

1st Reading 2 Maccabees 7:-2, 9 -14 Seven brothers and their mother are tortured, but remain faithful.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17.1, 5-6, 8+15 (R.15b) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

2nd Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5 The Lord will strengthen you in faith.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 1.5-6 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38 The Sadducees try to put Jesus in conflict with Moses.

LITURGY TIMES

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

Sunday Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2nd & 4th Sun, 6pm

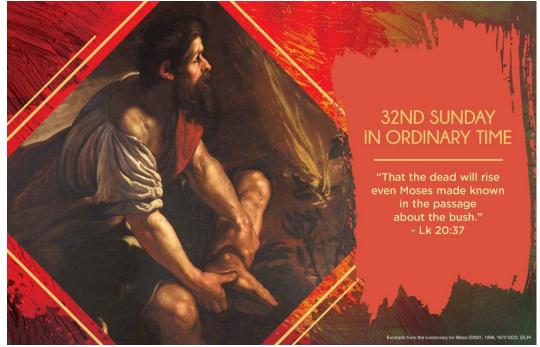
Monday and Wednesday Mass, 7am (except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

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

I remember telling one of my theology teachers that I was looking forward to heaven so I could have all my questions answered. (Was it really just a lone shooter who killed President Kennedy?) My teacher commented that perhaps being in heaven meant not caring about having all the answers. That led to another question, even more difficult to answer: What is heaven like?

No one knows what happens when we die, but the children of God know it's going to be great. Through, with and in Jesus we will also be with and in God. After the Resurrection we know that we will be whole in body, spirit and mind. Imagine life without any kind of pain or struggle, filled with love, joy and all that is good.

I remember how difficult it was when my mother died. The emptiness I felt after her funeral was devastating. I missed her so much. But over the years I have grown into a new relationship with Mom. I experience her presence often, and loves me now as she was never able to love me when she was alive. She can love me unconditionally, like God loves me, and that is a great comfort.

That is what I think heaven will be like: being with Mom, Dad and my sister, plus a host of other folks, being loved perfectly and being able to love perfectly, just as God loves. Who cares about mansions or streets of gold? What could top an eternity of that kind of love?

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Discuss what each family member's idea of heaven is like.

PERSONAL RESPONSE: What are your own thoughts on an afterlife?

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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.

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/w p-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: <u>https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/</u> We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

SICK:

Linda Allen, Yvonne Funnell, Anne Fidler, Isla Carbone, Theodore Bergsteadt, Victor Sciberras, Mary Ocampo, Anna Maria Jamison, John Cassar, Loree Mante, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Deepa Mary Joy, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Normie Santos.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Antonio P Sy, Robert Falleta, Peter Patel, Loui Libarios, Roger Roxas, Lorraine Assey, Brent James Dale, Gabriel Fajardo, Vicente Villote, Louis Tham, Lorna Hall.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Lily Lim, Conrado Villlote, Fr Francis Theodore Foster, Mary Borg, Colleen Green, Rebecca Herft, Lorrane Vella, Victor Sultana, Tessie Salba, Caitlyn Galea, Marjorie Johnstone, Patrocinio & Rosalia Berin, Jeanne Marie Blake, Michael Rodrigues, Juanita Vincent, Mary Anne & Carmelo Avellino, Macario Fronda, Stephen Fronda, Celso Fronda, Gwendolyn & Rolando Macalalao Sr, John Formosa, Anastasia P Casal, Elizabeth Kirby, Marjorie Johnstone, Pearl Francis, Zac Fernandez, Godfrey Gonsalvez, Douglas Oliver, Manfred Schwill.

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: <u>www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations</u>



We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish.

GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week

OUR SOULS ARE MADE TO BE ETERNAL

Every believer wonders about what the experience of heaven will be like. Popular images of people walking around in white robes, becoming like angels, and reunions with those who have gone before us all tickle human imagination. Jesus never got too specific about what heaven actually looks like. But he assures us that it exists and that all are alive in God. Clinging to the traditions of our faith, we persevere through life's challenges confident that God's promise of eternal life will come to be. We are told that we shall become like God and see God as He is. As God has made us, He also loves us and sustains us. Desiring to be with God above all other desires gives us the hope that when we close our eyes in death, we will fall into the arms of the One who will gently bring us where we need to be. Knowing ahead of time what we find when we arrive changes little.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The story from Second Maccabees recounts how Jews were tortured to death for refusing to violate God's laws. It is also one of the earliest writings from the Old Testament that speak to the Jewish belief in the resurrection from the dead for those who suffer for the faith. Would you have the courage to die for your faith?

Second Reading: Paul asks the believers in Thessalonica to pray for him, Silvanus, and Timothy "to be delivered from perverse and wicked people." What would you like your faith community to pray about for you?

Gospel Reading: The Sadducees attempted to trap Jesus with a marriage riddle about the resurrection of the dead. How do you deal with friends who challenge what you believe?

BAPTISM Preparation Meeting

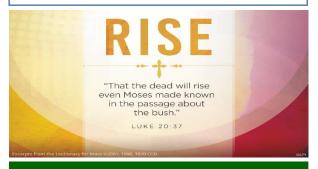
Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on Tue 8th November, 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.





November 16th marks the anniversary of the murder of the Jesuit Martyrs of San Salvador. In 1989, six Jesuits, along with their housekeeper and her daughter, were murdered by death squads sent by the government to kill them because they had dared to speak out against the injustices being inflicted on the poor. Following in the footsteps of Oscar Romero, these members of the Jesuit community had been a prophetic voice for those who were suffering through their preaching, their teaching and their writing. The Jesuits paid the ultimate sacrifice for their work, ending up as martyrs. Your challenge this week is to be a voice for someone who, like the poor of El Salvador, have no voice or whose voice goes unheard. Who needs you to speak on their behalf this week?

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever."

Sheepish Question:

How must I act today in the knowledge that my life with God is for all time?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISING



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR BULLETIN!

commencing 29 January 2023

For more information, contact the Parish Office, 02 9670 8222, admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community.



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.

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.



Welcome BBQ with refugees at Mamre House on Sunday 13 November, 9am – 1pm. RSVP is essential. Contact Jeanne 0432 063 044

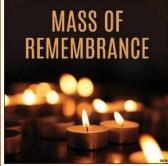


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During November we offer Masses for the dead. If you would like to enrol a loved one on the Parish November Mass list, they will have Mass offered for them. They will be included in the Masses for the Holy Souls, and they be prayed for (collectively) 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.



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. An initiative of the Spirituality Commission



Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drinks on Sale Free tea, coffee & biscuits Donations for prizes are welcome.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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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.



Getting Started with an Advent Wreath

his is a wonderful tradition to begin now. Four little one will be taken in by the smells and mesmerized by the candle flames. A reath really makes this season of preparation special in your home!

ADVENT & NEW YEAR RESOURCES AT THE PIETY STALL

God's Word 2023: Daily Reflections

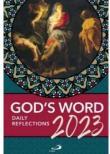
It brings you:

- Scripture readings of the day from the Jerusalem Bible
- Inspiring reflections by eminent Australasian spiritual writers

Available at the Piety Stall for \$20 each.

INCARNATE: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections

Incarnate is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections. Available at the Piety Stall for \$6 each.





ADVENT CANDLES

Advent candle set of 4 (10 inches) Available at the Piety Stall for \$15.

2023 Columban Calendar

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

Available at the Piety Stall for \$10 each.





AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement."

St Augustine of Hippo

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DOWN:

- 1: the earth
- 2: a husband's partner
- 3: past, present and
- 4: kids
- 7: accept the truth
- 9: God's special messengers

ACROSS:

1: praised 5: the end of life

6: lifted up

- 8: joined in matrimony
- 10: God appeared to this man as a burning bush 11: The Sadducees told Jesus the story of _____

brothers

CREATION CARE TIPS

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word." —2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



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In our dedication to caring for creation we are not on our own. We cannot save the earth as individuals or as a human race without the grace of God. When the task seems too overwhelming or impossible, as Christians we remember that we don't do what we do without hope and strength from God. Keep coming back to these verses this week to receive the graces God wants to give as you work for the restoration of all creation.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer:

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated. John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World."

The universal celebration of this feast stresses the unity among Roman Catholics, as they unite themselves with the chair of Peter.

NEXT WEEKEND (13 NOVEMBER): 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr C

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.

Parish Council

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Eucharistic Ministers Dita Sy Moira Rebello

12 NOV, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Lorensz Herft

Janice Salmon Reader 1 **Corinne Cerdor**

Reader 2 Florence Pusey

Commentator Dudley Littlewood

Music Victor Brangwin

Powerpoint Nanette I. **Junior Servers**

Volunteers Needed Welcomers

Terry Serrao Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

13 NOV, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade **Eucharistic Ministers** Belen Leynes Celeste Lapid Lisa Brackett

Reader 1 **Dawn Timmins**

Reader 2 Manuel Fidow

Commentator Sally Banguis

Music Pierre D'Cunha

Powerpoint Christine Younes

Junior Servers

Volunteers Needed **Welcomers** Sarah Damole

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13 NOV, 9.30AM Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers Ken Allen Cathy Allen

Jenny Kyd Reader 1

Bianca Dowsett Reader 2

Ray Zafra **Commentator Uinise Blake**

Music Mary Immaculate Choir

Powerpoint Boy Sanosa **Junior Servers**

Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Volunteer Needed 13 NOV, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers Kate Blasco Esther Rose **Robert Lees**

> Reader 1 **Candice Salmon**

Reader 2 Marty Facciol

Commentator Kate Blasco

Music Alleluia Choir

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Esther Rose Eleanor Stuart Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 6 NOVEMBER

Mon 7 Nov: Monday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2 Tue 8 Nov: Tuesday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2 Wed 9 Nov. The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica

Under the Pastoral Care of the Augustinians since 1995

6 NOVEMBER 2022



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