



1st Reading

Malachi 3:19 -20

Evildoers will be destroyed; those who fear God will be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98.5-6, 7-8, 9 (R.9)

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice

2nd Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7 – 12

Work hard and warn your keep.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21.28

Alleluia, alleluia!

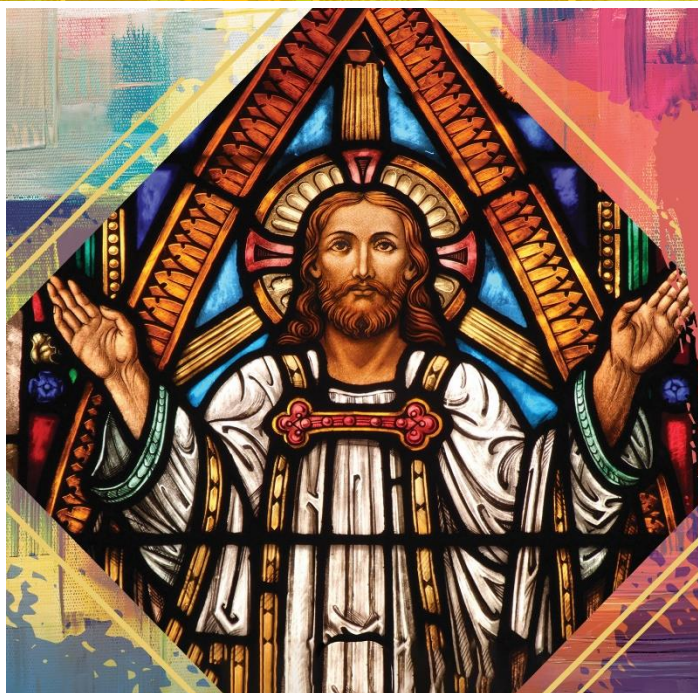
Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

Patiently endure that trials you are sure to face for Jesus.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” - Lk 21:15

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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**

If only we could shelter our children from all of the calamities and tragedies of life! But we can’t. Our primary job is to get them ready for the real world—and calamities and tragedies are part of it. Besides, bad things happen even to the very young. Friends move away, parents separate, family members or beloved pets die, and those are just some of the possible tragedies. For us parents there is a great temptation to say, “Don’t cry. Everything will be all right.” It sounds like a very Christian response, rooted in faith and hope. In truth, the “Everything will be all right” part is fine. It’s the “Don’t cry” that needs to go.

Tears are cleansing. They are a gift of our human condition. They communicate our feelings, allow for the cohesive bond of compassion and open the door to healing. But sometimes tears get stifled. It takes faith and hope to trust that all will be well, just as it takes

courage and humility to accept our own tears and those of others.

We parents often have almost a compulsive need to make things better, to solve problems, to fix things. And so we say things like, “Don’t cry,” or, “Look at it this way,” when often what our children really need is just our quiet presence and our loving support. It helps, when we find a youngster in distress, to take a few moments for some quiet prayer of our own—to ask for the grace to experience and share God’s comforting love.

If we take the time to suffer our children’s pain with them, then perhaps later they will also be open to talking about and processing the experience. As parents, we need to allow our youngsters to show their grief, offering our comforting presence and gentle support as a testimony to our words, “Everything will be all right.”

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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.

To know more about the life of the parish, you can grab a copy of our Welcome Newsletter available in the foyer or go to this link on our website:

<https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Spirit-Parish-Welcome-Newsletter.pdf>

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)

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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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



Jesus assures us that the world, as we know it, will one day come to an end. When will this be? In one sense, having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith and either we have it or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through all of life's inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ, may cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what are needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying at times, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Malachi speaks of God's judgment at the end of time and the importance of fearing the Lord. What do you think it means to "fear" the Lord?

Second Reading: Paul talks about himself (and Silvanus and Timothy) as a "model" on how to behave for the believers in Thessalonica. Who are some family members that you think model the faith well?

Gospel Reading: Jesus forewarned his disciples that because of their faith in him, they would be persecuted, even "handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends ... hated by all because of my name." How would you react if your family and friends hated you because of your belief in Jesus?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Today we celebrate World Kindness Day. The idea of designating a day to do random acts of kindness, pay it forward, or surprise people by just being nice is, in a way, an indictment of our current culture. We shouldn't need a special day to be kind—that should be something disciples of Jesus do every day. But we have become more indifferent to those around us, and we often don't feel like helping others when we ourselves are struggling. Your challenge this week is to put a justice spin on World Kindness Day. Choose someone who has been mean or unjust to you in some way and do something nice for this person—even if you have to grit your teeth to do it. Then choose someone to whom you have been unjust, see what you can do to right the wrong, and do one extra thing just to be "kind."

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WISDOM

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

LUKE 21:15

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"Not a hair on your head will be destroyed."

Sheepish Question:

Where do trust and gratitude intersect for me?

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 13th December 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



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(Son of Arcie and Pfeiffer)

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:
FR MYK & DEACON JOHN'S FAREWELL
 Saturday 17 December after the 6pm Vigil Mass
 Please bring a plate to share.
 All welcome!!!




Join us as we raise awareness about Domestic and Family Violence in our community and complete a Face-to-Face Elective Safeguarding Module:

"DEVELOPING A RESPECTFUL RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE" 2



Based on the Social Justice Statement 2022-23
 Tuesday 22nd November 2022 (10.00am-12noon)
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safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.

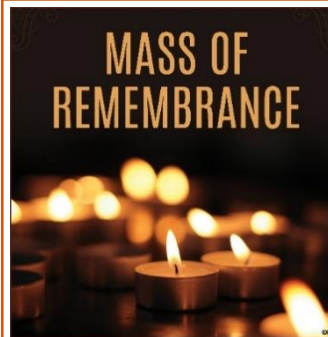


Remembering Our
BELOVED DEAD

<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.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

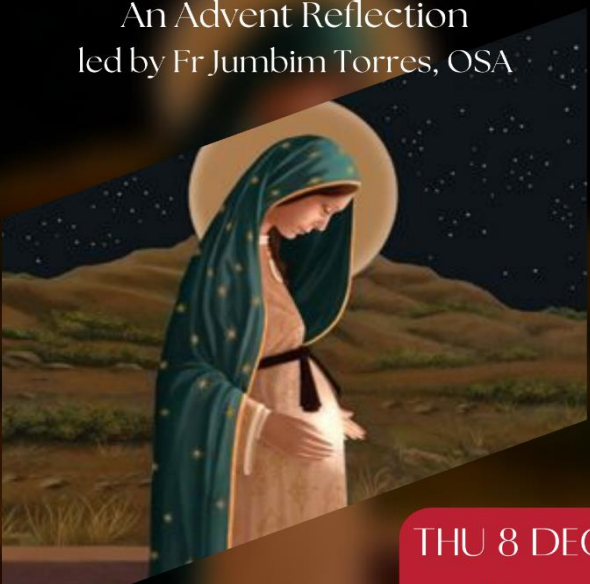
To commemorate the life of your dearly departed loved ones who have died in the last two years, we welcome you and your family to join us here at Holy Spirit Church as we celebrate a Holy Mass of Remembrance on **Wed 30 November, 7pm.**

Please bring a framed photograph of your deceased loved one and place on the special table before the Mass.

Also, please contact the Parish Office with the names of your loved ones (deceased in the last two years) to be included in the Mass.

You are invited to join us for supper after the Mass and you are welcome to bring a plate to share.
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CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION AT CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Children are kindly being welcomed and encouraged to dress up as angels and shepherds and participate in our annual Christmas Liturgy. Children are being asked to attend the rehearsals to prepare for the liturgy. The rehearsals will be held at the parish on **Thursdays 15 and 22 December from 5pm to 6pm.** If your child is interested, please complete a permission form available in the foyer and bring it to the first rehearsal.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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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.



Wedding Anniversary Mass 20 November 2022, 9.30AM MASS

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

THIS CHRISTMAS,
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Support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal by donating gift cards, cash or food items.

*Please return all vouchers to the parish office addressed in an envelope marked St Vincent De Paul St Clair Conference by **Monday 12th December**. Or drop them in the Vinnies Christmas box at the back of the church.*

Remember if you choose to donate food and gifts they are stored before distribution so please consider the heat and don't include things such as chocolates or sweets which may melt.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish conference. We wish you and your families many blessings at this very special time of year.



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this beautifully crafted **ROSARY CANDLE** (worth \$120). Raffle tickets are available at the Devotional Stall for \$1 each. Draw date will be on Sun 18 Dec after the 9.30am Mass.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



“What grace is meant to do is to help good people, not to escape their sufferings, but to bear them with a stout heart, with a fortitude that finds its strength in faith.”

St Augustine of Hippo



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

Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person’s death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title “Servant of God.” The first phase involves collecting information about the person’s life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase “devil’s advocate!” When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared “Venerable.”

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared “Blessed.” If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them “Saint.” ©LPi

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You will be saved by being faithful

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CREATION CARE TIPS

As Pope Francis wrote in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, “A person who could afford to spend and consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment” (#211). You might consider how Mary was about eight months into her pregnancy at this time of year all those years ago but she didn’t have the benefit of central heating to keep herself warm. If she managed, we can manage by using less energy to heat our homes now.



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NEXT WEEKEND (20 NOVEMBER): OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Yr C

<p>1st Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3 <i>David is anointed King of Israel.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 122.1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5, 6-7, 8-9 (R.1) <i>Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading Colossians 1:12 – 20 <i>We are reconciled in the blood of the cross.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation Mark 11.10 <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel Luke 23:35-43 <i>The Crucifixion.</i></p>	<p>19 NOV, 6PM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Jacob Fonseca</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Bernadette Stevens Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca</p> <p>Reader 1 Fe Uy</p> <p>Reader 2 Marinella Licuanan</p> <p>Commentator Sylvia Herft</p> <p>Music St Joseph's Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint Nanette I.</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira Sonia Oliveira Corinne Cerdor</p>	<p>20 NOV, 8AM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto</p> <p>Reader 1 Sarah Damole</p> <p>Reader 2 Shirley Croning</p> <p>Commentator Volunteer Needed</p> <p>Music Peter Mercia</p> <p>Powerpoint Manuel Fidow</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Sarah Damole Jun Damole Volunteers Needed</p>	<p>20 NOV, 9.30AM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Fred Harris</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley</p> <p>Reader 1 Joanne Staunton</p> <p>Reader 2 Nida Hawley</p> <p>Commentator Derrick Pereira</p> <p>Music Laudate Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint Joseph Valladores</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Joe Duval Sue Oram Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>20 NOV, 6PM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Lumen Decena Robert Lees Romana Cunanan</p> <p>Reader 1 Sheila Francis</p> <p>Reader 2 Joseph Valladores</p> <p>Commentator Corinne Brooker</p> <p>Music Esther Rose Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint BASIC GIFT</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteer Needed</p>
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 13 NOVEMBER

- Mon 14 Nov:** Monday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2
- Tue 15 Nov:** Saint Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church
- Wed 16 Nov:** Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, virgin
- Thu 17 Nov:** Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
- Fri 18 Nov:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles
- Sat 19 Nov:** Saturday Mass of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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