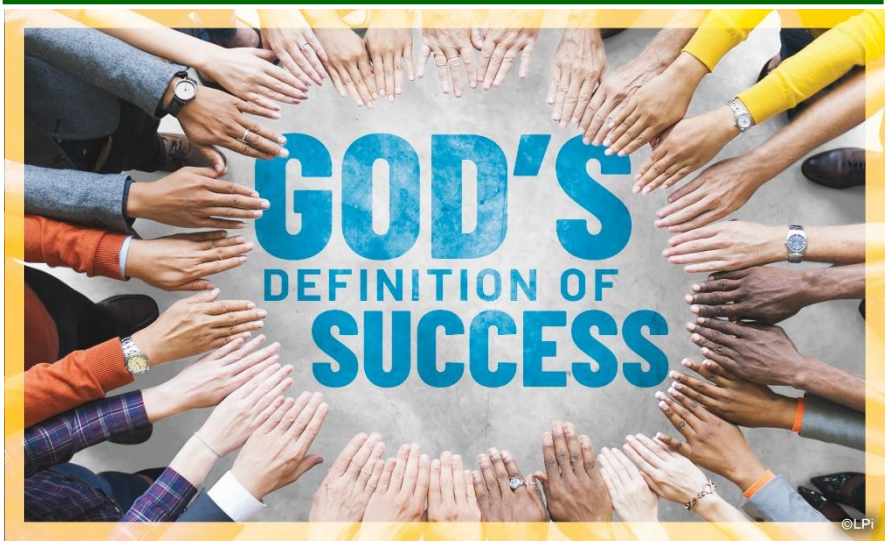
LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favour with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Isaiah speaks of our redemption through the suffering of the Lord's servant. When have you experienced God's presence in your suffering?
Second Reading: Hebrews tells us that Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses because he, too, "has been tested in every way." What are some ways that you are tested in life?
Gospel Reading: Jesus uses the request of James and John as a teachable moment for his disciples on the importance of humility and service to others. What other qualities do you think are necessary for true discipleship?

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 9th Nov, 7.30pm, at the church. Presenter is Michael Zammit.

Saturday is National Make a Difference Day (celebrated the fourth Saturday in October). All of us want to leave our mark on the world in some way. Your challenge this week is to choose one action you can take to make a difference in the life of a person who is a victim of injustice in your community. It might be a student victimized by bullying, or a worker who is denied a fair wage. You may see racism alive and well and choose to do something to break that cycle. Whatever you choose, see if you can make a difference so someone experiences more justice than he or she did before.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK

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"Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

Sheepish Question:
With all God's given me, what's stopping me from reflecting his image for others to see?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES COMMENCING 18 OCTOBER

With the announcement of the easing of restrictions commencing Monday 18th October 2021, when NSW hits the 80% full vaccination target.

We observe the 4 sqm rule indoor and 2 sqm rule outdoor. Hence, we are allowed to have 175 people in the church at any one time, excluding the clergy and those involved in the liturgy. There is no need to book.

The celebration of public Masses and all other religious services are now permitted regardless of vaccination status.

The wearing of face masks indoors is MANDATORY. Children under 12 are exempt but are encouraged to wear masks where practicable.

CONTACT TRACING:

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

- Sign-in using the QR Code displayed in the foyer
- 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.
- 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
- Congregational singing is still NOT permitted. Choirs of up to 10 people can perform but all performers must be vaccinated.
- Funerals and weddings permitted with no person limit
- Outdoor public gathering permitted for up to 200 people

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

During November we offer Masses for the dead. If you would like to enrol a loved one on the Parish November Mass list, they will have Mass offered for them. They will be included in the Masses for the Holy Souls, and they be prayed for (collectively) during the intercessions each day in November.

You can do it online thru our parish website.

November Mass Offering envelopes are also available in the church foyer.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
31 October 2021, 9.30AM Mass

Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in the month of OCTOBER are most welcome to join us.

PARISH SMART PHONE APP

We are investigating a smart phone app for our parish. The first step on this journey is to ask you, how you use technology and information and what you use it for; in a faith context. Thank you, those who have responded to our Parish Survey:

"Ways of accessing Parish Community life"

The survey is available in several languages, i.e., Arabic, English, Fijian, French, Samoan, Spanish, Tongan. You can each fill out the survey online - it only takes 4 minutes – please use the QR Code below or take a copy of the survey forms available in the foyer.

Remember, we want to hear from you even if you don't typically use technology, smartphone apps or the Internet.

Please scan the QR code to access survey for Parish App or go to:

www.theParishSurvey.com.au

Thank you.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people." (1 Timothy 2:1)

One of the gifts we can give to each other is to hold each other and our special intentions in prayer.

How can we pray for you?

There's a strength and peace that comes when we pray for one another.

If you have a prayer request or want to offer a mass for a special intention, you can now send it through our parish website.

https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/

Prayer Requests and Mass Intentions

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ST CLAIR
PASTORED BY THE AUGUSTINIANS

Livestreaming

Due to the reopening of churches and resumption of public masses, commencing Monday 18 October, we will only be livestreaming the **SUNDAY MASS, 9.30AM.** Everyone is welcome to join us in the Eucharistic Celebration regardless of vaccination status.

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
ACTS 4:20

October IS World Mission Month

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most. Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world. Please come with an open and generous heart.

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Freecall: 1800 257 296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What's In It For Me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Saviour. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honour and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

"God is more truly imagined than expressed, and He exists more truly than He is imagined."

St Augustine of Hippo

WORD SEARCH To be good people we must serve others

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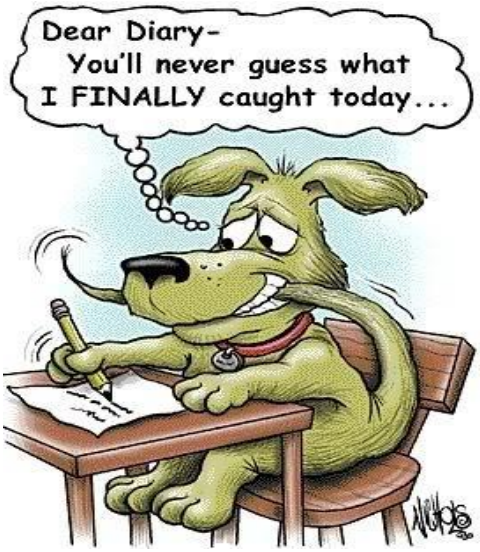

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers.

They contradict the honour, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

NEXT WEEKEND (24 OCTOBER): 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B

1st Reading
Jeremiah 31:7-9
The Lord declares himself a father to Israel.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 126.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6 (*R.*3)
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading
Hebrews 5:1-6
The Lord himself calls those who are to serve.

Gospel Acclamation
2 Timothy 1.10
Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 10:46-52
Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus.

FLOWERS: Group 5 (Green)
CLEANERS: Group 2
BANNERS: Green

23 OCT, 6PM	24 OCT, 8AM	24 OCT, 9.30AM	24 OCT, 6PM
Minister at the Altar Jacob Fonseca	***Minister at the Altar*** Edward De Leon	***Minister at the Altar*** Fred Harris	***Minister at the Altar*** Peter Smith
Eucharistic Ministers Mary Fonseca, Lorensz Herft, Sylvia Herft	***Eucharistic Ministers*** Lisa Brackett, Ron Brackett, Fiona Ferreira	***Eucharistic Ministers*** Seaview Kama, Marthese Grima, Cathy Allen	***Eucharistic Ministers*** Sue Oram, Esther Rose, Robert Lees
Reader 1 Romeo Prieto	***Reader 1*** Frances Flood	***Reader 1*** Michael Paulo	***Reader 1*** Jodie Donlan
Reader 2 Lea Jadraque	***Reader 2*** Espy Sarno	***Reader 2*** Carmen Marcelo	***Reader 2*** Robert Lees
Commentator Janice Salmon	***Commentator*** Vitolina Fidow	***Commentator*** Tina Fernandes	***Commentator*** James Pirotta
Music Couples for Christ	***Music*** Gabrielle Rumora	***Music*** Luchie Gacis	***Music*** St Pedro Calungsod
Powerpoint Nanette I.	***Powerpoint*** Christine Younes	***Powerpoint*** Carol Vella	***Powerpoint*** James Pirotta
Junior Servers Volunteers Needed	***Junior Servers*** Volunteers Needed	***Junior Servers*** Volunteers Needed	***Junior Servers*** Volunteers Needed
Welcomers Terry Serrao, Volunteers Needed, Volunteers Needed	***Welcomers*** Espy Sarno, Sarah Damole, Jun Damole	***Welcomers*** Joe Duval, Volunteers Needed, Volunteers Needed	***Welcomers*** Sue Oram, Esther Rose, Eleanor Stuart

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 17 OCTOBER

Mon 18 Oct:	St Luke, evangelist
Tue 19 Oct:	Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues and comp, St Paul of the Cross
Wed 20 Oct:	Wednesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1
Thu 21 Oct:	Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1
Fri 22 Oct:	St John Paul II, pope
Sat 23 Oct:	St John Capistrano, priest

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Michael Paulo, Vince Cachia, Eleanor Stuart (BASIC GIFT Youth Representative)
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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Mila, accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au. Thank you so much for your support of our parish!