

1st Reading Sirach 27:4-7 Speech shows state of mind.

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

> 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Death has no victory.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2.15-16 Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:39-45 Take the plank from your eye.

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)

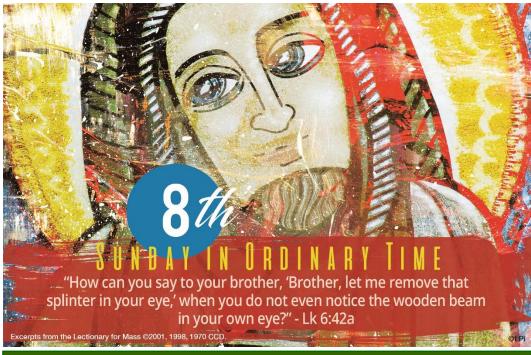
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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 has a lot to say here about humility. Surely when he was teaching crowds of people, he knew some of them were very humble people who quietly went about living their lives as best they could. He would also have known that some people in the crowd were "show-offs" who found ways to advertise how good they were at certain things, how welleducated they were, or how much money they had.

His words to the crowd on that day reminded them that no one is without fault, even if they think it's only other people that have issues. For those who believe they have their acts together and feel the need to correct others, Jesus wants them to hear that first and foremost, they should worry about improving themselves before they try to fix other people.

As parents, it is easy for us to be so focused on guiding and correcting our children that we can forget that they will learn far more from our example than our directives. After all, we show our children what is important to us through our actions. For example, will our kids take our demands to limit their screen time seriously if we are completely addicted to our own devices? Even if they may not admit it, our children are watching us closely.

In the second section of the reading, Jesus echoes a passage from the book of Sirach in the Old Testament. Sirach taught that just like you can tell how well-cared-for a tree is by the fruit it bears, you can tell a person's mind by the person's speech. Jesus fleshes this out by saying that someone who is good at heart will express it in their words and deeds.

What are the fruits that you are bearing in your life? What words and deeds will your children notice and learn from? By modeling healthy, virtuous lives—as Jesus did—we show our children the best way to live their lives. 🖎 © 2020 Judith Dunlap.

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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 challenge for Christian spouses: remaining together, knowing how to love one another always, and doing so in a way that their love grows."

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:

Linda Allen, Virna Susana Quiñonez Viloria, Pat Quine, Ava Renee P Aguirre, Maria Elena M Felix, Chante M Are, Alessandra Lucia P Aguirre, Lachlan Alden, Mitchel Middleton, Nympha Miller, Andrew Boulos, Louis Tham, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera, John Warne, Brian Barnes, Rita & John Cassar, Dolly Coutinho, Fr Paolo Cardona.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lorenzo Guillermo, Anthony Cassar, Amelia Matias, George Babi, Paul Babi, Alfred Sultana, Jacob Fernandes, Nick Pangilinan, Joe Mifsud, Rita Oliver, Stephen D'Souza, Cally Rebello, Luis Fernandes, Michelle Buhagiar.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Seini Fahopo Vito Wairasi, Billy Castillo, Joseph Rebeiro, Anthony Zhang, Benjamin Morales Jr., Dusten Herft, Hazel De Silva, Natividad Joson, Milton Fernandes, Celine Gresseux, Angelina Xavier, Ann Chambers, Urbano Clemente, Geraldine Wayong, Cajetan Gonsalves, Tony Kuljanic, Glen Bouche.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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.

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 2022 COLLECTIONS

For the care of our Augustinian c	\$ 3,137.34	
For the administration & mainter	\$ 14,489.53	
Monthly Parish's Running Costs	\$ 8,045.02	
SHORTFALL/OVER		\$ 6,444.51
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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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may be happening inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see occurring outside. Looking within will also help us identify our own sins and weakness so that we can be better positioned to offer the type of wisdom and compassionate guidance that can really be of help to our friends.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Sirach teaches that much is revealed about someone in how they speak. How conscious are you about weighing your words with others?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of Jesus' resurrection taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death itself. In what ways have you experienced this reality in the death of loved ones in your life?

Gospel Reading: Jesus challenges his disciples to exercise humility towards others and to bear good fruit with their lives. Can you cite examples of how you follow these commands of Jesus in your own life?

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 8 March, 7pm, at the church. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.



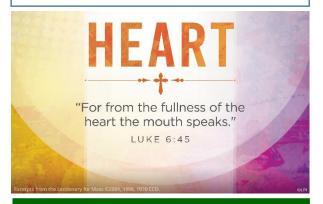
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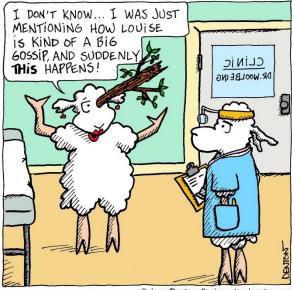
WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We enter into the holy season of Lent, beginning our journey to the Cross and beyond that to Resurrection. The three Lenten practices are fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Your challenge this week is to choose something from which you will fast for the next six weeks to stand in solidarity with those who cannot have it; to give generously to a cause which fights injustice and helps those in need; and to pray during Lent for those across the world who suffer from oppression, intolerance, prejudice, or any other form of injustice.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

Sheepish Question:

Okay, what IS this log in my eye and how does it weaken my relationships?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES COMMENCING 25 FEBRUARY

NSW Health has updated the COVID-19 guidelines effective Friday 25 February 2022.

- · Masks will no longer be mandatory. However, masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others
- · Both the choir and congregation are able to sing
- · Social gatherings are permitted
- · Check-in using the NSW QR Code and record keeping for attendees is no longer required
- · No more density limits



DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

PASTORAL FORMATION OFFERING **LEADERSHIP & FORMATION COURSES IN 2022**

In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith! To encourage this, Pastoral Formation - Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU - all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session).

See our website *pfparra.org.au* or email met@parracatholic.org for more details.

The parish is happy to offer 50% scholarship to those interested.

Please take home a Project Compassion box to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available in the foyer, or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Would you buy a chair to help us? Your gift will enable loads of people to hear about Jesus and be encouraged to turn to him and grow in love for him.

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GOAL: 450 Chairs An initial funding of 70 chairs was purchased from a government grant

Each chair costs \$100

WAYS TO GIVE:

- · Eftpos available at the Piety Stall or Parish Office
- · Cash/Cheque by using the envelopes provided i the foyer and place in collection basket
- · On our parish website
- Bank Transfer: Bank: CBA

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Wednesday 2 MARCH 2022 MASS TIMES @ HOLY SPIRIT PARISH: 7am, 9.05am and 7pm







During Lent, the church will remain open until **5PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.**

We encourage parishioners to visit the Church and make the Stations of the Cross with their family and friends.

You can purchase a copy of the Stations of the Cross booklet available in the piety stall for \$7 each.



The Parish Pastoral Council would like to organize an Ad Hoc Committee for our Parish's 40th Year Foundation Anniversary.

For those who would like to be part of this committee, please contact the parish office or Fr Michael.

Thank you.

2022 LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

Purchase a copy of "The Spirit and the Cross", our 2022 Lenten Program. It is a 128-page booklet published by the Archdiocese of Brisbane and it contains short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday up to the Second Second Sunday of Easter).

THE SPIRIT AND THE CROSS

It is perfect for individual or group devotional reading.

The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. It also comes with a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.

Available in the piety stall for \$5 each.



Join us in Praying the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday this Lent

2 March, 8pm (After the 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass) 9, 16, 23, 30 March, 7.30pm 6, 13 April, 7.30pm

An initiative of by Men's Business of Holy Spirit Parish



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Bro John Zhang's Ordination to Diaconate will be on Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am at Holy Spirit Parish

Let's pray for Bro. John as he prepares for his ordination.

For those who would like to help in planning for his ordination, please contact the parish office.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"In order to discover the character of people we have only to observe what they love."

St Augustine of Hippo

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"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush." —Luke 6:43-44

Here is an ecological proof: we know a tree by its fruits. But we must acknowledge the fact that many of this generation would not be able to tell a pear tree from a cherry tree, peach tree, or plum tree, not to mention bushes like the raspberry, blueberry, and blackberry.

Consider planting a fruit tree or bush in your yard to provide an unforgettable learning experience for children, as well as a harvest to feed the family. Think about the pies you will be able to enjoy. Think about making jam to preserve the harvest. You will be living in a delectable garden! Check with a local nursery, a neighbor who is a gardener, or the Master Gardeners at your local extension agency for suggestions on the best varieties to grow in your area.

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

Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the they experience person, something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

NEXT WEEKEND (6 MARCH): 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, Yr C

1st Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Moses tells the Israelites of God's care for them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91.1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (*R.* See 15b) Be with me, Lord, when I am in

trouble.

2nd Reading

Romans 10:8-13 All who call upon the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4.4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13 *Jesus is tempted in the desert.*

FLOWERS: Group 4 (Violet)

CLEANERS: Group 1 **BANNERS:** Violet

5 MAR, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Peter Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Hazel Littlewood Sylvia Herft Jeanne Appleton

Reader 1

Eileen Baena

Reader 2

Sheila Francis

Commentator Moira Rebello

Music

AMEN Choir

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira Volunteer Needed 6 MAR, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Louise Bucholtz Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett

Reader 1

Micheal Hay

Reader 2

Dawn Timmins

Commentator Christine Younes

Music

Manuel Fidow

Powerpoint

Carol Vella

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Frances Flood Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed 6 MAR, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar

Nono Gacis

Eucharistic Ministers

Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama

> Reader 1 Ken Allen

Reader 2 Cathy Allen

Commentator

Tess Barnes

Music

Luchie's Choir

Powerpoint

Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Sue Oram Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed 6 MAR, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Esther Rose Lumen Decena Kate Blasco

Reader 1

Corinne Brooker

Reader 2 Kate Blasco

Commentator Robert Lees

Music

El Shaddai Syd Gosp

Powerpoint

El Shaddai Syd Gosp

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Esther Rose

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 27 FEBRUARY

Mon 28 Feb: Monday of the 8th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2 Tuesday of the 8th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2 Tue 1 Mar:

Wed 2 Mar: Ash Wednesday

Thu 3 Mar: Thursday After Ash Wednesday Friday After Ash Wednesday Fri 4 Mar: Sat 5 Mar: Saturday After Ash Wednesday



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The remaining 30% is to provide for the household expenses of our priests and to support the ministry of the Augustinians.

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Mila, accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au. Thank you so much for your support of our parish!

