



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

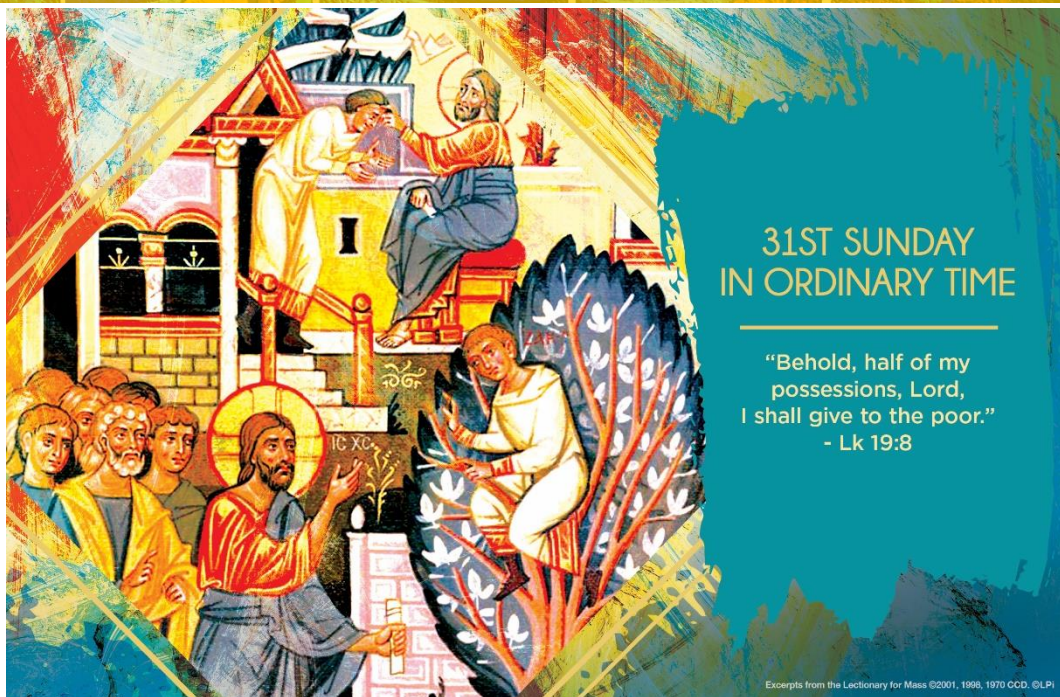
2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2
The day of the Lord is not yet here.

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.



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor.”
 - Lk 19:8

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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**

It is safe to assume that most people in the crowd would have loved to entertain Jesus in their homes, but Jesus chooses the tax collector who is disliked by all. Undoubtedly, the majority of the people who surround Jesus and Zacchaeus are really good people. So why does Jesus pick Zacchaeus?

Zacchaeus certainly catches Jesus' attention by climbing that tree. He is a person interested in finding out more about Jesus. Maybe it is the crowd's negative reaction when Jesus calls Zacchaeus down that spurs the invitation. Jesus looks at the crowd, and he looks at Zacchaeus and knows the poor fellow needs help.

Two things are clear from this story: God's invitation goes out to all of us, and receiving that invitation doesn't depend on our own worthiness or goodness. It doesn't matter if we are short or tall, great or mediocre. God sees us with the eyes of a loving father. He wants us to

become all we are capable of becoming. He has chosen us and invites himself into our lives. It is up to us to clear the path and invite him in.

Zacchaeus's response is also important to note. He changes. Once a rich man who may have used dubious means to acquire his wealth, he offers to give half of his money to the poor. That is how it should be with us, too. We will know that God is truly living in our hearts when our concern is focused on others, and not just with taking care of ourselves.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Ask each family member to think of someone they know who might need some encouragement or a friendly hand. Talk about how they can help.
PERSONAL RESPONSE: Have you ever felt like Zacchaeus, lost in the crowd and needing some attention? What can you do about it?

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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.

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:

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

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:

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

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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 does not set things in motion or create something and then step back to attend to other matters. When God creates, God remains connected. God’s continued and constant presence is necessary for everything we see to exist. Without God, life as we know it would cease. God’s imperishable spirit is in all things! Being the author of love, God cannot despise or hate Himself. Therefore, God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. How can God be repulsed by the image of Himself reflected in a human soul? Jesus goes to the homes of sinners. His very presence there is enough to change even the most conflicted and self-serving of hearts. The soul who realizes its utter dependency upon God is a soul who knows salvation. The beginnings of salvation’s blessings are discovered when we understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We find what our selfishness lost.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Wisdom teaches us that the Lord mercifully and lovingly awaits us to stop sinning and return to Him. What behaviors in your life are holding you back from a deeper relationship with Jesus?

Second Reading: Paul is concerned that the believers in the city of Thessalonica are being misled by others about the second coming of Christ. What do you think is an effective way to address any messages that belittle or disregard our beliefs?

Gospel Reading: Jesus sees in Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, an opportunity to teach the crowds that as the Son of Man, he has “come to seek and to save what was lost.” Are you included in that description? How does that make you feel?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This week we celebrate both All Saints and All Souls Days. On November 1, we honor the Communion of Saints. Many of the saints found their path to holiness by serving God’s most vulnerable. Your challenge this week is to choose a saint whose life modeled justice, compassion, and love for those in need. Use a book on the lives of the saints (we recommend *All Saints—Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time* from Crossroads Publishing) to find a saint who inspires your whole family/household. Read the life of this saint, then discuss one thing you can do to emulate the saint in his/her outreach to those in need. Then commit to doing it—at least once. But also challenge yourselves to make this an ongoing action for your family.

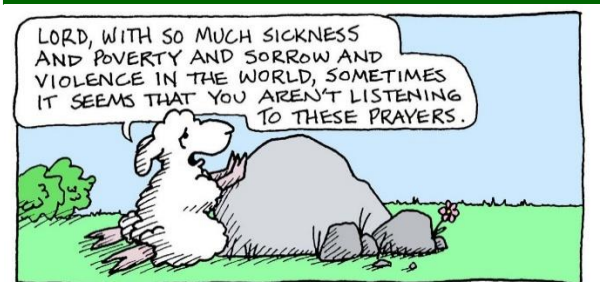
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POOR

“Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor.”

LUKE 19:8

THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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“Your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little.”

Sheepish Question:

When my desires are consistent with God's, how can I effectively invite others to join in?

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



- ARIANA VUKANCIC**
(Daughter of Marko and Milica)
- AVA ROSE VELLA**
(Daughter of Daniel and Jennifer)
- ARTORIOUS W. L. MATEARIKI**
(Son of Ace and Stevie-Lee)

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

AUGUSTINIAN APPOINTMENTS COMMENCING JANUARY 2023 HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

The Prior Provincial and Council of the Augustinians in Australasia have approved the following appointments to the Augustinian Community and Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair, from January 2023 onwards:

- Prior & Associate Pastor – Fr Dave Austin, OSA**
- Parish Priest – Fr Jepser Bermudez, OSA**
- Sub-Prior & Associate Pastor – Fr Peter Tangey, OSA**
- On Pastoral Formation – Bro. Hoang Huy Nguyen, OSA**

Fr Jepser has served here at Holy Spirit from Dec 2012 until Dec 2015. He is currently the director of Formation in Brookvale and Associate Pastor of North Harbour Catholic Community (Diocese of Broken Bay). Fr. Dave, on the other hand is currently the Parish Priest of the North Harbour Catholic Community and was the Parish Priest of Holy Spirit from 2011-2014.

Fr Michael will be assigned as Parish Priest of the North Harbour Catholic Community in Manly Vale (Diocese of Broken Bay) and the Sub-Prior of the Brookvale Formation Community. But prior to reporting to his new assignment, Fr Michael will have his Sabbatical leave and will do some courses in Rome and Jerusalem. He will be leaving for Rome on 28 December and will be back in Australia at the end of June 2023. He will report to his new role in July 2023.

Deacon John will be assigned as Prior of the Brookvale Formation Community and Deacon of North Harbour Catholic Community. He will leave the parish in January.

We look forward to welcoming back Fathers Dave and Jepser to St Clair. We also thank Fr Michael and Deacon John for their service to our community.



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

Please support the advocacy of Catholic Mission Australia



<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.

Friday 4 Nov, 9.05am
Reconciliation available before Mass from 8.30-9am

FRI 4 NOV • 7.30-8.30PM

MASS TIMES:
Tue 1 NOV:
9.05am and 7pm
Wed 2 NOV:
7am and 7pm

Sat 12 Nov, 7.30pm • Holy Spirit School MPA
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- Franz Santiago
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- Nida Hawley and Family
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- The Banguis Family
- Len Cruz Family
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- HSP Flower Ministry
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- Remy Morada and Family

We appreciate all the support extended to the Holy Spirit Parish Fiesta by the above businesses and families. We encourage you to support them.

A big THANK YOU to the Fiesta Committee and the generous volunteers and families of the parish who have contributed in any way to the success of our celebration.

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.



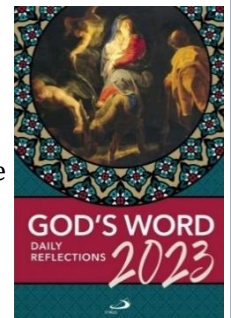
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Advent candle set of 4 (10 inches)

Available at the Piety Stall for \$15.



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Our sincerest thanks to the generous parishioners who gave donations to our school stationery appeal. It was a real success, and the goods are on the way for distribution to disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka as Christmas gifts.

An initiative of the Social Justice Commission of Holy Spirit Parish

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow."

St Augustine of Hippo



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

Question:

If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer:

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

If you know anyone who is discerning to become a priest or religious, contact Fr Percival Severe, OSA at 0439 111 932 or email psevere@osa.org.au.

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CREATION CARE TIPS

"For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it." —Wisdom 11:24



Take some time this week to look around you, whether you are outside or simply looking out the window, and thank God for every living thing you can see, whether it is something you have appreciated in your life (the redwood tree in your neighbors' yard) or something you've given little to no thought to previously (the unidentified insect crawling across the windowsill). You will be amazed how many things God created that you don't normally think to give praise for.

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NEXT WEEKEND (6 NOVEMBER): 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

<p>1st Reading 2 Maccabees 7:-2, 9 -14 <i>Seven brothers and their mother are tortured, but remain faithful.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 17.1, 5-6, 8+15 (R.15b) <i>Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5 <i>The Lord will strengthen you in faith.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation Revelation 1.5-6 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel Luke 20:27-38 <i>The Sadducees try to put Jesus in conflict with Moses.</i></p>	<p>5 NOV, 6PM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Peter Moriarty</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Hazel Littlewood Sylvia Herft Jeanne Appleton</p> <p>Reader 1 Sheila Francis</p> <p>Reader 2 Moira Rebello</p> <p>Commentator Eileen Baena</p> <p>Music AMEN Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer Needed</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>6 NOV, 8AM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Louise Bucholtz Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett</p> <p>Reader 1 Stephen Middleton</p> <p>Reader 2 Christine Younes</p> <p>Commentator Micheal Hay</p> <p>Music Manuel Fidow</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer Needed</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>6 NOV, 9.30AM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama</p> <p>Reader 1 Cathy Allen</p> <p>Reader 2 Tess Barne</p> <p>Commentator Joy Rulewski</p> <p>Music Luchie's Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>6 NOV, 6PM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Esther Rose Lumen Decena Sue Oram</p> <p>Reader 1 Sue Oram</p> <p>Reader 2 Robert Lees</p> <p>Commentator Corinne Brooker</p> <p>Music El Shaddai SG Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint El Shaddai SG Choir</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Esther Rose Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p>
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 30 OCTOBER

- Mon 31 Oct:** Monday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2
- Tue 1 Nov:** Solemnity of All Saints
- Wed 2 Nov:** The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Thu 3 Nov:** St Martin de Porres, religious
- Fri 4 Nov:** St Charles Borromeo, bishop
- Sat 5 Nov:** Saturday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2



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The 70% of the collection is for the regular running costs of the parish. 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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