



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B

7 NOVEMBER 2021

1st Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah and the widow at Zaraphath.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R.1)

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ will appear again to bring salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5.3

Alleluia, alleluia!

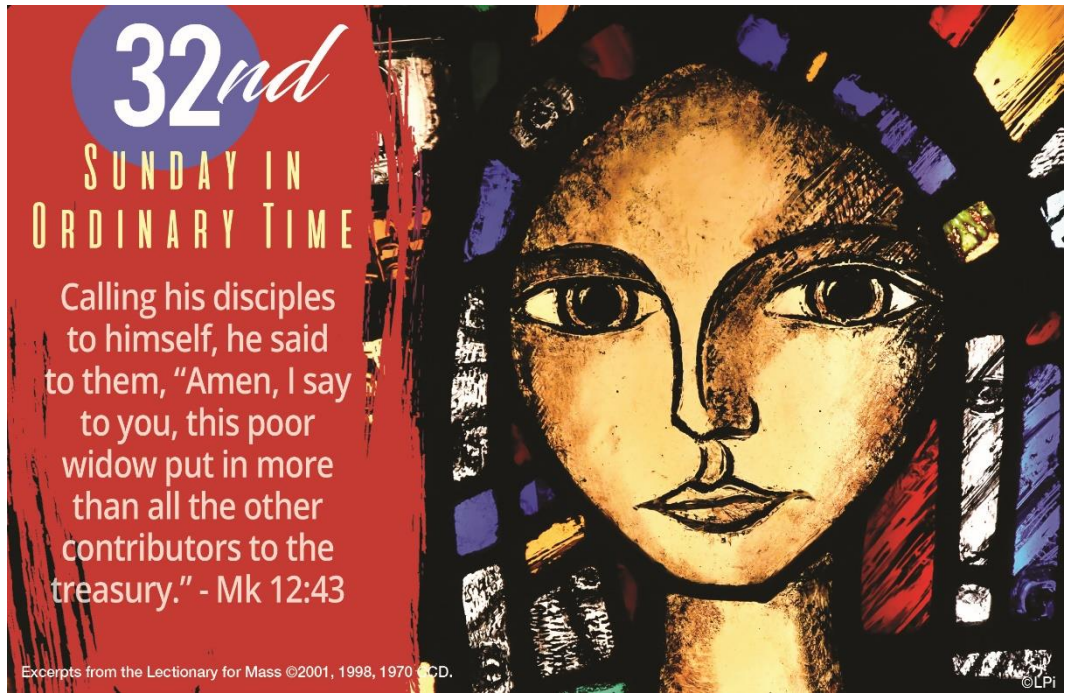
Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

The widow's mite.



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VOICE FROM THE PEWS

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

The widow in this Gospel was certainly a woman of faith and an example to all of us. However, I don't think Jesus is telling us that we are all expected to give away everything we have and just trust in him. This is what he told the rich man, of course, and what he seems to be praising in this story of the widow.

But the call to poverty is a specific call and not one that all of us are meant to live. What I do think Jesus expects of us is to live our lives with a generous heart and with the same faith the widow had as she gave her last two coins away. There is a clear message here that we are not to live like the scribes, enjoying the high life, driving expensive cars, wearing fine clothes at the expense of other people. Jesus is also quite clear about sharing what we have with those who are in need. We are not to give just from the extra money we have, the surplus, but also from our bounty. It may not be necessary to give everything away, but

we should give away enough to at least feel the pinch.

Jesus also calls us to live our lives poor in spirit, not getting too comfortable with what we have or what we earn. Financial security is no longer a given reality even for folks who work hard, have a dozen degrees and have served a company loyally for years. The widow gave up her livelihood willingly, but in today's economic world some of us are forced into that situation involuntarily. Like the widow, we need to know that no matter what happens we will be OK. We need her faith in a God who always provides.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Ask everyone to go through their toys or clothes and choose at least two things they can give to people in need. When they have finished, gather again and talk about what you are giving away. Make sure you are giving from your bounty and not just your surplus.

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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:

"Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right."

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

Luca James Rowlings, Mary Thomas, Alan Thomas, Noel Allport, Mavis Rasmusen, John Cassar, Lyca Gem Guzman Maribbay, Linda Allen, Michelle Caruana, Ian Urguhart, Andrew Boulous, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera, Virginia P Decena, Margarita Nguyen Anh Thu, Anna Tran Thi Tuyet.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Deacon Owen Rogers, Francisco Depra, Joe Richards, Lyra Monteiro, Fr Renato Paras, Celso Munoz, Kenneth Kyd, Sina Paulo, Renato Casal Jr, Alberto C Mercado, Ligaya Sarno, Elenita Espinas, Mariano Espinas, Ramesh Hirananeek, Audrey Murton, Ann Phelan, Peter John McQuillan.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Tessie Saliba, Chris Ayo, Basil Middleton, Elizabeth Kirby, Anastasia Casal, Marjorie Johnstone, Freddie Mathias, Joseph Croning, Francis Tabone, Maria Tabone, Vincent Agius, Stella Agius, Olga Littlewood, George Littlewood, Victorina Teodoro, Godfrey Gonsalvez, Joyce Salmon, Oswald Salmon, Lloyd Salmon, Elizabeth Salmon, Douglas Oliver, Giacobe Nguyen Bac Nha.

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

1ST COLLECTION	<i>For the care of our Augustinian clergy</i>	\$ 829.54
2ND COLLECTION	Loose plate	\$ 902.41
<i>For the administration & maintenance costs of the parish</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,033.20
	Planned Giving Direct Debit & Credit Card	\$ 854.42
	Total 2nd Collection	\$ 2,790.03
Weekly Parish's Running Costs		\$ 4,216.31
SHORTFALL/OVER		\$ 1,426.38
SPECIAL COLLECTION	N/A	N/A



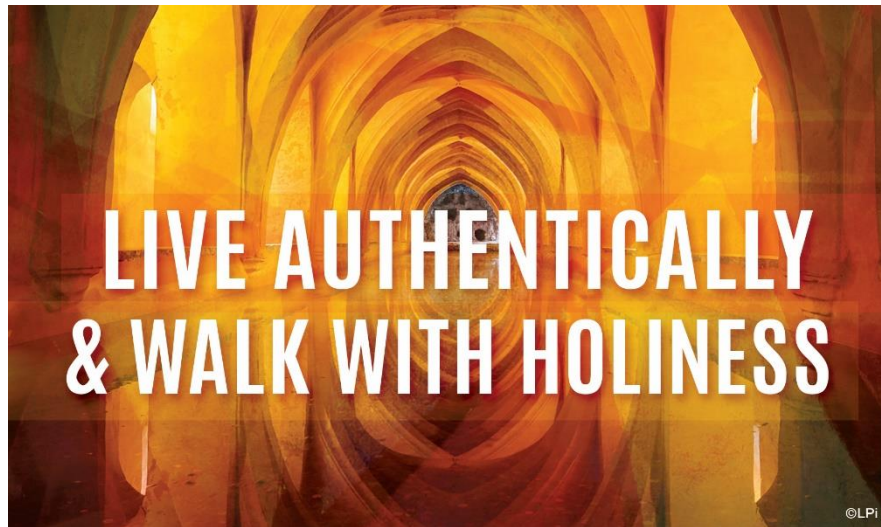
We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish.

GOD BLESS YOU.

www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: In the story of the initial encounter between Elijah and the widow, we see the widow rewarded for her courage and faith. When has your faith resulted in a positive outcome?

Second Reading: The reading from Hebrews focuses on Jesus' sacrificial death on earth, his intercession for us from heaven, and his eventual return at the end of time. Who do you know needs to hear this succinct summary of our faith in Christ?

Gospel Reading: In the Gospel reading we hear Jesus criticize the scribes for their hypocrisy and praise the widow for her generosity. How do you ensure your actions and faith are authentic?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

November 13 is World Kindness Day. We know our society has become less caring and more indifferent over the years. Your challenge this week is to perform a random act of kindness sometime between now and Saturday. Don't plan it ahead of time. Just keep alert for the right opportunity to show kindness. If you are open to it, the Holy Spirit will let you know when the time is right to show extra kindness to someone who really needs it. (By the way, this doesn't mean you shouldn't be kind all of the time—because you should!!!)

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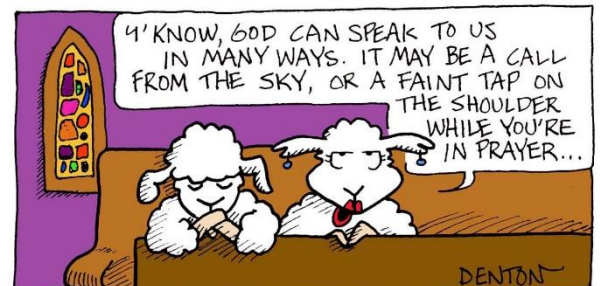
MORE

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

MARK 12:43

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had."

Sheepish Question:

So about actual money, what do I hear God asking of me?

BAPTISM
Preparation Meeting

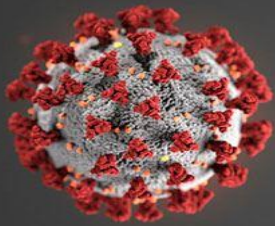
Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 9 November, 7.30pm, at the church. Presenter is Michael Zammit.



ALEXANDER BRYANT BURN
(Son of Trwstn and Aubrey)

ZOEY LEANNA DE SILVA
(Daughter of Dharshaka and Dona)

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



COVID-19
Coronavirus Disease 2019

**FOR PLACES
OF WORSHIP**

**COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES
COMMENCING 8 NOVEMBER**

With the announcement of the easing of restrictions commencing Monday 8th November 2021, when NSW hits the 90% full vaccination target, we will observe the 2 sqm rule indoor and outdoor. Hence, we are allowed to have 300 people in the church at any one time, excluding the clergy and those involved in the liturgy. There is no need to book.

Places of worship is open to all 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:

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

Please be mindful of the following:

1. Congregational singing is still **NOT** permitted. Choirs of up to 10 people can perform but all performers must be vaccinated.
2. Funerals and weddings permitted with no person limit

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



With the easing of restrictions commencing Monday 8 November, we will cease to livestream our Sunday 9.30am Mass effective this Sunday 7 November.

We thank all the volunteers who took charge of livestreaming our Masses during the lockdown.

SAVE THE DATE:

The next Parish Bingo Night will be on Saturday 4 December, after the 6pm Vigil Mass.

NEW ITEMS FOR SALE IN THE PIETY STALL



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- Liturgical information for the day
- Space to note down important events and personal reflections
- Produced in the popular flexi-cover 2format



\$10

2022 Columban Calendar

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2022 marks the 100th edition.



**Wedding Anniversary Mass
21 November 2021, 9.30AM MASS**

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



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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



RAFFLE TICKETS

UPDATE ON THE PARISH'S RAFFLE FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Please support our Parish Raffle as part of our 40th Year Foundation Anniversary celebrations. The aim of this fundraising activity is to help our parish cover the operating cost shortfall.

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.

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

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Draw date on Sunday 12 Dec 2021, after the 9.30am Mass.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

To commemorate the life of your dearly departed loved ones who have died in the last two years, we welcome you and your family to join us here at Holy Spirit Church as we celebrate a Holy Mass of Remembrance on **Wednesday 24 November, 7.30pm.**

Please bring a framed photograph of your deceased loved on and place on the special table before the Mass.

Also, please contact the Parish Office with the names of your loved ones (deceased in the last two years) to be included in the Mass.

You are invited to join us for supper after the Mass and you are welcome to bring a plate to share.

An initiative of the Spirituality Commission

GROCERIES & UTILITY BILLS

ASSISTANCE



If you know anyone who is struggling to pay for utility bills or buy groceries in our community, please ask them to contact Faye Aboghazaleh for assistance at 0403 548 083 or email faye@nma.org.au.

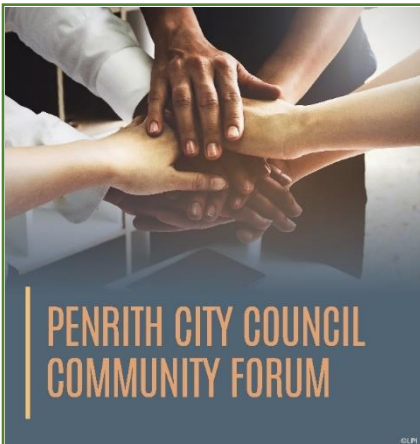
We are inviting you to the PENRITH EAST WARD COUNCILLORS PRE-ELECTION COMMUNITY FORUM

on Thursday, 25 November 2021, 7.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish

Current Councillors Bernard Bratusa, Tricia Hitchen and Todd Carney will be attending, each will give a brief talk about their vision for East Ward, Marlene Shipley who is standing as an Independent for East Ward will also attend. We the residents of East Ward will then have the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues we would like to see addressed. A light supper will provided after the meeting.

Election for Penrith City Councillors will be held on Saturday 4 December 2021.

This is an initiative of the Social Justice Commission, Holy Spirit Parish



PENRITH CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY FORUM

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"He who is filled with love is filled with God himself."

St Augustine of Hippo



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained**

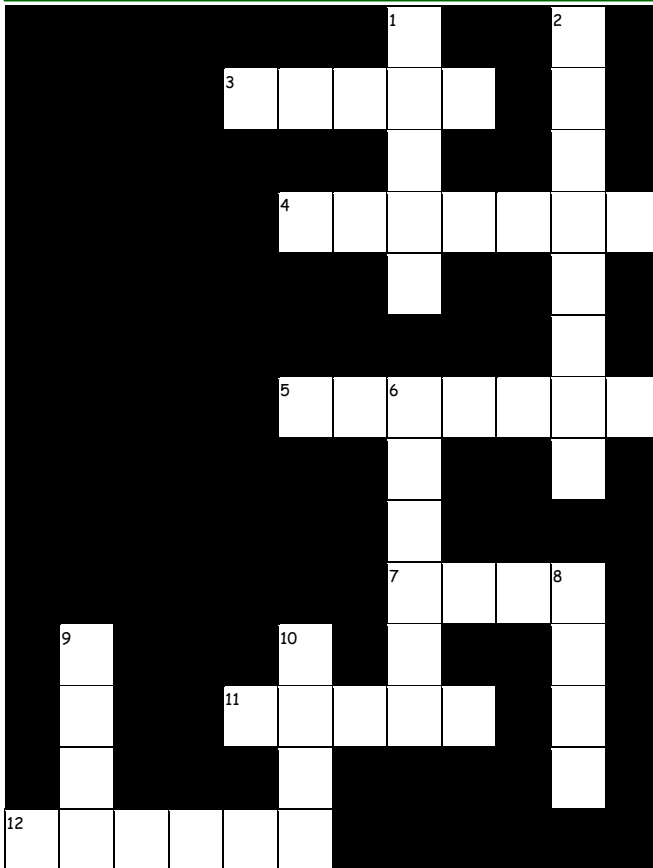
Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become co-workers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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ACROSS:

- 3: woman who has lost her husband by death and has not remarried
- 4: coins representing a very small sum of money
- 5: walk is to walking, as sit is to _____
- 7: to have little or no money, food or possessions
- 11: what we use to buy things
- 12: humans

DOWN:

- 1: small pieces of metal used as money
- 2: something that is offered in worship
- 6: a place of worship
- 8: wealthy
- 9: to have given something to another
- 10: a greater quantity

ON A LIGHTER NOTE

Henry was doing math homework, saying to himself...
 "2+5, the son of a b*tch is 7"
 "3+6, the son of a b*tch is 9"
 His mother heard this and asked, "Henry! What is this nonsense you are doing?"
 "Oh, Mom. I am just doing my math homework!"
 Mom: "Is this how your teacher taught you?"
 Henry: "Yes, Mom."
 Infuriated, she picks up her phone and calls the teacher.
 Mom: "Are you teaching math to children by saying... 2+2, the son of a b*tch is 4?"
 There was silence for a moment. Then the teacher started laughing.
 Teacher: "What I taught them was... 2+2 THE SUM OF WHICH IS 4."

NEXT WEEKEND (14 NOVEMBER): 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B

<p>1st Reading Daniel 12:1-3 <i>At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 16.5+8, 9-10, 11 (R.1) <i>Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 <i>Jesus has made one offering for all our sins.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation Luke 21.36 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel Mark 13:24-32 <i>Watch for the signs of the coming of the kingdom.</i></p>	<p>13 NOV, 6PM Minister at the Altar Peter Moriarty Eucharistic Ministers Sylvia Herft Moira Rebello Janice Salmon Reader 1 Dudley Littlewood Reader 2 Corinne Cerdor Commentator Florence Pusey Music Victor Brangwin Powerpoint Nanette I. Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Terry Serrao Fiona Ferreira Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>14 NOV, 8AM Minister at the Altar Carol Vella Eucharistic Ministers Belen Leynes Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto Reader 1 Sally Banguis Reader 2 Stephen Middleton Commentator Manuel Fidow Music Pierre D'Cunha Powerpoint Christine Younes Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Espy Sarno Sarah Damole Jun Damole</p>	<p>14 NOV, 9.30AM Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen Eucharistic Ministers Ken Allen Cathy Allen Nida Hawley Reader 1 Uinise Blake Reader 2 Derrick Pereira Commentator Kelly Apikotoa Music Mary Immaculate Powerpoint Boy Sanosa Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>14 NOV, 6PM Minister at the Altar Peter Smith Eucharistic Ministers James Pirotta Pearl Joson Esther Rose Reader 1 James Pirotta Reader 2 Candice Salmon Commentator Marty Facciolo Music Volunteer Needed Powerpoint Volunteer Needed Junior Servers Volunteers Needed Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteers Needed</p>
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 7 NOVEMBER

- Mon 8 Nov:** Monday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1
- Tue 9 Nov:** Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
- Wed 10 Nov:** St Leo the Great, pope, Doctor of the Church
- Thu 11 Nov:** St Martine of Tours, bishop
- Fri 12 Nov:** St Josaphat, bishop, martyr
- Sat 13 Nov:** All Saints of the Augustinian Order

- FLOWERS:** Group 3 (Green)
- CLEANERS:** Group 5
- BANNERS:** Green




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- Parish Council** **Chair:** Ana Gregoriou • **Asst Chair:** Paola Dicenso • **Secretary:** Bernadette Stevens
Members: Dominic Dimech, Jamie Dowsett, Gus Morgan, Sarah Cañete-Damole, Stephen Middleton
 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!

