

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 *The just one shall live.* 

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a) If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

**2nd Reading** 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 *The Spirit makes us strong.* 

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 1.25 Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the good news. Alleluia!

# Gospel

Luke 17:5-10 The apostles ask for increased faith.

# 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

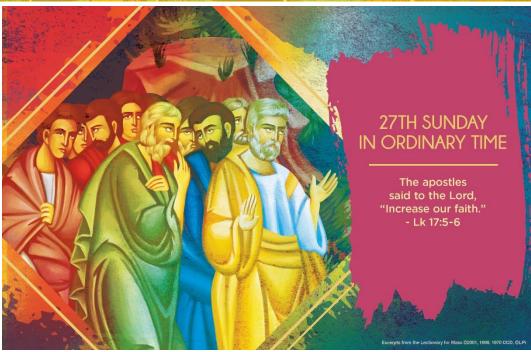
Monday and Wednesday Mass, 7am (except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 9.05am

1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Some of the greatest theologians and saints once questioned the existence of God. It's not a sin to doubt our faith. Sometimes it's a healthy sign of growth. But it can be pretty scary when our youngsters begin questioning the truths, we hold most sacred.

My youngest son was fourteen when he put the question to me: "Mom, what if there isn't a God?" After some discussion about what he was thinking and feeling, I realized he was just as concerned about the fact that he was questioning as the question itself. I offered some advice that I've tried to follow myself: "As long as you keep honestly searching for the truth, you'll be fine."

This search for truth can be a lifelong adventure; questioning and even doubting are often a part of the process. Our job as parents is to lay a solid faith foundation so our children feel free to ask their questions, but also know where to look for answers. We do this from their earliest years by sharing Scripture and praying with them, by talking about what we believe and by taking them to church to worship, learn and serve with their peers and the larger parish.

We cannot argue our children into faith. We cannot make them believe. We know they were gifted with faith at their baptism, and we can only trust that if they keep honestly searching for the truth, they will find it. In the end they will see God, because God is truth.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Talk about the good deeds family members did last week. Ask each family member to think about the following question: "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?" Share your questions.

PERSONAL RESPONSE: Is faith important to you? Why or why not? If it is important, in what ways do you model your faith at home?

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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.

# 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: <u>https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/</u> We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

# SICK:

Linda Allen, Yvonne Funnell, Romeo Prieto, Brendan Gallagher, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Christine Younes, Lina Cuschieri, Tessa Acosta, Carmelo Mederos, John Bogaz, Branko & Ljubica Salama, Anne Fidler, Isla Camborne, John Cassar.

# **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Betty Thoms, Bambi Rose, Jane Alejandro, Larry Cruz, Honorato Santos, John Vic Tay, Aurora Urian, Fr Denis D'Souza, Louis Tham, Gail Nash, Sue Colwell.

# **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Siu Loan See Co, Silvester Decena, Olive & Walter Murphy, Florence Kearney, Olga & Terence Littlewood, Margaret & Henry Emmanuel, Francis Theodore Foster, Josette Sultana, Katrina Mercia, Joseph Mercia, Minoo Hiramanek, Norbert Mascarenhas, Erwin Dabu, Eduardo Dabu, Danny Barnes, Lydia Viajar.

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

# **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 secret of Christian living is love. Only love fills the empty spaces caused by evil."

# 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.

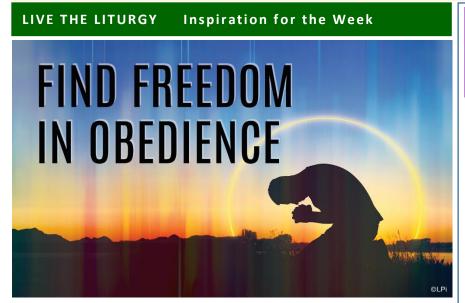
Regular Parish Contribution Form and other ways to donate: <u>www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations</u>



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

GOD BLESS YOU.





Why does God allow evil and suffering to occur? Looking around at what is happening in the world, it is tempting to get angry with God for not actively intervening. Jesus walked among the suffering and evil of his day. While he healed some things, he simply sat with the sinner, challenged the leaders, and spoke against injustice. Jesus spoke of God's kingdom and his vision for humanity. But he made it very clear that it is our responsibility to realize this vision. The disciples saw how Jesus lived and dealt with the day's circumstances. They wanted that same faith and determination. They wanted his fortitude and courage. Mostly, they wanted Jesus' confidence and patience that God's vision would someday be fulfilled. In the meantime, waiting in joyful hope, we become servants who do what is necessary: love, repent of our sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. Willingly giving witness to our faith, we expect nothing in return.

# **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading:** The prophet Habakkuk complained to the Lord about the violence and misery that existed in his time. In response, the Lord instructed Habakkuk to record the vision he sent him, and to be patient in waiting for its fulfillment. Where are you waiting for the Lord's vision or direction in your life?

**Second Reading:** Paul urges Timothy to see his life and work as a model for passing on the faith, especially in times of hardship. Where do you feel it is hardest to talk about Jesus in your life?

**Gospel Reading:** When the apostles ask Jesus to "increase our faith," Jesus challenges them to adopt the attitude of a servant. How do you think being a loyal servant to the Lord can increase your faith?



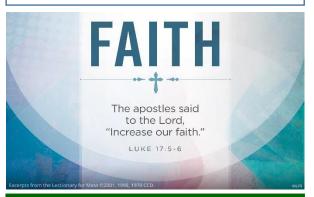
Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 11 October, 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.





October is the Month of the Rosary. We honour our Blessed Mother and focus on her role in the life of Christ through the Mysteries of the Rosary. The Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation, reminds us of how Mary, even when she carried the Son of God in her womb, was still mindful of others. She went in haste to visit and support her cousin Elizabeth, who in her old age was pregnant with John the Baptist. Your challenge this week is to pray this decade of the Rosary, then discuss who needs you to visit and support them. Then do it! At the end of the week, pray the Magnificat (*Luke 1:46-56*) and, like Mary, praise God for lifting up the meek and the lowly.

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# THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint."

Sheepish Question: How would I describe the scale of my faith?

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS





Spring Training Opportunities! Have you had a chance to complete your Safeguarding Training Yet? Do you need to catch up on some Modules?

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding Training this spring.

Please choose one of the following options and register for your Safeguarding Modules.

# U Weekday Training -

Bishop Bede Heather Centre – 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October (All Modules: 9.30am - 2.30pm)

# U Weekday Morning Training –

St Andrew's Marayong (Fr Byrne Centre) – 36-40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong

- Module 1: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October (10am-11am)
- Module 2: Monday 31st October (10am-11.30am)
- Module 3: Monday 7th November (10am-11.30am)

# Saturday Training -

St Matthew's Windsor – 12 Tebbutt Street Windsor Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October (All Modules: 10am - 3pm)

Please register for one of these options by emailing: <a href="mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org">safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org</a>

If you would like to complete the training online 'Sign Up' by clicking on this link: https://learning.safeguarding.org.au

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: <u>maria.kervin@parracatholic.org</u>



https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/

During November we offer Masses for the dead. If you would like to enrol a loved one on the Parish November Mass list, they will have Mass offered for them. They will be included in the Masses for the Holy Souls, and they be prayed for (collectively) during the intercessions each day in November.

You can do it online thru our parish website.

November Mass Offering envelopes are also available in the church foyer.



We are inviting Year 12 students who will be taking the HSC to come and join us on Sunday 9 October, 6pm Mass for a special blessing.



Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21– August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at <u>www.parrawyd.org</u>. Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org



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# 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

and lots of consolation prizes!!!



# Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Vincent

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall.

All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent.

Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at <u>marriage@parracatholic.org</u> by 21 October.

Family and friends are welcome.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH invites you to the celebration of the 2022 Feast of

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

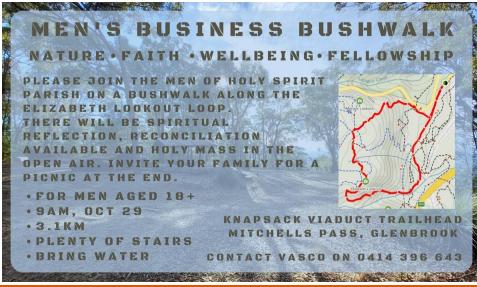


Sat 22 October 5pm, Block Rosary 6pm, Mass Main Presider: Bishop Vincent Long (followed by dinner, entertainment and raffle)

# NOVENA

7.30pm, Holy Spirit Church Thu 13 Oct, Philippines Fri 14 Oct, Men's Business Sat 15 Oct, Sri Lanka/Pakistan Sun 16 Oct, BASIC GIFT Mon 17 Oct, Pacific Islands Tue 18 Oct, India Wed 19 Oct, Australia Thu 20 Oct, Europe Fri 21 Oct, Africa & Mauritius

For more info, contact PARISH OFFICE: P: 9670 8222 • E: admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au • OFFICE HOURS: Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm



# AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"For if a thing is not diminished by being shared with others, it is not rightly owned if it is only owned and not shared."

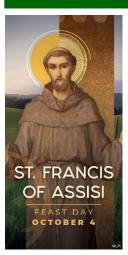
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# **CREATION CARE TIPS**



We celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi this week. Francis is without a doubt one of the most well-known and beloved saints in our tradition. He is particularly known for his



love of creation so he is the patron saint of ecology. In honor of Francis, choose one thing, anything, you can do this week to protect our earth. It might be drinking tap water instead of bottled water, or recycling if you aren't already doing so, or walking or riding bikes instead of taking the car somewhere close. Then, at the end of the week, challenge yourselves as a family to continue the practice on a regular basis.

# WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

# Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

#### Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches are us "Blessed the peacemakers" and to "love your enemies." All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family - brothers and sisters despite what divides 115 Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The "Just War Theory" was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also moral included obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honoured. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

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# NEXT WEEKEND (9 OCTOBER): 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1<sup>st</sup> Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17 Naaman is cured of leprosy.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 (*R*.2b) *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.* 

**2nd Reading** 2 Timothy 2:8-13 If we die with Jesus we will live with him.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Thessalonians 5.18 Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

# Gospel

Luke 17:11-19 Jesus cures ten lepers, one returns with thanks.

FLOWERS:Group 4 (Green)CLEANERS:Group 1BANNERS:Green	Wed 5 Oct: Thu 6 Oct: Fri 7 Oct: Sat 8 Oct:	Wednesday of the 27 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2 St Bruno, priest Our Lady of the Rosary Saturday of the 27 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2
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### 8 OCT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Peter Moriarty Eucharistic Ministers Dita Sy

> Moira Rebello Janice Salmon *Reader 1* Florence Pusey

*Reader 2* Volunteer Needed

*Commentator* Corinne Cerdor *Music* 

Victor Brangwin **Powerpoint** Nanette I.

Junior Servers Amalia / Cameron Welcomers

Terry Serrao Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Mon 3 Oct:

Tue 4 Oct:

9 OCT, 8AM *Minister at the Altar* Carol Vella

Eucharistic Ministers Belen Leynes Celeste Lapid Lisa Brackett Reader 1

> Manuel Fidow *Reader 2*

Sally Banguis *Commentator* Dawn Timmins

*Music* Pierre D'Cunha

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

*Junior Servers* Alexis / Michael

Welcomers Sarah Damole Jun Damole Espy Sarno

St Francis of Assisi

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2 OCTOBER** 

Monday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2

# 9 OCT, 9.30AM

*Minister at the Altar* Anthony Bertumen

*Eucharistic Ministers* Ken Allen Cathy Allen

Jenny Kyd **Reader 1** 

Carmen Marcelo Reader 2

Uinise Blake *Commentator* Bianca Dowsett

*Music* Mary Immaculate Choir

> **Powerpoint** Boy Sanosa

*Junior Servers* Lynden / Noah

Welcomers Sue Oram Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed 9 OCT, 6PM *Minister at the Altar* 

Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers Kate Blasco Esther Rose Robert Lees

> **Reader 1** Kate Blasco

*Reader 2* Sue Oram

*Commentator* Candice Salmon

*Music* Alleluia Choir

*Powerpoint* Volunteer Needed

*Junior Servers* Mason / Daniel

*Welcomers* Esther Rose Eleanor Stuart Volunteers Needed

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#### 2 OCTOBER 2022



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