

1st Reading

Amos 6:1. 4-7 Woe to the complacent.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (*R*.1) *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

2nd Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16 Fight the good fight.

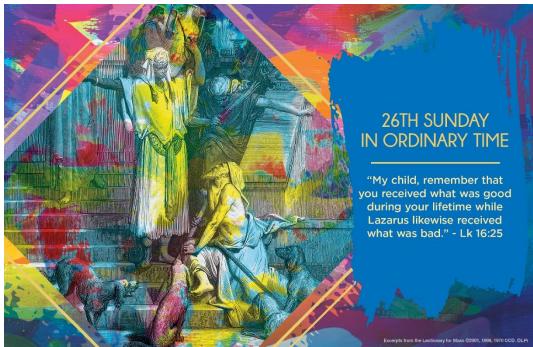
Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8.9
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became
poor, to make you rich out of his
poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.



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 learned about giving from one's bounty when my youngest son, Peter, was four. I was sorting through his T-shirts one day, putting aside some of the older and faded ones for the parish clothing drive. When he asked what I was doing, I told him they were for some poor children. He went to his bottom drawer and pulled out three relatively new shirts and brought them to me, telling me he was sure the children would like those better.

That afternoon, I realized the difference between Christian charity and simply donating to the poor. I began to understand that with true charity there are no "haves" and "have-nots." Christian charity involves a sharing of equals, who are all members of God's family. This subtle difference of attitude was made clear to me when my four-year-old just wanted to share with another little boy.

Why not make an effort as a family to give from your bounty? Talk to your

children about being a part of God's family. Ask them to choose some of their toys or other articles to share with brothers and sisters they may never meet. Model this spirit of giving by sharing some things that you still value. You might also choose to have a soup-and-crackers meal. By leaving the table still hungry, you can choose to experience a bit of the hunger many people have no chance to avoid.

True acts of Christian charity bridge the gap between the "haves" and the "havenots." They are steps to building a world where everyone has enough. It's a great lesson for all of us to learn: sharing with our brothers and sisters and learning to give from our best rather than our surplus.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Ask family members to think of one good deed they can do in the coming week. Share your ideas. Next week, remember to ask how each person did.

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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:

"Love is the greatest power for the transformation of reality because it pulls down the walls of selfishness and fills the ditches that keep us apart."

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:

Linda Allen, Yvonne Funnell, Brendan Gallagher, Andrew Boulos, 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, Marilon Peña Ramirez, Carmelo Mederos, Loree Mante, Christine Younes, Tessa Acosta, Gabriel Fajardo, Lina Cuschieri, Luz Mier, Alice Grech, Yasmin O'Connell.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jane Alejandro, Larry Cruz, Honorato Santos, John Vic Tay, Aurora Urian, Jonathan Tjars, Emily Paz-Moritz, Mara Adriana Decena, Dona Bouche, John Amjadali, Betty Thoms, Stanley Plunkett, Sr Katherine Prince FMM, Louis Tham, Drago Marjanovic, Joe Mifsud.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Florence Kearney, Francis Theodore Foster, Benita Azores Nicollo Ramirez, Liling Santos, Ste Salazar, Elmer Ramos, Chit Isla, Milagros Obsequio, Alvin Lai, Elena Fajardo, Marina Paz, Norbert Mascarenhas, Clive Toomey, Dennis Gordon, Paulina Ocampo, Nelia Reyes, Rosalia Berin, Delfin J Wenceslao Jr, Mara Marjanovic, Grga Marjanovic, Sr Marcelinna Pinto FMM, Emily & Ted Aquino, Moises Nuqui, Dorothy Thomas, Minoo Hiramannek, Erwin Dabu, Eduardo Dabu.

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 can be blindly arrogant and selfish. For some, the lens through which we view life is the lens of self-benefit. Having this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no genuine concern. Being self-sufficient and resilient, we can wonder if all of this "God-talk" is for real. If we believe we are solely responsible for our destiny and well-being, what place is there for God? Tangible faith requires an actual change of heart, a conversion. It involves walking a courageous journey of transformation that consists of a shift in priorities and focus. Humility becomes the order of the day. An authentic loving relationship with God blossoms within a person's soul. God becomes an ever-faithful companion. Whether this faith is stumbled upon because of messages heard from prophets in our midst or from someone coming back from the dead, the journey is the same. Faith has to be owned and become something permanent. If we are unwilling to lose the arrogance, any truth-filled message will fall on deaf ears.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Amos criticizes those living comfortable lives, oblivious to the social decay surrounding them. How do you respond to the pain and suffering of others?

Second Reading: Paul urges Timothy to live his faith authentically in preparation for judgement day. In what ways do you practice an authentic faith life?

Gospel Reading: In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus forewarns the Pharisees about the great reversal of the rich and poor in the afterlife. How do you imagine the Pharisees reacted to this parable?

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 11 October, 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



LUNA QUINN RICHARDS

(Daughter of Nikolas and Tamara) **DAISY GRACE SMITHERS**

(Daughter of Troy & Stephanie)

JAIDEN JACKSON

(Son of Stuart & Alice)

ARIANA VUKANCIC

(Daughter of Marko & Milica)

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(Daughter of Zubin & Chelsea)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). Ironically, we don't see the rich man doing anything bad—he didn't hit Lazarus or make him leave or even vell at him. So why did he end up in eternal damnation? It was because he didn't even notice his suffering brother. The rich man was totally oblivious to the needs of Lazarus. Your challenge this week is to increase your awareness. Look at your community, your country, and even your world with new eyes. Who are the invisible poor who need your help? Discuss every evening who you have noticed for the first time. Then, at the end of the week, as a family or an individual choose one action you can do to help a person or a group whom you identified. The help could be a financial donation, direct service, or a form of advocacy on their behalf (e.g., emailing your state legislators to change laws to provide more aid to the homeless or single-parent families or the mentally ill).

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK









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"The Lord gives sight to the blind ...raises up those who were bowed down."

Sheepish Question:

Where have I failed to notice someone in need?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS









6PM
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse social Justice Statement 2022-23

Action

How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse



• Listen to, support, and believe those who are experiencing violence and abuse.



 Speak out about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.



 Publicise the support available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.



 Reflect together on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.



 Reject spiritual abuse by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.



 Connect with programs, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.

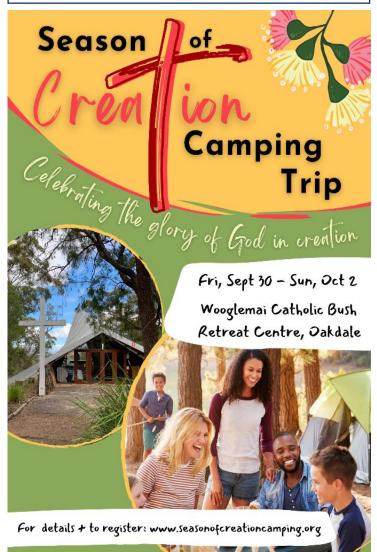


Promote resources on responding to family and domestic violence produced by dioceses e.g. Perth, Broken Bay and Parramatta.



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 www.parrawyd.org. 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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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2022 MARIAN FIESTA SOUVENIR BOOK

An Invitation to All Parishioners & Friends

On Sat 22 October, we will have the closing ceremony of our Holy Spirit Parish's 40th Year Foundation Anniversary and our annual Marian Fiesta celebration.

The 2022 Fiesta Committee, hosted by Africa & Mauritius communities, we would like to cordially invite you to participate in our fundraising drive. We humbly ask you to subscribe in our Souvenir Book to have your greetings or business advertisement posted therein for a fee.

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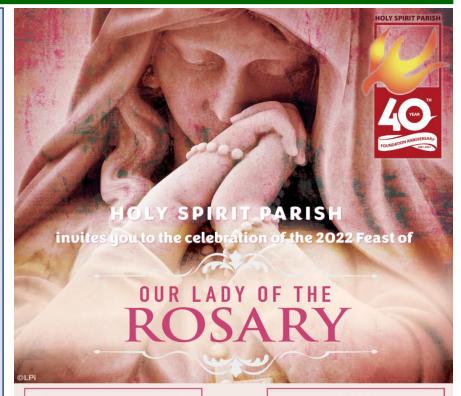
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All proceeds of which will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of our parish.

Any enquiries or further clarifications about this fundraising event, please call Sarah Damole on 0405 756 752 or email scanetedamole@gmail.com or Jenny Kyd on 0401 335 964 or email jkyd@bigpond.net.au.

We need you to email your photos/artwork/branding logo with your message/advertisement on or before the 30th of September 2022.

Thanking you in anticipation and God bless.



MARIAN TALK

Wed 12 October, 7.30pm Speaker:

Sr Mary Louise Walsh, ISSM

FIESTA DAY

Sat 22 October

5pm, Block Rosary

6pm, Mass

Presider: Bishop Vincent Lon

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



FIESTA DINNER AND RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE

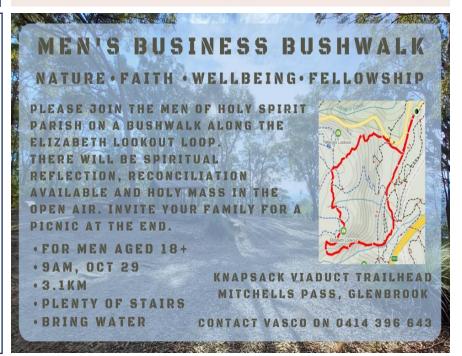
The 2022 Marian Fiesta Dinner and Raffle Tickets are now on sale at the Piety Stall.

- \$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!!!



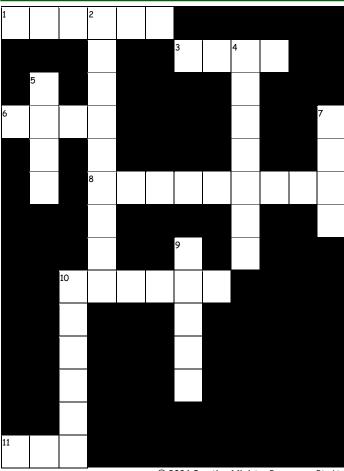
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"The Bible was composed in such a way that as beginners mature, its meaning grows with them."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Listen and turn to God



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ACROSS:

- 1: God's special messengers
- 3: where wicked people go when they die
- 6: the element that burns and gives off heat and light
- 8: experiencing pain or distress
- 10: someone who begs
- 11: the opposite of good

DOWN

- 2: something that costs a lot of money is described as this
- 4: the poor man who ate scraps from the table of the rich man
- 5: feel sorry for someone
- 7: the animals that licked the sores of the poor man
- 9: glad
- 10: placed in the ground

CREATION CARE TIPS

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table."

—Luke 16:19-21

Two thousand years after Jesus told this parable the inequality between the rich and the poor is even more scandalous. With modern agricultural knowledge and good stewardship of natural resources, the earth can produce enough food to feed all of its population. What it can't do is feed the entire population at the level of wasteful extravagance some live today. By eating lower on the food chain and eating food that is grown more sustainably we free up resources for more people to be fed. This week, shop at a farmer's market, switch a conventional purchase to an organic one (e.g. organic milk instead of non-organic), eat a few more vegetarian meals, or choose popcorn, dried fruit, or nuts for a simple snack instead of a highly packaged and processed treat.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Who is St. Jerome and why is he so significant that we honoured him with a feast on September 30?

Answer:

St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366-384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the people. common translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day. ©LPi

NEXT WEEKEND (2 OCTOBER): 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1st 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.

FLOWERS: Group 4 (Green)

CLEANERS: Group 1
BANNERS: Green

1 OCT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Peter Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Hazel Littlewood Sylvia Herft Jeanne Appleton

Reader 1

Moira Rebello

Reader 2 Eileen Baena

Commentator

Sheila Francis

Music

AMEN Choir

PowerpointVolunteer Needed

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed Welcomers

Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira Volunteer Needed 2 OCT, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Louise Bucholtz Ron Brackett

Lisa Brackett

Reader 1

Christine Younes

Reader 2 Micheal Hay

Commentator

Stephen Middleton

Music

Manuel Fidow

Powerpoint

Carol Vella

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

Angela Pecnik
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

2 OCT, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar

Nono Gacis

Eucharistic Ministers

Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama

Reader 1

Tess Barnes

Reader 2

Joy Rulewski Commentator

Cathy Allen

Music Luchie's Choir

PowerpointIvan Fernandes

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed Welcomers

Volunteer Needed Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed 2 OCT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Esther Rose Lumen Decena

Sue Oram Reader 1

Robert Lees

Reader 2

Corinne Brooker

Commentator Sue Oram

Music

El Shaddai SG Choir

Powerpoint

El Shaddai SG Choir

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers

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Esther Rose
Volunteers Needed
Volunteers Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 25 SEPTEMBER

Diocese of Parramatta

Mon 26 Sept: Saints Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

Tue 27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul, priest

Wed 28 Sept: St Wenceslaus, martyr; St Lawrence Ruiz and comp, martyrs

Thu 29 Sept: Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels **Fri 30 Sept:** St Jerome, priest and Doctor of the Church

Sat 1 Oct: St Therese of Child Jesus, virgin 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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