

1st Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16 - 18 The Lord judges justly with no favourites.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34.1-2, 16-17, 18-22 (R.6) *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

2nd Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16 – 18
Paul concludes his writing, is ready
for the Day of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5.19
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14 Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

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

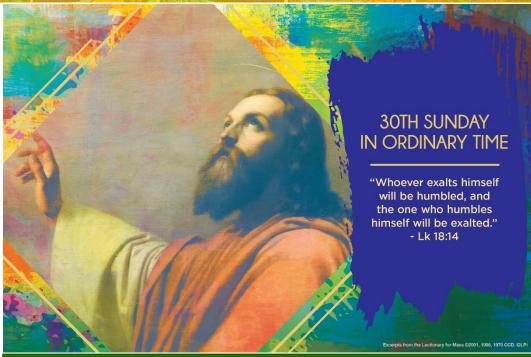
Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

Tax collectors were considered cheats and frauds—Jewish turncoats who worked for the enemy. The Pharisees were well-respected people of learning who were called to keep the people true to their faith and heritage. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, the Pharisee looks at the tax collector at the back of the temple and thanks God he is not like him. Whenever I hear this reading, I think of the supposedly Christian proverb: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

I have heard folks quote this phrase when they see someone who is homeless or destitute or storm-ravaged, as if it is God's lack of grace that caused their situation or problem. I have heard others use it when they hear about some convicted felon or murderer. They forget that they undoubtedly have also refused God's grace and failed in some areas of their own lives.

Only someone who can honestly confess no sin could say, "There, but for the

grace of God, go I," without exemplifying the pride of the Pharisee. Quite frankly the only proverb truly worthy of a Christian when observing another person is: "There go I."

Christ is in each person I encounter, whatever his faith or lack of faith. Christ is in all creation both on this earth and in this universe. We are all brothers and sisters, all one with God in the family of God. It is only when we can truly see our connection, this oneness that is God's plan, that God's kingdom will come.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Go through newspapers or magazines and cut out pictures of people's faces. Put together a collage for the refrigerator and title it, "We are all God's family."

PERSONAL RESPONSE: What person or types of persons in our society do you find it difficult to accept? How can you overcome this lack of love?

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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:

"We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God."

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, Joseph Cushieri, Victor Sciberras, Theodore Bergstedt, Anne Fidler, Isla Camborne, Jude De Vera, Marilou Peña, Branko & Ljubica Salama, Romeo Prieto, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Bill Lynch, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Anna Maria Jamison, Mary Ocampo, John Cassar, Daisy Rivera.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vicente Villote, Lina Cushiere, Joyce Millar, Louis Tham, Lorna Scott, Ken Young, Antonio P Sy, Rodolfo Sy.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Victor Manuel Vallejos Altamirano, Stella Anthony Samuel, Victorina Teodoro, Ronald (Joe) Richards, Patricio Ceballos Sr, Barbara Middleton, Sheila Tham, Gladys Moriarty, Melvena Dudley, Elizabeth Kirby, Pearl Francis, Greg Cole, Fr Francis Theodore Foster, Conrad and Shirley Francis, Terence George, Olga Littlewood, Macum Marjanovic, Ruzia Marjanovic, Evo Marjanovic, Esme McDonald, Victor Manuel Vallejos Altamirano, Pearl Francis.

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

GOD KNOWS NO FAVORITES



To be humble means to see ourselves as we are. It comes with the recognition that we are never perfect, better than another, or free of sin. The humble person knows their faults and failings as well as their successes and triumphs. They also realize that they are nothing without God, especially God's mercy. The humble one knows who they are, who they can be, and how they have fallen short. Being desperately in love with God, they know how they have sometimes given in to their desires rather than God's will, almost with a sense of embarrassment. Being justified in our relationship with God is not about a list of the good things we do and the bad things we don't. We are vindicated when we realize how totally dependent we are upon God's gratuitous, abundant, and unconditional love. It is a gift we often take for granted and is often unappreciated.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Sirach teaches us that the Lord hears the prayers of those most vulnerable — the oppressed, the widow, the orphan, and the poor — because God cares deeply about justice. Who do you know in those categories? How can you reach out to them?

Second Reading: In his second letter to Timothy, Paul speaks of his impending death and in his firm belief that he will receive a just reward for his ministry. When you think about the end of your life — what do you believe will happen to you for eternity?

Gospel Reading: In the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector, Jesus teaches crowds the proper approach to prayer: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." What do you think God says in response?

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 8 Nov, 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



NATALIA ROSE CARLINO

(Daughter of Jason and Amy)

MACKENZIE HAZEL WOODS

(Daughter of Benjamin and Rayleen)

MACIE MAY KATHERINE CHALKER

(Daughter of Daniel and Ashleigh)

ZAIRE ELIAS MAYNIGO

(Son of Edison and Rizelle)

HUNTER STEPHEN XERRI

(Son of Matthew and Chantelle)

ANDREA BUI

(Daughter of Peter and Maria)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sunday's Responsorial Psalm proclaims that "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." The question is: Do WE hear the cry of those in need—in our families, in our communities, in our country, and even in the world? Or are we too focused on our own issues and worries that we tune out the cries of those around us? Your challenge this week is to listen. Be open to hearing the cries of those who suffer from injustice, hatred, hunger, poverty, loneliness, or whatever might be keeping them from living in hope and joy. Listen to people's stories; listen to the news; just listen. Then choose one voice you have heard and decide how you can reach out and help the person whose cry spoke to your heart. It might be just listening further, or it might be donating time or money. The important thing is that you respond to the cry you have heard.

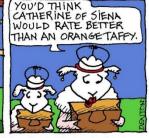
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THE SUNDAY FLOCK







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"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Sheepish Question:

Without dressing myself up, how would I rate saint-wise?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Join the Pastoral Council

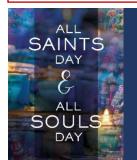
Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) 2023 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We invite you to open your heart to the movement of the Holy Spirit and consider serving the parish as a member of the Pastoral Council.

As a member of the PPC, you will:

- advise the parish priest on ministerial direction and development
- attend PPC meetings every 2nd Monday, 7pm

Nomination forms are available in the foyer. Nominations are open until Monday 31 October.



MASS TIMES:

Tue 1 NOV: 9.05am and 7pm

Wed 2 NOV: 7am and 7pm



Wedding Anniversary Mass 30 October 2022, 9.30AM MASS

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

SR JOAN KEOGH

It is with sadness we announce the death of Sr Joan Keogh, Parramatta Mercy. Sr Joan started as a pastoral sister in St Clair in 1983. Her funeral will be in their chapel 6 Victoria Road Parramatta at 10:30 am on Thursday 27th. No Parking on site. Parishioners from St Clair are most welcome.





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.



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.

□ Weekday Morning Training –

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

- Module 1: Monday 24th 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 29th October (All Modules: 10am - 3pm)

Please register for one of these options by emailing: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



There will be a special collection at all masses next weekend 29-30 OCTOBER

Please support the advocacy of Catholic Mission Australia

GETTING STARTED WITH AN ADVENT WREATH

On 27 November we begin with the new Liturgical Year – Year A. As we enter the Season of Advent, we encourage you to re/introduce this wonderful tradition of preparing your own Advent Wreath.

Take home with you a tri-fold brochure available in the foyer that explains on how to get started with an Advent Wreath.



This can help your family focus on preparing for Jesus' coming amidst the hustle and bustle of the season.

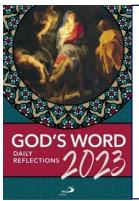
MARIAN FIESTA SOUVENIR BOOK

The Marian Fiesta Committee has prepared a Souvenir Book for our celebration as a memento of our 40th Year Foundation Anniversary.

The souvenir book is available at the Piety Stall for \$5 each.

We thank the Fiesta Committee, most especially the Publication and Invitation committee for this initiative.



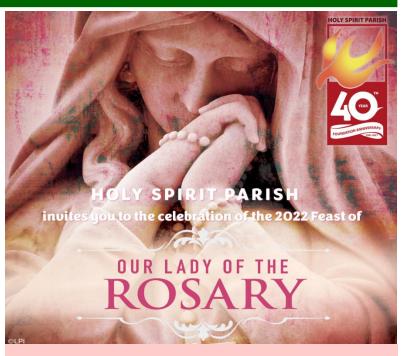


God's Word 2023: Daily Reflections

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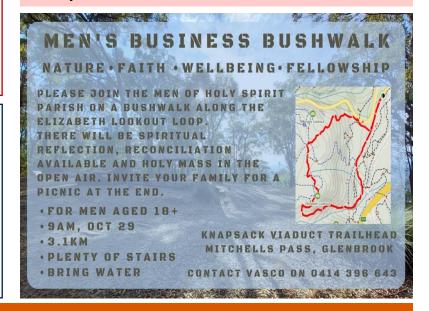


HAPPY FIESTA!!!

May God bless us all on this day as we continue to build bridges that unite us all to Christ.

Happy Feast Day to all Parishioners and friends.

We wish to give thanks to all the dedicated parishioners who made this year's Fiesta Celebration such a success. To our Fiesta Committee who worked diligently to bring you the Marian Talk, Novena, Raffle, Fiesta Mass, Lucky Door Prizes and the Dinner, we thank you for your commitment and tireless effort. To our hosts, the Africa-Mauritius Communities – thank you for highlighting the beauty of this culture in our parish. Finally, to all our volunteer parishioners who brought in donations of gifts or food, assisted with the Liturgy, helped to set up, man tables, clean up, led Novenas and assisted the committee in any way, we could not celebrate in this way without you. Once again, thank you!



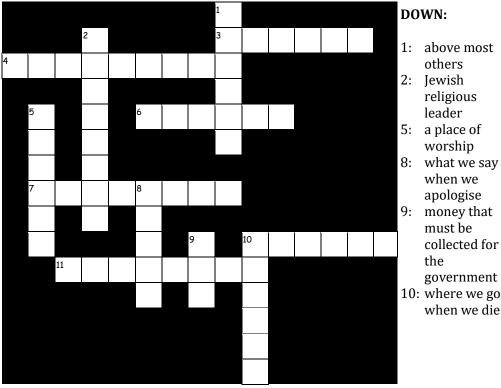
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Humble yourself and you will be honoured



- apologise
 - collected for
- 10: where we go when we die

ACROSS:

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- 3: consuming food
- 4: not honest
- 6: someone who wants more than one needs
- 7: satisfying
- 10: modest, lowly
- 11: a wedding is a celebration of the _____ rite

CREATION CARE TIPS

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday, and this week we celebrate the feast of Saint Anthony of Claret, a Spanish missionary and founder of the religious institute of missionaries known as the Claretians. As the head of the Archdiocese of Santiago in Cuba, Anthony advocated for family-owned farms for the poor of Cuba, believing that if they produced a variety of foods they could feed their families and sell the rest on the market to become self-sufficient.

Your challenge this week is to visit a farmer's market or make a point to buy something from a small, local, family-owned farm rather than buying the supermarket chain store version produced by farms owned by multi-national corporations. If you want to learn more about this issue, check out Barbara Kingsolver's book Animal, Vegetable, Miracle or Michael Pollan's Omnivore's Dilemma or In Defense of Food.

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

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming. making different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the

Church according to different states and functions. This

configuration to Christ and the

Church, brought about by the

Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set. the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

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NEXT WEEKEND (30 OCTOBER): 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1st Reading

Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2 The Lord loves all creation.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145.1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13cd-14 (R.1b)

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2 The day of the Lord is not yet here.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3.16 Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10 *Jesus enters the house of* Zacchaeus.

Group 3 (Green) FLOWERS:

CLEANERS: Group 5 **BANNERS:** Green

29 OCT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Dalton Gonsalvez Mary Fonseca Jacob Fonseca

Reader 1

Sheila Francis

Reader 2 Lea Jadraque

Commentator

Micheal Farrugia Music

Anglo-Indian Choir

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Alexandra / Jayden P

Welcomers

Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira Volunteer Needed 30 OCT, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon

Eucharistic Ministers

Faye Aboghazaleh Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett

Reader 1

Faye Aboghazaleh

Reader 2 Belen Leynes

Commentator Louise Bucholtz

Music

Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Christine Younes

Junior Servers Alexis / Samuel S

Welcomers

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed 30 OCT, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers

Lou de Guia

Luchie Gacis Lorraine Robertson

Reader 1 Vasco Gil

Reader 2 Nilo Gajo

Commentator

Sue Oram Music

Pedro Calungsod Choir

Powerpoint Boy Sanosa

Junior Servers

Nethin / Noah

Welcomers

Joe Duval Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed 30 OCT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Lorensz Herft

Eucharistic Ministers Robert Lees

Peter Smith Roslyn Smith

Reader 1 Corinne Brooker

Reader 2 Jodie Donlan

Commentator Romeo Prieto

Music

James W & Esther R

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers

Chinedu / Lennox

Welcomers Eleanor Stuart Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 23 OCTOBER

Diocese of Parramatta

Mon 17 Oct: Saint Ignatius Of Antioch, Bishop And Martyr

Tue 18 Oct: Saint Luke, Evangelist

Wed 19 Oct: Saints John De Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, Companions, &

Martyrs - Saint Paul Of The Cross, Priest

Thu 20 Oct: Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2 Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2 Fri 21 Oct:



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Michael Paulo, Vince Cachia, Eleanor Stuart (BASIC GIFT Youth Representative)

Fr Michael Belonio OSA, Fr Peter Tangey OSA, Rev John Zhang, OSA

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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.

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

