

1st Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10 King Zedekiah saves Jeremiah from the well.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40.1, 2, 3, 17 (R.13b) *Lord, come to my aid!*

2nd Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4 Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says
the Lord; I know them, and they
follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12.49-53

Jesus tells his disciples he has come for division.

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

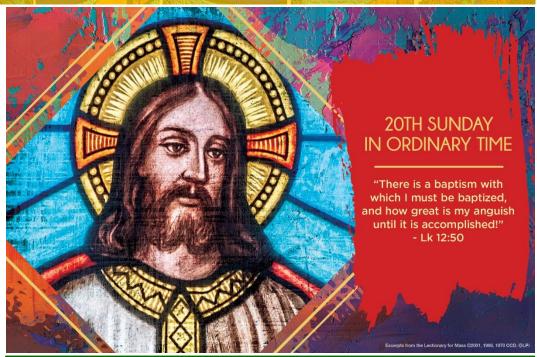
Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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

Being a peacemaker is just part of the job description for parents. Squabbles over who gets the last cookie, who pushed whom first and whose turn it is on the computer are normal household occurrences. The secret to peace on the home front is finding solutions that strengthen relationships.

Peace is not the opposite of conflict. It is a way of solving disagreements without hurting each other physically or emotionally—and certainly without resorting to violence. In their book Parenting for Peace and Justice, Jim and Kathy McGinnis offer a four-step approach to bringing about peaceful solutions in volatile situations.

They tell us that unless children are threatening or engaging in abusive actions, it is best for parents to stay out of the argument. Children need to learn how to broker their own disagreements. When someone is hurting or threatening another, however, you need to step in

and separate the youngsters. Send them to different spots to cool down and think over the situation.

After a little time, go to each child and listen (without comment) to his or her story. Bring the children together with the understanding that they will have a certain amount of time to solve the problem by themselves before you impose your own solution.

The McGinnises report that because their solutions were almost always less tolerable than their children's, mutual solutions were usually found.

Learning to deal with conflict in a peaceful way is a valuable skill—certainly one the world needs. And by teaching our youngsters to be peacemakers, we are helping them realize their call to be children of God.

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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:

A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges is not Christian. This is not in the Gospel.

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:

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, Emily Paz Moritz, Mympha Miller, Juan Dalit, Maria Sloan, Gary Owen, Bernardita Delmonte, Flory Pinto.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr John Paul Mabanta OSA, Pauline Margerison, Pat O'Halloran, Reynaldo Reyes, Salvador Cabaluna Jr, Barry Pemberton, Marian Araneta, Tony Cincotta, Lilean Farrugia, Vicitacion Bonsico, Honorato Santos, Alan Gordon, Wayne Mustard, Teiris Anthony Sammuel, Blossom Godfrey.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Feliciano Fernandes, Manuela Uy, Agnes Kinny, Orven Paranis, Mathilde Balagtas, Felix Martinez, Teresa Pinto, Theresa & Leo Pereira, Alfredo Sultana, Josette Sultana, Elizabeth Carlin, Ben Apikotoa, Stella Maloney, Antonia Santiago.

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



There is a "great cloud of witnesses" found in the official saints of the church and in ordinary people we meet every day. They are faith-filled inspirations who, by their example, help us to persevere in our faith. Living in a sea of conflict, change, challenge, and confusion, it is easy to grow tired and get weary. With so many things in competition for our attention, it is challenging to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We have to keep running the race and continue proclaiming the Good News. This message is not always welcome. It can cause division, challenge accepted mindsets, ruffle peoples' feathers, and cause some folks to become defensive. God's ways are not always our ways. Even though often rejected by the world, the message of God in Jesus Christ must continue to be preached. We can rely on the examples of faith before us and around us and not lose heart. As Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

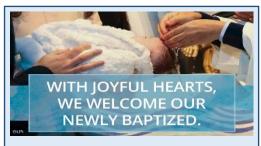
First Reading: The court official, Ebed-melech, courageously advocated for the prophet Jeremiah, having him recused from the muddy cistern. When have you defended someone being ridiculed for their faith?

Second Reading: The author of Hebrews encourages his community to remain strong in their faith in Jesus. What or who helps you when you feel spiritually discouraged?

Gospel Reading: Jesus forewarned his disciples that his message would bring division, even within families. How does your family deal with this type of tension?

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 13 Sept, 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.

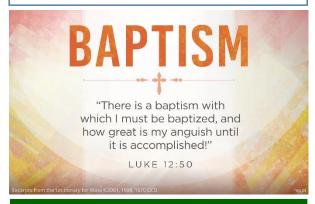


ABBIE ANNE BUTTIGIEG
(Daughter of Shane and Donna)
JORDAN GEORGE BUTTIGIEG
(Son of Shane and Donna)
YAZMINE POLLY SHERIDAN
(Daughter of Nathan and Esthel)

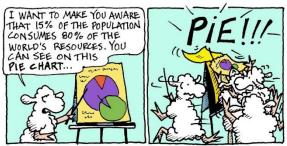
WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

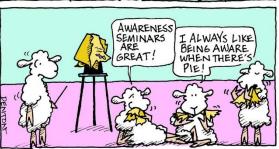
This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. It is a moving and amazing event. Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul. She offers hope of the Resurrection and life after death to all believers. Hope is very important in our lives. It helps us through times that are tough, it helps us grow and change and to accept challenges, changes, and the unknown. Your challenge this week is to take some time to pray about how you can offer hope to someone who really needs it. It may be a family member, a friend, someone with a serious illness or depression, or even a stranger, but find a way!

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK





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"Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

Sheepish Questions:

What injustices do I see in my community? How will I respond?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS







MARIAN FIESTA

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE PIETY STALL

Raffle Tickets: \$5 for 3 or \$2 each

First Prize: \$500 Second Prize: \$300 Third Prize: \$200



RCIA Enquiry Evenings

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.





The Diocese of Parramatta invites young people across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to join them on its official pilgrimage to the 16th International World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023.

The Diocesan pilgrimage will take place over 22 days from 21 July to 11 August 2023 and will include visits to France, Spain and Portugal before a time of retreat in Assisi, Italy.

All young people are invited to our official launch event on 18 August. To register for the launch event and to express your interest, visit www.parrawyd.org.

More information will be revealed over the coming weeks.



Wedding Anniversary Mass 28 August 2022, 9.30AM MASS

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



FIESTA DINNER TICKETS NOW ON SALE

The 2022 Marian Fiesta Dinner Tickets are now on sale at the Piety Stall.

- \$10 each for ages 12 and up (including drinks)
- \$5 each for ages 5-11 (including drinks)
- Free for ages 0-4

MARIAN FIESTA will be on Sat 22 Oct. Main presider is Bishop Vincent Long. MARIAN TALK on Wed 12 Oct, 7.30pm Speaker is Sr Mary Louise Walsh, ISSM 9-DAYS NOVENA on 13-21 Oct, 7.30pm



This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as:

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

THESE COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

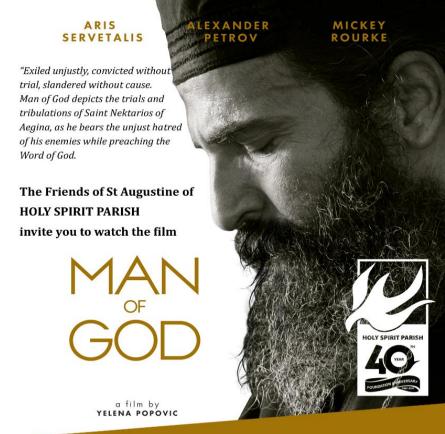
Enrolment forms are available in the foyer.

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

REGULAR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION – ENVELOPES

The new set of Regular Church Contribution envelopes are now available for collection in the foyer. **Offering**

To join the program please complete the REGULAR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION form available in the foyer.



PRIVATE SCREENING AT HOYTS PENRITH CINEMA 1 on Friday 26 August, 6.30pm (seating at 6pm)

\$20 EACH TICKET

LIMITED SEATS ONLY

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE PIETY STALL FROM 23 JULY

A Fundraising Drive to Support the Augustinian Mission in Vietnam



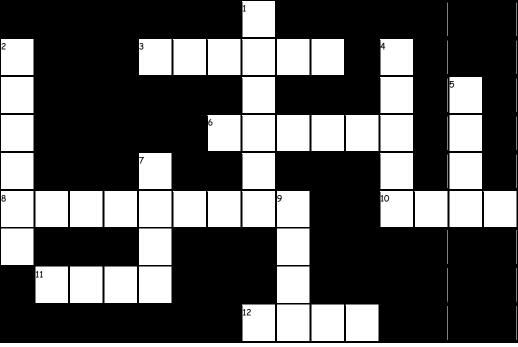
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Jesus makes people choose sides



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ACROSS

- 3: the opposite of mother
- 6: the opposite of father
- 8: Jesus' friends were called his
- 10: the opposite of easy
- 11: the number after four
- 12: an exam

DOWN

- 1: to make a choice is to _____
- 2: to split into parts
- 4: we live on this planet
- 5: when something has ended it is _____
- 7: burning flames
- 9: not different

CREATION CARE TIPS

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!" —Luke 11:28

What is one environmental or green practice you know is in keeping with God's commandment to be good stewards of the earth but which you've resisted obeying up until now? We would probably lose our minds if we slavishly tried to make every single "correct" environmental choice in every hour of our day, but this week, focus on one thing you can do that you haven't done yet. Maybe this is the week to ditch the car in favour of your bicycle for your commute. Maybe you really can give up meat a couple times a week. Maybe it's within your reach to finally start the compost bin you've been meaning to get to. Whatever the inner urging is, obey it this week!

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

My neighbour is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Answer:

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbour become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbour might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbour's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbour to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbour to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

NEXT WEEKEND (21 AUGUST): 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1st Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21 The Lord will gather all people to see his glory.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117.1.2 (R. Mk 16.15) (R.) Go out to all the world and tell the aood news.

2nd Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14.6 Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30 It is difficult to enter the kingdom of God.

FLOWERS: Group 3 (Green)

CLEANERS: Group 5 **BANNERS:** Green

20 AUG, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Jacob Fonseca

Eucharistic Ministers Bernadette Stevens

Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca

> Reader 1 Fe Uy

Reader 2 Marinella Licuanan

> Commentator Sylvia Herft

> > Music

St Joseph's Choir

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Corinne Cerdor

21 AUG, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto

Reader 1

Sarah Damole

Reader 2 **Shirley Croning**

Commentator Carol Vella

Music Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Louise Bucholtz

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Sarah Damole

Jun Damole Volunteer Needed 21 AUG, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis

Eucharistic Ministers

Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley

Reader 1 Joanne Staunton

> Reader 2 Nida Hawley

Commentator Derrick Pereira

Music Laudate Choir

Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

> Welcomers Joe Duval Sue Oram

Volunteer Needed

21 AUG, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Lumen Decena Robert Lees Romans Cunanan

Reader 1

Sheila Francis

Reader 2 Joseph Valladores

Commentator Corinne Brooker

Music

Esther Rose Choir

Powerpoint

Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 14 AUGUST

Mon 15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue 16 Aug: St Stephen of Hungary

Wed 17 Aug: Wednesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2 Thursday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2 Thu 18 Aug:

St John Eudes, priest Fri 19 Aug:

Sat 20 Aug: St Bernard, abbot and Doctor of the Church



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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.

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