

### 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) Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7 *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.

### **LITURGY TIMES**

### Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

#### Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun, 6pm

### **Monday and Wednesday**

Mass, 7am (except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

### Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am

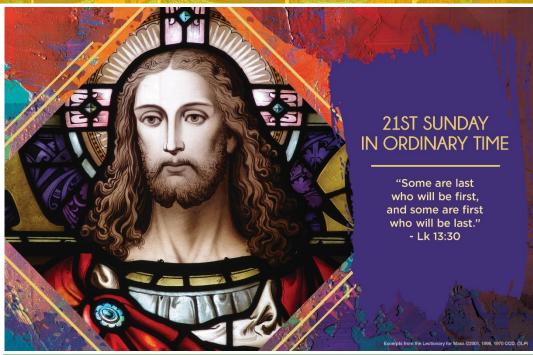
Anointing Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 9.05am

### 1st Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

### Children's Liturgy

Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of the month (during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,
Anointing of the Sick
by appointment



### **VOICE FROM THE PEWS**

Many of Jesus' sayings are hard. Surely this one, "the last will be first," is one of them. We live in a culture where success means being number one. Coming in last is unacceptable. Yet, by his words and actions, Jesus teaches just the opposite.

Seeing the virtue in being last is difficult enough for us adults, but for a youngster, being last or left out can be traumatic. It can be wrenching to sit with a child who has been left out of a game or chosen last. I remember being barraged by all sorts of feelings—empathy, anger, frustration—when this happened in our household. It was hard to face the reality that I could not make the hurt go away.

So what can we do when our children encounter rejection? First, love them and listen to their pain. Allow them time to talk about the experience. Help them find words to express their feelings. Perhaps you can share a story from your own childhood about a time you felt rejected or left out. Later, you

might read or tell them a relevant story from Scripture. For example, you could recall (or read from a good child's Bible) the story of David, the last brother chosen who became Israel's greatest king. Or retell or read the story of Zacchaeus, who was disliked by everyone but chosen by Jesus to share a dinner.

When you share your stories and the stories of our faith family, you not only comfort your children but also plant seeds and provide a tool to help them grow. You are teaching them to connect their stories with the stories of others, and to discover that they are a part of a larger family where success and being first are measured with a different yardstick.

PERSONAL RESPONSE: How do you deal with rejection? Do you get angry, cry, make excuses? Remember that even Jesus was rejected by his friends. How did he respond? How can you respond?

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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:

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

### 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: <a href="https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/">https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/</a>
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, Brendan Sullivan, Juan Dalit, Maria Sloan, Gary Owen, Bernardita Delmonte, Pauline Margerison, Flory Pinto.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Pat D'Halloran, Marietta Villafuerte, Alan Gordon, Wayne Mustard, Teresita Fonacier, Honorato Santos, Blossom Godfrey, Patricia Monteleone, Joe Mifsud, Barry Pemberton.

### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Feliciano Fernandes, Matiasa Cusay, Ernesto Ortiz Sr, Agnes Kinny, Orven Paranis, Mathilde Balagtas, Antonia Santiago, Felix Martinez, Stella Maloney, Connie Mifsud, Denzil Baxter, Pat Maculey, Eslyn Fernandez, David Joseph, Anthony & Lucy Fernandes, Antonio Espinola.

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: <a href="https://www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations">www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations</a>



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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



Discipline is necessary for us to focus our attention and develop and refine our skills. A disciplined person has integrity and can make difficult but necessary choices. Most people do not like discipline, especially children. When we have to rise above our impulses and desires and do something challenging, it can appear as a punishment. The struggles of living a good and effective Christian life, especially when we actively choose virtue over vice, are allowed by God and necessary for reaching spiritual maturity. God invites us to share in His Kingdom. Hearing and accepting that invitation requires an active, conscious decision on our part. Reforming our lives and changing how we do things does not come easily. But it is precisely what is necessary for us to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Discipline is essential if we are going to discover our desire for union with our Creator and live in God's house. In this way, we will not risk finding the door locked when we need it to be open.

### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

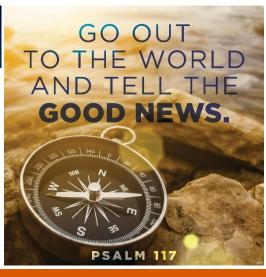
**First Reading:** The final prophecy in the Book of Isaiah speaks about the end times when God will gather "all nations and tongues" and all the world will finally see the full "glory" of God. Why do you think this event has been revealed to us?

**Second Reading:** Our author of Hebrews speaks of the trials and tribulations of our lives as a "discipline" from God meant to teach and train us. Can you think of a lesson learned from some difficult situations in your life?

**Gospel Reading:** As Jesus continues on his journey to Jerusalem, he teaches the crowds about the urgency to accept his invitation for salvation. Why do you think so many people lack this sense of urgency for their own salvation?

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



# WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

As winter comes to an end and with school life getting busier, there may be children in your community who are worried. They may not have the things they need. When we are worried about food, shelter, and other basic life issues, we aren't always capable of doing well in school or succeeding in any of our life endeavors. Your challenge this week is to see if there is something you, your family, friends, or parish community can do to help those children in need. Are there organizations that collect school supplies, clothing, shoes, and backpacks? Do some research and find a way to get involved.

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### THE SUNDAY FLOCK







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"Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines."

### Sheepish Question:

What recent setback do I now recognize as a moment of spiritual growth?

### **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**





# 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.



**THANK YOU** Holy Spirit Parish for your donations to the Augustinian Volunteers for City2Surf 2022!

OVER \$3,200 RAISED for refugee and indigenous communities in Australia!





We congratulate the children in our parish community who are receiving their First Communion this weekend.

We thank the parents for journeying with their children in the preparation and also the Sacramental Preparation Team.

# Congratulations!

We congratulate Dudley Littlewood for being one of the recipients of the Diocesan Medal of Honour held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta last Monday 8 August 2022.

Dudley was accompanied by his wife, Hazel.

Patrice Moriarty was also awarded the Citation of Merit for Youth, but was unable to come to receive the award.





### 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



### 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



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

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



### HELP CHILDREN IN SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is in crisis. Soaring prices are making essential supplies beyond reach for many families. Help disadvantaged families provide school supplies for their children.

We are accepting SCHOOL SUPPLIES donations:

- Colour pencils (standard full length size 12 or 18 pack)
- lead pencils with rubber HB
- Exercise books min page is 96 pages A4 or 120 page
- Blue and black ball point pens
- Soap
- Toothbrush

Drop your donations at a box provided in the foyer. We accept donations until Sunday 11 September 2022.

Organised by the Social Justice Commission of Holy Spirit Parish

### **AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY**



"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and need. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

St Augustine of Hippo

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### TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

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### **CREATION CARE TIPS**

"Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." —Hebrews 12:11

Do you get tired of the extra work of making green choices? Of hanging your laundry to dry instead of tossing it into the dryer? Of cooking from scratch instead of buying individually packaged processed foods? Of having to wash cloth napkins, handkerchiefs, rags, and dishware instead of throwing away disposable ones? Then take heart at this passage from the Hebrews today. Pat yourself on the back for the good environmental disciplines you have adopted. They are bearing fruit.

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

### **Question:**

How can I practice gratitude in my everyday life?

### **Answer:**

God has given each of us many blessings. Fostering an "attitude of gratitude" might be easier than you think. Simple, concrete practices can help us to be more thankful more often. Incorporate it into your dinner with your spouse, or as you tuck the kids into bed at night. "What are three things you're thankful for today?" Make a habit of writing one note a week to someone special in your life, thanking them for how they've impacted you. This is also a good practice in the workplace. Consider opening your weekly meetings with a quick round of gratitude sharing. "I'm grateful John helped me with that lastminute change to presentation last week. wouldn't have finished it in time for the meeting without him."

Another way is to designate a few minutes to thank God. This could be the first bit of your daily prayer time or after you receive communion on Sundays. You can also integrate it into your daily routine. How about while brushing your teeth? There's probably nothing so important it can't wait two minutes. Brush your teeth, quiet your mind, and thank God from your heart for His blessings throughout the day. Get creative! Any moment is an opportunity to praise and thank God.

### NEXT WEEKEND (28 AUGUST): 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

### 1st Reading

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 Be humble, find favour with God

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 68.3-4, 5-6a, 9-10 (R.10) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 We are drawn to the heavenly Jerusalem.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 11.29 Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gently and humble of heart. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 14:1.7-14 Humble yourself and be exalted.

FLOWERS: Group 4 (Green)

**CLEANERS:** Group 1 **BANNERS:** Green

27 AUG, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Bernadette Stevens Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca

Reader 1

Romeo Prieto

Reader 2 Lea Jadraque

Commentator Janice Salmon

Music

Couples for Christ

**Powerpoint** Nanette I.

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Terry Serrao Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed 28 AUG, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Ron Brackett

Reader 1

Sarah Damole

Reader 2 **Shirley Croning** 

Commentator Carol Vella

Music

Peter Mercia **Powerpoint** 

Manuel Fidow

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed 28 AUG, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Fred Harris

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader

Reader 1 Michael Paulo

Reader 2 Carmen Marcelo

Commentator

Tina Fernandes Music

Children's Choir

Powerpoint Joseph Valladores

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Joe Duval Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed

28 AUG, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Stephen Middleton

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

Lumen Decena Peter Smith Robert Lees

Reader 1 Iodie Donlan

Reader 2 Robert Lees

Commentator Florence Pusey

> Music **BASIC GIFT**

**Powerpoint BASIC GIFT** 

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

**Welcomers** 

Eleanor Stuart Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 21 AUGUST**

Mon 22 Aug: The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue 23 Aug: St Rose of Lima, virgin Wed 24 Aug: St Bartholomew, apostle

St Louis and St Joseph Calasanz, priest Thu 25 Aug:

Friday of The 21st Week In Ordinary Time Year 2 Fri 26 Aug:

Sat 27 Aug: St Monica



**Parish Council** 

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