

1st 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.

LITURGY TIMES

Saturday

Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2^{nd} & 4^{th} Sun, 6pm

Monday and Wednesday

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

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am

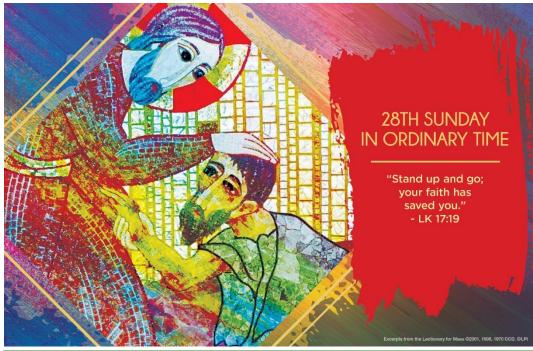
Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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

What happened to those other nine lepers who were cured? Why didn't they come back to thank Jesus? I've given it some thought, and I have come up with nine reasonable rationalizations. Some sounded pretty familiar to my ears. You could probably come up with a few of your own. Here are mine:

- 1. I want to get back to my family or friends or work. He'll understand.
- 2. I'll do it later. Maybe I'll even write him a nice note.
- It probably wasn't even a miracle.
 Maybe I just had a bad case of psoriasis.
- 4. Such a great guy doesn't expect thanks.
- 5. I have to get to the priest and do the required ritual, or the miracle might not last.
- 6. I never did anything to deserve getting leprosy, so I deserve the cure.
- 7. Why say thanks? Miracles are this guy's business.

- 8. I don't have time to double back.
- 9. I asked one of the other lepers to say thanks for me.

Teach your children not just to say "thank you," but to plant their feet firmly on the ground, look the person in the eyes and say the words meaningfully. A person who is truly grateful is a person who understands the give and take of relationships. They are also more likely to begin to appreciate the everyday gifts that surround them.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Ask each family member to think of at least three things they are grateful for this week. Share your lists and say a prayer of thanksgiving together. PERSONAL RESPONSE: Besides your family, what are you most thankful for? Who are the people in your life who deserve your thanks? Have you thanked them lately?

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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:

"Holiness means giving ourselves in sacrifice every day. And so married life is a tremendous path to sanctity!"

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, Marilou Peña Ramirez, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Jude de Vera, Christine Younes, Branko & Ljubica Salama, Isla Camborne, Romeo Prieto, Anne Fidler, Brendan Gallagher, Andrew Boulos, Alice Grech, Emilia Rose Moya, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, John Cassar.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Rudy Bugna OSA, Augusto Araneta, Bambi Rose, Betty Thoms, Louis Tham, Fr Denis D'Souza, Romeo Escobio Sr, Jun Alegata, Vicente Villote, Dona Bouche, Ken Young, Emily Paz Moritz, Delphine D'Souza.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Gladys Moriarty, Melvena Dudley, Fr Francis Theodore Foster, Mary Spagnol, Silvester Decena, Josette Sultana, Glen Bouche, Olive & Walter Murphy, Dunny Barnes, Lydia Viajar, Elizabet Kirby, Belen Valladores, Fernando Nunag, Manuel Inocencio.

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



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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



Expressing gratitude is a sign of a loving heart. When we have received a gracious gesture, the appreciation experienced forms a bond between the giver and receiver. This can only happen when abundance and kind gestures are seen as gifts and not something to which we are entitled. The power of gratitude is more profound when we realize all that we are and all we are given do not have a human source but are of God. Walking around believing that our glass is only half full leaves us always wanting more. We are never satisfied. We become nothing more than entitled pursuers of whatever we can get. Instead, the one who is eager to count their blessings and appreciate the wonder and beauty of the gift of life itself is at peace. Before they take another step or venture off on another journey, they bow in gratitude to the presence of God himself. They are most keenly aware that all would cease to be without God.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

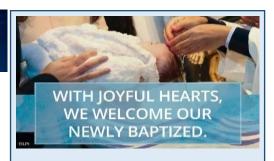
First Reading: In the healing of Naaman from leprosy, we hear how Naaman became a believer in the one God of Israel. How have you experienced God's presence in your life?

Second Reading: Paul teaches Timothy the importance of perseverance and commitment to one's faith in Christ. When have you decided to remain faithful, even when it was hard?

Gospel Reading: Jesus seems disappointed that of the ten lepers he healed, only one of them, a foreigner (the Samaritan), thanked him. How can you show gratitude to God today? During the week?

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 Mon 10 October, 7.00pm, via Zoom. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



BLANCA ESTELE VIGILLA

(Daughter of Marzen and Maria)

MARLEE MAE VELLA

(Daughter of Mark and Amy)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sunday's Gospel tells the story of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19), only one of whom returned to thank Jesus for being healing. Lepers were considered outcasts in Jewish society, sometimes being forced to wear bells around their necks to warn others of their approach so people could avoid them completely. How starved for human contact they must have been! Jesus' healing of the lepers was more than a cure for a skin disease. He gave back to them the precious gift of interaction, of connection, of touch. Your challenge this week is to reach out to someone who has been rejected by others. It might be the kid at school whom everyone picks on, or the co-worker who messes up all the time, or the family on the block who doesn't keep their yard as tidy as the neighbours think they should. It might be a whole immigrant community. Whoever you choose, spend some time with this person or group, learning something about them which reminds you that they, too, are created in God's own image and likeness. They, too, deserve respect and dignity. Keep them in your prayers.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

Sheepish Questions:

Do I praise God often, or just hmmm along? Why?

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.

☐ Weekday Training -

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

■ 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



SUNDAY 9TH

6PM HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



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.



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.



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

and lots of consolation prizes!!!



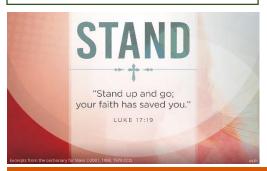
Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Vincent

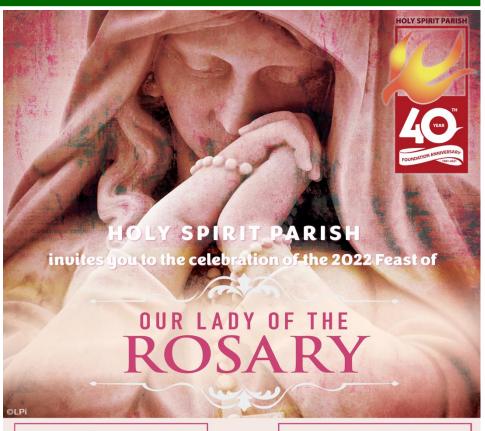
The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall.

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 marriage@parracatholic.org by 21 October.

Family and friends are welcome.





MARIAN TALK

Wed 12 October, 7.30pm Speaker: Sr Mary Louise Walsh, ISSM

FIESTA DAY

Sat 22 October 5pm, Block Rosary 6pm, Mass

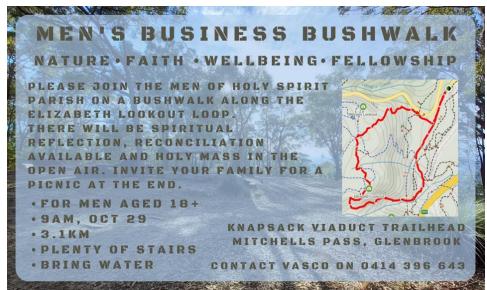
Main Presider: Bishop Vincent Long (followed by dinner, entertainment and raffle)

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



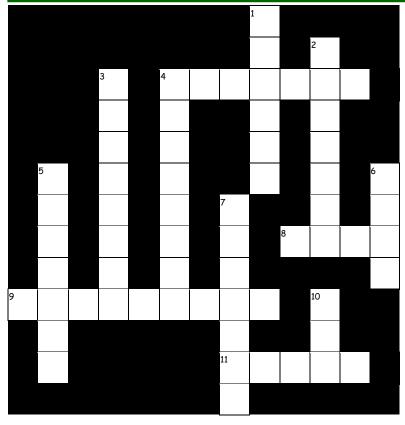
AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"For God loves saving, not condemning, and therefore He is patient with bad people, in order to make good people out of bad people."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD Your faith has made you well



DOWN:

- 1: cured, made better
- 2: a small town
- 3: the measurement between two points
- 4: speaking loudly
- 5: lepers suffer from this disease
- 6: feel sorry for someone
- 7: people who perform religious rites
- 10: Jesus sent this many lepers to see the priests

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ACROSS:

- 4: A Samaritan comes from this country
- 8: the appendages on the end of our legs
- 9: someone from a foreign country
- 11: to show gratitude

CREATION CARE TIPS

"So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean."

-2 Kings 5:14

Are the lakes, rivers, ponds, or ocean near you clean enough to swim in or would you come out of the water dirtier than you went in? If you live near the water, take some time to go for a walk along the shoreline, take a trash bag with you, and pick up any litter you see. (Better yet, take a group of kids with you, or go with a friend or neighbour!) If you don't live near a waterway, write a letter or send an email to advocate for the clean-up and restoration of a body of water nearest you.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in 2nd Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which 2nd Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all. ©LPi

NEXT WEEKEND (16 OCTOBER): 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

1st Reading

Exodus 17:8-13 With the staff of God, Moses helps Israel defeat Amalek.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (R.2) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

2nd Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 All scripture is inspired by God.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4.12 Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8 The widow and the irreligious judge.

FLOWERS: Group 1 (Green)

CLEANERS: Group 3 **BANNERS:** Green

15 OCT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Jacob Fonseca

Eucharistic Ministers Bernadette Stevens

Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca

Reader 1

Marinella Licuanan

Reader 2

Sylvia Herft Commentator

Fe Uy

Music St Joseph's Choir

> **Powerpoint** Nanette I.

Iunior Servers

Alexandra / Kiara

Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Corinne Cerdor

16 OCT, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto

Reader 1

Shirley Croning

Reader 2 Carol Vella

Commentator

Sarah Damole Music

Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Louise Bucholtz

Junior Servers

Samuel S / Michael

Welcomers Sarah Damole

Jun Damole Volunteer Needed 16 OCT, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Fred Harris

Eucharistic Ministers

Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley

Reader 1 Nida Hawley

Reader 2 Derrick Pereira

Commentator Joanne Staunton

Music Luchie's Choir

Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes

Iunior Servers Chinedu / Lennox

Welcomers Joe Duval Sue Oram Volunteer Needed 16 OCT, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Lumen Decena Robert Lees Romana Cunanan

Reader 1 Joseph Valladores

Reader 2 Corinne Brooker

Commentator Sheila Francis

> Music **BASIC GIFT**

Powerpoint BASIC GIFT

Junior Servers Daniel / Samuel T

Welcomers

Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 9 OCTOBER

Mon 10 Oct: Monday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2

Tue 11 Oct: St John XXIII, pope

Wed 12 Oct: Wednesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2 Thursday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2 Thu 13 Oct:

Fri 14 Oct: St Callistus I, pope and martyr

Sat 15 Oct: St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), virgin and Doctor of the Church

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