



1st Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

All nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122.1-2,4-5,6-7,8-9 (R see 1)

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Live honourable, the day of the Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 85.7

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

The Lord is coming when we least expect.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
- Mt 24:42*

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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**

This Gospel reading is a sober beginning for a weekly journal. Yet Matthew's advice to be ready for anything is certainly still valid today. Somehow, we have to balance living in the present with a healthy concern for tomorrow. We need to concentrate on living one day at a time—fix breakfast, go to work, and plan for that special vacation, always aware that no plans are set in concrete. We are never quite in control.

I may wake up in the morning to discover there's no milk and then be late for work because of bad traffic. Worse yet, I could get to work and find out the company is cutting back and I'm going to be laid off. So much for that hoped-for vacation. We can plan for all sorts of contingencies, but we cannot control what curve balls life will throw at us.

I used to think that God was testing me, but now I realize God doesn't play that way. As Christians, we believe in a God of abundant love who doesn't test

his children to see if they will fail. What I do know is that God is with us in every step and misstep. Indeed, Jesus tells us that he is not just with us but in us.

So we plan and re-plan and count on God to be at every crossroads. We grieve over our losses but find strength in knowing we have Jesus' endurance and courage to lean on. We stay alert for what may come, but we find God in the present. If we remember Jesus is always with us, as close as our next breath, we can better stay alert and recognize Jesus when he comes again.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Together, draw up a list of ways each family member can show his or her love for each other in the New Year. Post the list on the refrigerator.

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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

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Eric Clemente, Philomena Carvalho, Rita Abreo, Basil Middleton, Victor Sequeira, Jeanne Marie Blake, Doreen Herft, Ricardo Herft, Donstan Herft, Leslie Kiss, Rebecca Herft, George Herft.

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.

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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



Whether it is the surgeon performing an operation or the pilot directing a flight, one expects them to be alert. When we entrust our lives to someone, we presume that they will attend to them with the utmost care and vigilance. If we have this expectation of others, why would we not have it of ourselves? Our lives are precious vessels on an eternal journey. We can only stay afloat and on the course because of God's love and mercy. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. God's word transforms all that it touches, even a lukewarm heart. Let us seek God's grace this Advent season so that we can walk more fully in His light. Then, finding ourselves more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful, we will be eager and well prepared to meet our Lord when He comes. Why would we not want to be ready, awake, and watchful for the One we have waited for so long?

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time when all nations would unite in peace over their common belief and worship of Israel's God. What do you think a world totally at peace looks like?

Second Reading: Paul taught the believers in Rome that salvation and the end of time were closely connected. Thus, he encouraged avoiding immoral behavior such as drunkenness, promiscuity, envy, or jealousy. What motivates you to live a moral life?

Gospel Reading: Jesus taught his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return to earth, so "be prepared" at all times. As we begin the season of Advent, how might you be better prepared for welcoming Jesus into your life?

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The first reading for this Sunday is one with which we are familiar. It is the passage from the Book of Isaiah (2:1-5) describing what the world will be like when the Messiah comes. The image of people beating swords into plowshares—taking instruments used to kill people and changing them into instruments which help grow food to feed people—is a powerful one. Your challenge in this first week of Advent is to spend some time reflecting on how you are peacemakers (as a family and as individuals). Do you bring people together by your words and actions or do you create conflict? Then decide on one action you can take to make the world a more peace-filled place. Do you want to pray for peace in our world, our country, and our families? Do you want to write to government leaders to advocate for a more peaceful approach to a particular issue? Do you want to take a stand for more gun control? How do you want to bring peace?

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Sheepish Question:

What holiday preparations are taking my attention away from the coming of the Lord?

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



- HARVEY JOHN PIPER**
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- SELENA V.M. & ELIJAH D.P. KAMALI**
(Children of Daniel and Sarah)
- LILY ROSE PELLEGRINO**
(Daughter of Robert and Kate)
- TIMOTHY ALFRED ROLDAN**
(Son of Jorge-Carlos and Maria Cristina)

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FR MYK & DEACON JOHN'S FAREWELL

Sat 17 December after the 6pm Vigil Mass

Please bring a plate to share. All welcome!!!

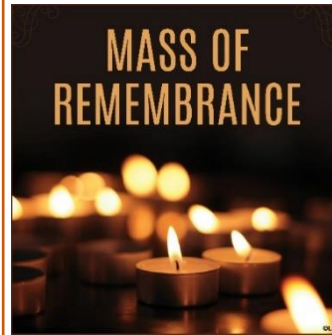
If you would like to contribute to Fr Myk's and Deacon John's farewell gifts, we will be taking up a collection at the Piety Stall – cash or EFTPOS.

We will have two farewell cards to sign once you donate.

The gifts will be presented at the Farewell Dinner.

For those who would like to be part of the Planning Committee for the Farewell, please come to a meeting on Tue 29 Nov 6:30pm at the Pioneer Room. For more info, contact Sarah 0405 756 752 or Dudley on 0408 700 880.

Fr Myk will be leaving St Clair on 25 December and Deacon John in mid-January. Both of them will be assigned at the Formation House in Brookvale and will be pastoring the North Harbour Parish in Manly Vale.



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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No one should be without a place to call home.

“Stretch out your hand to the poor.”

Sir 7:32

**APPEAL WEEKEND:
26-27 November 2022**

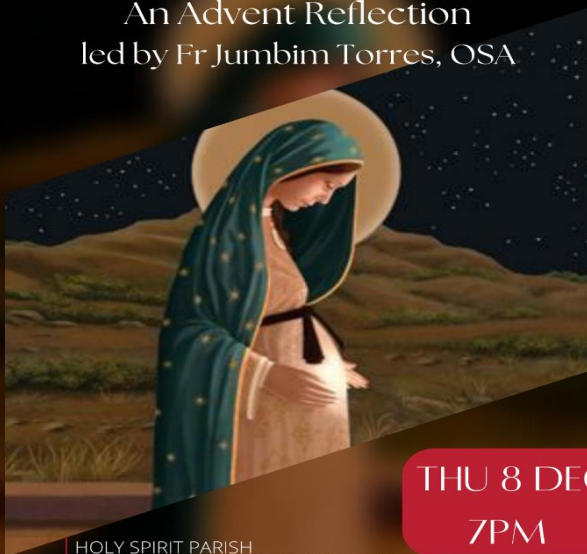
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Children are kindly being welcomed and encouraged to dress up as angels and shepherds and participate in our annual Christmas Liturgy. Children are being asked to attend the rehearsals to prepare for the liturgy. The rehearsals will be held at the 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.

SPENDING ADVENT WITH
MARY

An Advent Reflection
led by Fr Jumbim Torres, OSA



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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.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Join the Christmas Midnight Choir

Warmly inviting singers/musicians to join the Alleluia Choir in celebrating the spirit of Christmas with Carols in Candlelight, Nativity Story, and Midnight Mass.

Practices (highly encouraged), 7:00pm to 8:30pm on the following evenings:

Thu, 24 November	Tue, 29 November
Wed, 7 December	Wed, 21 December
Thu, 22 December	Sat, 24 December (10pm)

Thank you very much. May the Christ Child bless you for your generous service in spreading the true Christmas Spirit through the music ministry.

Queries: Joy Rulewski – 0425 264 642



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Saturday 10 December
4.00 to 5.45 pm

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Like all religious experiences, it takes preparation. Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a most natural way to celebrate God's forgiveness and love.



Wedding Anniversary Mass

11 December 2022, 9.30AM MASS

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

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Christmas Masses

SAT 24 DEC
 6PM (FAMILY MASS)
 9PM
 11.30PM (CAROLS)

SUN 25 DEC
 12 MIDNIGHT
 8AM
 9.30AM
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AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.”

St Augustine of Hippo



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

Question:

The Church teaches that, through our baptism, we are made priest, prophet, and king like Christ. What does it mean for us to be prophets in the world today?

Answer:

We are indeed sharers in the threefold mission of Christ. We live our “kingship” when we serve others in justice, work for the common good in society, and overcome sin in our own lives. Our “priestly” mission is lived when we unite our lives to Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, offering them up as a gift of love. We are also called to be prophets. Our lives may not look like Isaiah and Jeremiah of old — and perhaps desert living and locust eating like St. John the Baptist might feel out of reach — but this doesn’t nullify our invitation and obligation.

As baptized Christians, we have accepted the Gospel in faith. We’re also called to proclaim the Gospel as well. This may mean by giving Christ-centered advice to another person or defending truth when it’s threatened. It also means living our faith in deeds.

St. John Paul II writes that we are “called to allow the newness and the power of the Gospel to shine out every day in [our] family and social life” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 14). A prophet points to a higher truth beyond himself or herself. We live prophetically when we treat others as Christ treated people and when we arrange our schedule to prioritize those to whom we have the greatest obligation, including our families, as well as the poor and vulnerable around us. We live prophetically when we think critically about the culture around us and we allow our faith to inform our public life.

WORDSEARCH

Stay awake, you must be ready

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TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

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CREATION CARE TIPS

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks” —Isaiah 2:4

In Isaiah’s day, technology advancements often focused on military weapons and defense (sound familiar?). Yet his vision for the future was of a society that focused on growing food and tending the earth rather than destroying it and its people. What technology do you use that doesn’t contribute to your flourishing or that of your family, community, or the earth? How might you use technology for the restoration of the environment or the betterment of others this week?



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NEXT WEEKEND (4 DECEMBER): 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Yr A

<p>1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 <i>A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse. Peace and justice will triumph.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (R. see 7) <i>Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading Romans 15:4-9 <i>Live in harmony with one another.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation Luke 3.4, 6 <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people see the salvation of God. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 <i>John the Baptist begins to preach in the desert.</i></p>	<p>3 DEC, 6PM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Peter Moriarty</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Hazel Littlewood Sylvia Herft Jeanne Appleton</p> <p>Reader 1 Eileen Baena</p> <p>Reader 2 Sheila Francis</p> <p>Commentator Moira Rebello</p> <p>Music AMEN Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Sonia Oliveira Selwyn Oliveira Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>4 DEC, 8AM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Louise Bucholtz Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett</p> <p>Reader 1 Micheal Hay</p> <p>Reader 2 Stephen Middleton</p> <p>Commentator Christine Younes</p> <p>Music Manuel Fidow</p> <p>Powerpoint Carol Vella</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Angela Pecnik Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>4 DEC, 9.30AM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandes Seaview Kama</p> <p>Reader 1 Joy Rulewski</p> <p>Reader 2 Cathy Allen</p> <p>Commentator Tess Barnes</p> <p>Music Children's Choir</p> <p>Powerpoint Ivan Fernandes</p> <p>Junior Servers Volunteers Needed</p> <p>Welcomers Jenny Kyd Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p>	<p>4 DEC, 6PM</p> <p>Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Esther Rose Lumen Decena Sue Oram</p> <p>Reader 1 Bonnie D'Cunha</p> <p>Reader 2 Sue Oram</p> <p>Commentator Robert Lees</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 27 NOVEMBER

- Mon 28 Nov:** Monday of the 1st Week of Advent
- Tue 29 Nov:** Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent
- Wed 30 Nov:** Saint Andrew, Apostle
- Thu 1 Dec:** Thursday of the 1st Week of Advent
- Fri 2 Dec:** Friday of the 1st Week of Advent
- Sat 3 Dec:** Saint Francis Xavier, priest

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