



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.

2nd Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

We are drawn to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

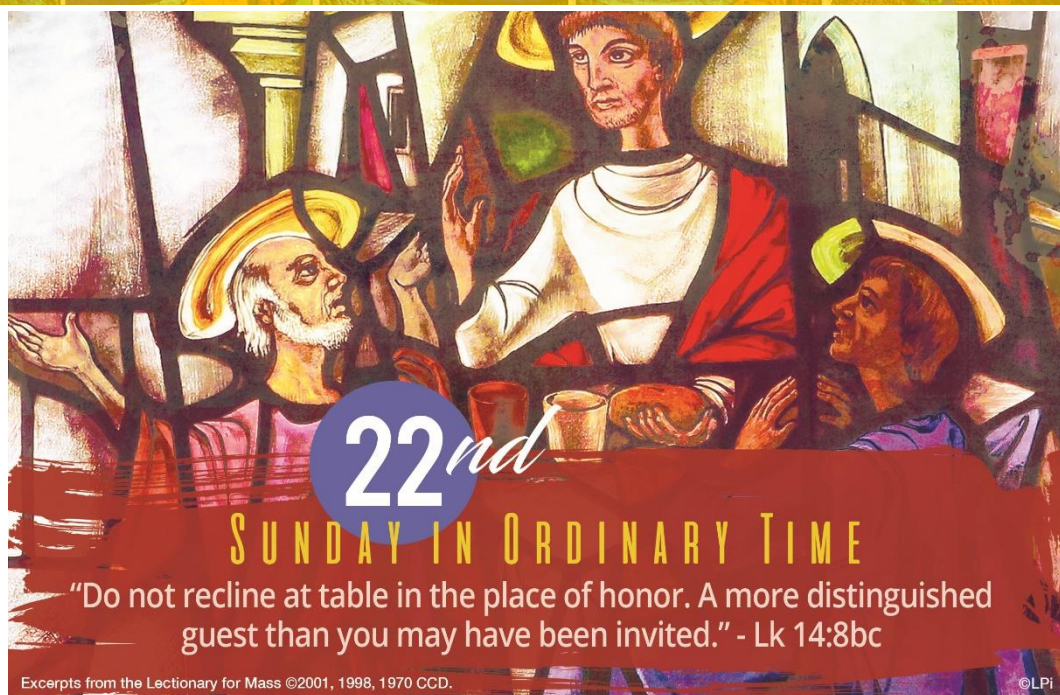
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gently and humble of heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:17-14

Humble yourself and be exalted.



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

I took this reading to heart when I was young and humbled myself whenever possible. My way of doing this was by putting myself down. It took my spiritual director years to straighten me out. I am still trying to learn that true humility is being honest about our gifts: not exaggerating them, not dismissing them and certainly not comparing them to others'.

It does God a disservice if we constantly belittle our gifts. I did that all the time. Someone would complement me on my work, and I would respond by saying how much better Joan was at hers. It took me years to learn to respond with a simple, "Thank you."

Teaching children this kind of humility is an ongoing job. We often work so hard to help them grow in self-esteem that we forget to teach them how to internalize their real value and gifts. As a grandmother, I confess, this is one of my bad habits. My three-year-old took

this grandchild can sneeze, and I'll start to applaud.

I remember reading somewhere that when a child gets to a certain age it's important to help her begin to critique her own work. Rather than gushing "that's great" for every dinosaur or flower she draws, a wise parent asks his or her child what the child thinks of her own drawing. Just make sure that the child doesn't equate herself with her work. Let her know that she is loved for who she is, not just what she can do.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask family members to name two talents they have, and one talent they would like to have.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

What are your gifts and talents? How do you use them to help yourself, your family and others?

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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:

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle"

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, Bambi Rose, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Deepa Mary Joy, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, John Warne, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Manny Valladores, Bernardita Delmonte, Gary Owen, Maria Sloan, Juan Dalit, Brendan Sullivan, Lorraine Robinson, Theresa Meneses.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Louis Tham, Yolanda Floro, Teresita Fonacier, Marietta Villafuerte, Brendan Sullivan, Arnaud Rajasombat, Mato Pavlovic, Alexander Lasam Felix, Liza Turkai, Joe Mifsud.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Pearl Francis, Luz Molina, Capt. Jose Molina, Margarita Are, Matiasa Cusay, Ernedo Ortiz Sr, Agnes Kinny, Jose Gacis, Sixta Santos, Lyra Monteiro, Pat Maculey, Eslyn Fernandez, Anthony & Lucy Fernandes, Feliciano Fernandes, David Joseph, Antonio Espinola, Amelita Columna, Mary Anne & Carmelo Avellino, Jun Marcelo, Peter Dynesius.

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:

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

GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are." These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God's grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Sirach speaks of humility as a virtue to embrace. Why do you think Jewish wisdom tradition often saw humility as an admirable human trait?

Second Reading: Hebrews speaks of the sacrificial blood of Jesus providing us with unprecedented direct access to God. How do you share this good news with others?

Gospel Reading: Jesus spoke to the "leading Pharisees" about the importance of humility and to freely give to those on the margins with no expectation of repayment. When have you done so in 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, 13th Sept, 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.



RILEY QUYNH NHU HOANG
(Daughter of Quang and Helen)
MATTEO VALENTI
(Son of Matteo and Rebecca)

WEEKLY
JUSTICE
CHALLENGES

The powerful Gospel this Sunday has Jesus teaching us to be humble and not seek the best seat in the house. He also wants us to be hospitable to the most marginalized people in our communities. He tells his followers to invite the "poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" to our banquets—in other words, those who can't pay us back. Your challenge this week is to extend an invitation to someone less fortunate than you—to a family barbecue, breakfast, a movie, or just coffee. Go out of your comfort zone and share your own blessings with someone who cannot pay you back.

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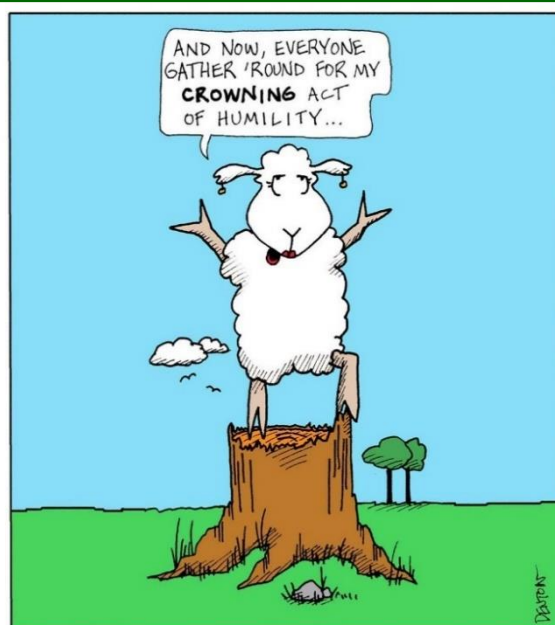
RESURRECTION

"For you will be repaid
at the resurrection of
the righteous."

LUKE 14:14

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God."

Sheepish Question:

Who am I trying to impress?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



MOTHER & SON
ST. MONICA
& ST. AUGUSTINE

St Monica – 27 August
St Augustine – 28 August

*Happy Feast Day
Augustinians!*



**PRAY FOR OUR
FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

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.



AN OINTING

Friday 2 Sept, 9.05am

Reconciliation available
before Mass from 8.30-9am



**ADORATION
OF THE EUCHARIST**

FRI 2 SEPT • 7.30-8.30PM

PRIORY MAINTENANCE WORKS

The Priory (residence) of our Augustinian clergy at 3 Peter Pan Glen will undergo some much-needed maintenance works from mid-September until December (just before Christmas). Because of this, they will be staying in the Augustinian community in Greystanes from the 1st week of October until December.

We are looking for parishioners who have extra space in their shed to temporarily store the priory furnitures. For more information, please contact the parish office or approach Bro. Huy.

The maintenance works will be supervised and paid for by the Diocese of Parramatta. We thank the Diocese for their support.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



FIESTA DINNER AND RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE

The 2022 Marian Fiesta Dinner and Raffle 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

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

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

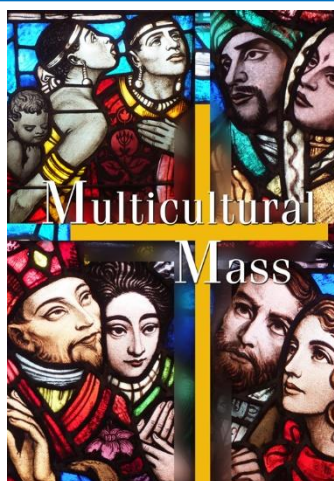
Third Prize: \$200

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



**THE ANNUAL
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**Sunday 11 Sept 2022
9.30am Mass**

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- 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



Wedding Anniversary Mass 11 Sept 2022, 9.30AM MASS

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



Everyone is invited to the **Opening of the DAVID CURRIE PLAYSPACE** on Monday 19 Sept 2022, 10-10.30am at Banks Drive Reserve, St Clair.

As you can remember David Currie was a member of our community and has contributed a lot not only to our parish community, but also to the local community.

It includes accessible spinner, climbing net and slide, multi-bay swing, toddler specific multi-play unit, sensory play, wheelchair accessible trampoline and double flying fox.



**Pastoral
Formation**

Pastoral Formation Mission and Evangelisation Short Course

Looking for confidence to share your faith? Want to evangelise through life-giving faith conversations? On 3 Thursday nights (Sept 8, 15, 22) journey together with Maddy Forde, a life and faith leader in our Australian Church and representative to the Vatican in the area of youth.

Face-to-face from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown).

LIMITED SEATS. Register by 21 August via met@parracatholic.org OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

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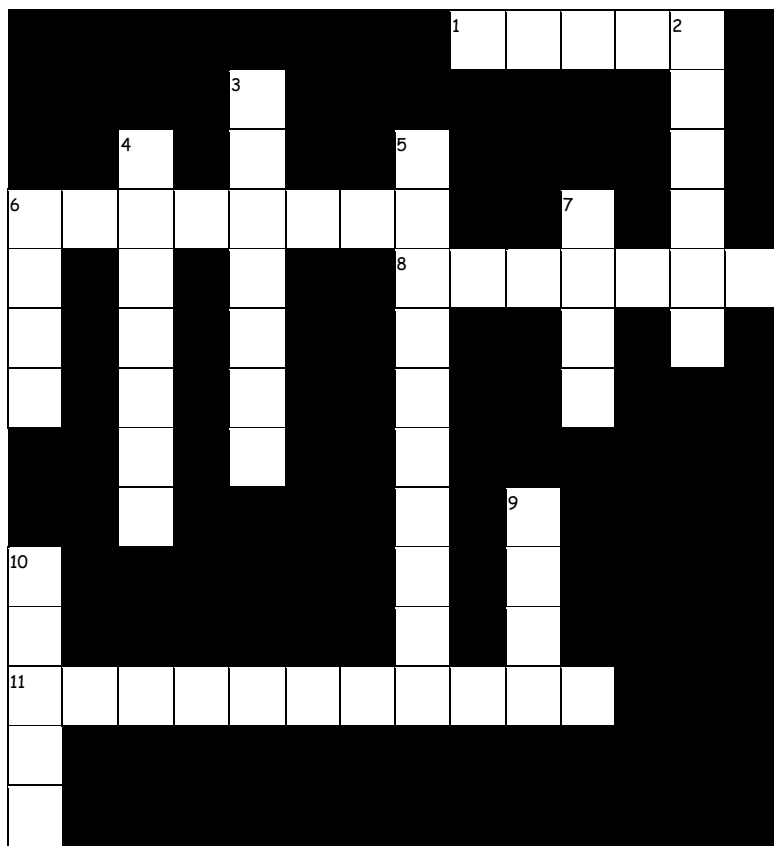


"The community must live in harmony, being of one mind and heart on the way to God."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD

Humble yourself and you will be honoured



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DOWN:

- 2: an evening meal
- 3: people we are close to
- 4: a lavish, ceremonious meal
- 5: people in our neighbourhood
- 6: to have little or no money, food or possessions
- 7: wealthy
- 9: unable to walk
- 10: a person entertained at the house or table of another

ACROSS:

- 1: unable to see
- 6: Jewish religious elder
- 8: asked to attend
- 11: made to feel uncomfortable of self-conscious

CREATION CARE TIPS

"When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors ... But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind." —Luke 14:12-13



Jesus often used the image of a banquet or a celebration to help us understand how God offers us a life of abundance. Sadly, too often wealthy nations have profited at the expense of poorer and developing nations, often plundering their natural resources in the process. Such exploitation has supplied a super-abundance for a small minority of people while the majority of people on the earth struggle to meet their basic needs. This week, make an effort to go out of your way to share your material abundance with someone who has less.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

NEXT WEEKEND (4 SEPT): 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1st Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can know the will of God?

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17
(R.1)

*In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.*

2nd Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

*Paul sends Onesimus, formerly a
slave, back to Philemon as a
brother.*

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 119.135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your
servant and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

*Disciples must renounce all
possessions.*

3 SEPT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Peter Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Hazel Littlewood

Sylvia Herft

Jeanne Appleton

Reader 1

Eileen Baena

Reader 2

Sheila Francis

Commentator

Moirra Rebello

Music

AMEN Choir

Powerpoint

Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Sonia Oliveira

Selwyn Oliveira

Volunteers Needed

4 SEPT, 8AM

Minister at the Altar

Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Louise Bucholtz

Ron Brackett

Lisa Brackett

Reader 1

Micheal Hay

Reader 2

Stephen Middleton

Commentator

Christine Younes

Music

Manuel Fidow

Powerpoint

Carol Vella

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Angela Pecnik

Volunteers Needed

4 SEPT, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar

Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Sina Carvalho

Tina Fernandes

Seaview Kama

Reader 1

Joy Rulewski

Reader 2

Cathy Allen

Commentator

Tes Barnes

Music

Luchie's Choir

Powerpoint

Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Sue Oram

Jenny Kyd

Volunteers Needed

4 SEPT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Esther Rose

Lumen Decena

Kate Blasco

Reader 1

Corinne Brooker

Reader 2

To Be Notified

Commentator

Robert Lees

Music

El Shaddai S G Choir

Powerpoint

El Shaddai S G Choir

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Esther Rose

Volunteer Needed

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 28 AUGUST

Mon 29 Aug: Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Tue 30 Aug: Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

Wed 31 Aug: Wednesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

Thu 1 Sept: Thursday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

Fri 2 Sept: Friday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

Sat 3 Sept: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church



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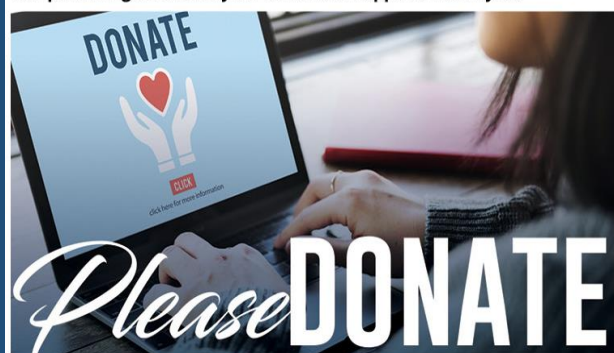
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If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Mila, accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au. Thank you so much for your support of our parish!

