

1st Reading

Genesis 18:1-10
Abraham meets the Lord, is promised a son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15.1b-3a, 3b-4a, 4b-5 (R.1a) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading

Colossians 1:24-28
Paul finds joy in suffering.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 8.15

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42 Jesus eats at the home of Martha and Mary.

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

Martha was right: Mary, a woman living in first-century Palestine, should have been up and about cooking and serving. But as in so many other instances, Jesus ignores the social norms of his times. He tells Martha, and all of us, that it is often more important to be a listener than a doer.

Jesus wants us to be attentive to his presence, not only by spending time in prayer but also by recognizing him in the people we encounter, especially those in need. Unfortunately, we are sometimes so intent on getting the grass cut that we just give a wave to our out-of-work neighbour. Or we're so busy getting a late dinner cooked that we miss the opportunity to talk to an eight-year-old who is having a really bad day.

There are always a dozen things that need to be done, and at least half of them need to be done right now. Jesus is telling us to prioritize. And when we prioritize, people always come first. So we look at the situation: overgrown grass, hungry kids, a concerned neighbour and a worried child. We know the grass can wait, and the kids won't starve. We go over to the neighbour or sit down with the child, and we listen.

When all is said and done, what does it matter if your house is immaculate and the beds are always made, or the garage is so clean you can see your face in the concrete? The bottom line is always about relationships. Jesus is telling us how important it is to take time from our busy schedules to spend time with him in prayer, yes, but also to take time to engage in attentive listening to those in need.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Think of someone you know who is a good listener. What qualities make him or her that way? How good a listener are you? How can you be 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:

"Humility saves man; pride makes him lose his way."

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

There is strength and peace that comes from when we pray for one another. If you have a prayer request or want to offer a Mass for a special intention, go to: https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/
We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

Violeta M Are, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Brendan Gallagher, 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, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Olga Mercia, Allan Williams, Ernesto Merjudio, Elena Crooks, Teresita De Jesus, Vena Xiberras, Victor Abela, Michael Manning, Darlene Murambiwa, Vincent Tonucci, Miguel Arenas, John Cassar, Fr Paolo Cardona, Mana Degmanara, Chan Tran.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bob Daley, Blossom Godfrey, Ernesto R Leano, Neil Streckfuss, Jose Vicente Borja, Anna Backo, Corazon Salvador, Ralph Edmonds, Brian Redmond, Vena Xiberras, Neville Cedrie Gurnett, Ashley Aviet, Simone Pearson, Joe Mifsud, Danilo Lingan Baccay, Ramon Halum Jr, Teresa Pinto, Louella Alegrado.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Larry Le Seuvre, Lance Currion, Carlton Francis, Antonia Pirotta, Robert Dirk Jr, Rustico Liquido, Doreen Herft, John Borg, Moveen Stuart, Ronald Hepponstall, Cora Herft, Diana Fernandez, George Gonsalvez.

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS & REGULAR CONTRIBUTION

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 or go to the link provided below. 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.

Regular Parish Contribution Form and other ways to donate: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations



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

GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



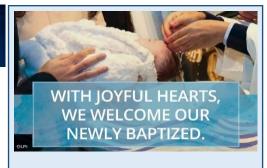
We become a welcoming person when we can step aside from our own needs and desires to create space for someone else. Welcoming involves a quality of listening and presence that communicates to another person that what they are sharing and who they are have importance. When we shift attention and focus from ourselves and direct it toward someone else, positive things can happen. When someone knows that their story matters, it can be life changing and lifegiving. Hospitality brings forth life and celebrates relationships. Whether we are actively tending to the business of serving the needs of others or opening ourselves to listening to their story, devotion and attentiveness are friends of love. Becoming anxious and preoccupied with one's personal agenda leaves no room for the creative, nurturing and spontaneous power of God's love.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Abraham's treatment of the three strangers modeled the value of hospitality. How do you show hospitality to others? **Second Reading:** Paul speaks of the Church (the community of believers) as "the body" of Christ. And as members of the Church, it is Christ "whom we proclaim" so that all believers may be "perfect in Christ." Why do you think proclaiming Christ can make us "perfect?" **Gospel Reading:** Jesus teaches Martha that stress and anxiety has caused her to lose perspective on important matters. How does your faith ground you in the daily anxieties of your 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 9 August, 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



ELLA PHOENIX CHEATHAM

(Daughter of Tara Ellen)

DOMINIK KWIATKOWSKI

(Son of Maciek & Tanya)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

There was an old priest who had been ordained right after the Second Vatican Council. He shared with his parish that he was so excited to hear of all the ways the Church could make a difference in the world! He started a little justice group in his parish and encouraged people to go out to see what was happening in their community, to observe and ask questions to understand things better, and then to come back together to share what they learned and decide what to do about all they learned. Through this very first group a homeless shelter was built, a thrift store, a soup kitchen, and a food bank started, and a literacy program launched. What a difference faith can make! Your challenge this week is to reflect on what God might be asking of you today. Go out to observe and reflect, and then gather your family, neighbors, and/or some friends and do something!

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK







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"You are anxious and worried about many things."

Sheepish Questions:

Which earthly "duties" get in the way of my spiritual life? Which ones enhance it?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Wedding Anniversary Mass 24 July 2022, 9.30AM MASS

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



RCIA Enquiry Evenings

Tuesday, 9 August 2022, 7pm Saturday, 13 August 2022, 7pm Tuesday, 16 August 2022, 7pm

If you know anyone interested in the faith (either as enquirer or as sponsor), invite them to come to this session.

If you are interested to know more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith, come and join us.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on 1 September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 20 August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the IFM).

Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but are yet to receive the Confirmation.

If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

To register, contact the Parish Office.





ONLINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

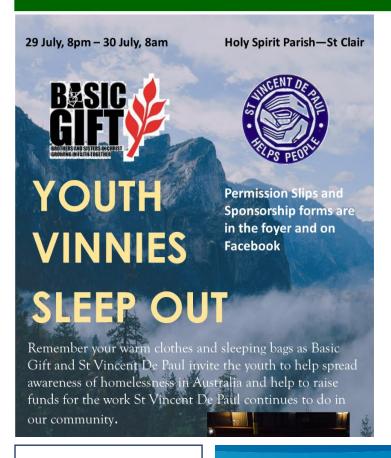
The new online learning platform for Safeguarding Training has now gone live for those volunteers in parish ministry who have not completed the required points.

We are working together to keep our parish community inclusive and safe for all. "Safeguarding Training is our way of ensuring children and vulnerable adults under our care are safe, protected and enabled to flourish", (Bishop Vincent's Statement of Commitment to Safeguarding). It is **MANDATORY** for all who are serving the different church ministries to take up this training.

https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/

For more information, please contact Elsa Roberto, our Parish's Safeguarding Support Officer (in a Voluntary Role). She is in the Parish Office every Monday and Wednesday from 10am to 3pm, or email safeguarding@holyspiritstclair.com.au

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS





- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Communion to the Sick and Dying
- Ministers at the Altar/Acolyte

THESE COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

Enrolment forms are available in the foyer.

For more information, contact anne.staunton@parracatholic.org, 02 8838 3456

REGULAR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION

New sets of Planned Giving envelopes will be out later this month.

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Cry of the Earth. Cry of the Poor



-Social Justice Statement 2021-22-

Putting Rungs on the Ladder Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's **reflect** on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and **celebrate** how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22.

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY | 6-9PM

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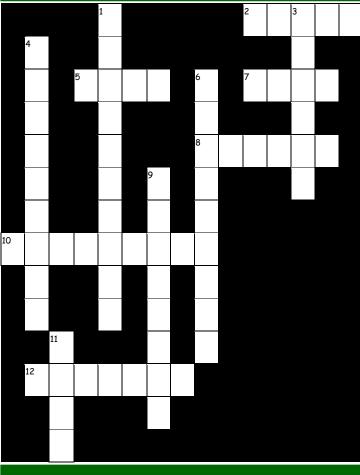
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ACROSS

- 2: to have hurt feelings
- 5: the sister of Martha
- 7: better than anything else
- 8: selected
- 10: followers of Jesus
- 12: concerned

DOWN

- 1: moving from one town to another
- 3: the opposite of brother
- 4: hearing
- 6: something important that must be included
- 9: to be given a friendly greeting
- 11: chores, labour, to be productive

CREATION CARE TIPS

"But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked,
'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?
Tell her then to help me.'"



—Luke 10:40

Sometimes we can get so caught up in working for environmental causes to save the earth that we forget to sit, rest, and listen to the wisdom being imparted like Mary knew to do. This week remember what Pope Francis wrote, "Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise?" (*Laudato Si'* #225). Take some time this week to sit outside, rest from your work, and listen for nature's words of love.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

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NEXT WEEKEND (24 JULY): 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1st Reading

Genesis 18:20-32 Abraham intercedes on behalf of Sodom.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 6-7ab, 7c-8 Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

2nd Reading

Colossians 2:12-14 God pardoned our sins through the death of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8.15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray.

FLOWERS: Group 4 (Green)

CLEANERS: Group 1 **BANNERS:** Green

23 JULY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Aruna Heslop

Reader 1

Lea Jadraque

Reader 2 Janice Salmon

Commentator Romeo Prieto

Music

Couples for Christ

Powerpoint Nanette I.

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

> Welcomers Terry Serrao

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

24 JULY, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon

Eucharistic Ministers

Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira John Shelley

Reader 1

Espy Sarno

Reader 2 Vitolina Fidow

Commentator Millie Perez

Music

Victor Brangwin

Powerpoint Manuel Fidow

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed **Welcomers**

Espy Sarno Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed

24 JULY, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Fred Harris

Eucharistic Ministers

Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader

Reader 1 Carmen Marcelo

Reader 2 Tina Fernandes

Commentator

Michael Paulo Music

Children's Choir

Powerpoint Joseph Valladores

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

> Welcomers Joe Duval

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed 24 JULY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Carol Vella

Eucharistic Ministers

Lumen Decena Peter Smith Robert Lees

Reader 1 **Robert Lees**

Reader 2

Florence Pusey

Commentator Jodie Donlan

> Music **BASIC GIFT**

Powerpoint BASIC GIFT

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

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Eleanor Stuart Esther Rose Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 17 JULY

Mon 18 July: Monday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2 Tuesday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2 Tue 19 July:

Wed 20 July: St Apollinaris, bishop and martyr

St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and Doctor of the Church Thu 21 July:

Fri 22 July: Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Sat 23 July: St Bridget, religious



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Safeguarding Parish Support Officer: Elsa Roberto P 02 9670 8222 E safeguarding@holyspiritstclair.com.au

Parish Youth Contact: Eleanor Stuart M 0431 639 895 E eleanor.stuart97@gmail.com 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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