

#### 1st Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 The remnant of Israel will take refuge in the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (*R*. Mt 5.3)

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

#### 2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 *The Lord chooses the lowly.* 

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 5.12

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12 *The Beatitudes.* 

#### **LITURGY TIMES**

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun, 6pm

#### **Monday and Wednesday**

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

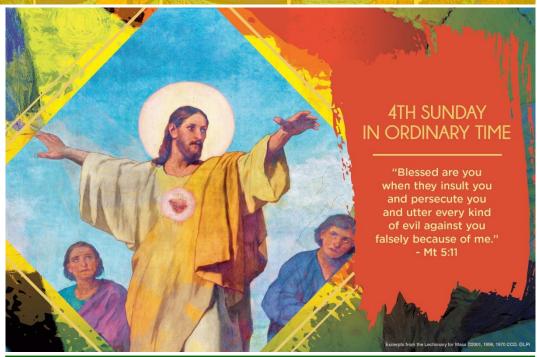
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

1st Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

## Children's Liturgy Sun 9.30am

1st & 3rd Sun of the month (during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals,
Anointing of the Sick
by appointment



#### **VOICE FROM THE PEWS**

Ten years ago I moved to Holy Spirit Parish St. Clair as a young man 'fresh from the oven' of Augustinian seminary formation. I can still remember how I needed to 'get out of my shell' in order for me to reach out and speak to people. I can honestly say I was out of my comfort zone, but it did not take a while for me to feel the warmth and friendship of many parishioners.

My ordained ministry started here at Holy Spirit when I was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Anthony Fisher, DD, then bishop of Parramatta, on 16 March 2013. I was also blessed by the presence of many Holy Spirit parishioners when I was ordained a priest at St. Kieran's Church, Manly Vale on 18 October 2013 – Holy Spirit parishioners out numbered the home crowd! It is not, therefore, an understatement to say that Holy Spirit parish has been one of the factors in building my ministerial foundation.

Now, I am back home. The same warmth and the same smiles welcomed me, not anymore as a freshly baked young man, but as a shepherd ready to serve the flock of Jesus Christ. I was anxious and worried moving in with lack of experience, but I am comforted by the fact that I am surrounded by seasoned pastors, Fr. Peter and Fr. Dave, and a community that assured me of constant support. I hope I can serve you all in humility and give my commitment to each one.

Let us begin this 2023 journey as one people of God with faith and hope to the Shepherd of us all. Let us come together for the benefit of the common good having one mind and one heart on the way to God. God bless all!

≽Fr Jepser Bermudez, OSA Parish Priest



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

#### SICK:

Dawn, Anne Fidler, Isla Carbone, Rosie Casha, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Joel Dixon, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, John Cassar, Arthur Arendse.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Eliseo Bautista, Ludovic Cerdor, Virginia Sampana Cruz, Nicole Nemorin, Anthony Titus, Corazón Santos, Renato Casal Sr.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jim Kama, Emilio Paz, Tomasa Dabu, Ben Dabu, Robert Sinclair, Lourdes Acosta, Melchior Acosta, Vicente Floro, Sor Marta del Sagrario, Marciana Aboud, Fermin Falcatan, Sheila Tham, Michael Tham, Robert Dirk Sr, Callistus Rebello, Robert Sinclair, Alicia Gajo, Tomasa Dabu, Ben Dabu, Mena Valladores.

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: <a href="https://www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations">www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations</a>



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GOD BLESS YOU.



#### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

#### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

#### **First Reading:**

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant of Israel" who will survive God's judgement and live as a humble and truthful people. What other qualities (besides humility and integrity) make for a good community?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul offers us an interesting sketch of the members of the Corinthian community: foolish, weak, lowly, and despised. How would you describe your community of faith?

#### **Gospel Reading:**

Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a list of eight "beatitudes" (blessings). Which of these beatitudes do you see in yourself?

## 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 14th February 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



ASHTON KYLE VENTURE
(Son of Nathan and Kate)

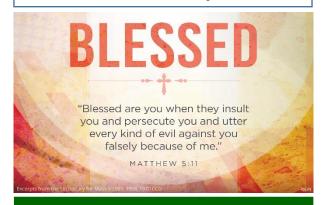
JAXSEN NICHOLAS-DESMOND and HARRISON STEPHEN-GREGORY STAMOPOULOS

(Sons of Blaik and Kealey)

## WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sunday's Gospel is Jesus' beatitude teaching from the Sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes provide us with a blueprint for being people of faith and justice. Your challenge this week is to take one beatitude each day. Read the beatitude in the morning, and ask God for the strength to practice that attitude throughout the day. Then in the evening, reflect on whether or not you lived that particular "attitude of being" in your life during the day. Thank God for your successes, ask for forgiveness where you failed, and pray for the courage and strength to live that beatitude in the future.

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#### THE SUNDAY FLOCK





"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

#### Sheepish Question:

What injustices am I witnessing today that motivate me to act against them?

#### **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**



All welcome!!! FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY 7.30-8.30PM



- Reader
- Communion Minister
- Minister At The Altar/Acolyte
- Communion To The Sick And Dying





INVITATION to 2 interesting Courses being offered by the Broken Bay Institute (BBI) under the guidance of Fr Paul Maloney OSA and Paul Wilson

#### Semester 1 - 27 February 2023 - Justice & Peace - Catholic Social Teaching THEO42 - Online lectures

An opportunity to study and examine a variety of theories of social justice from ancient to modern philosophers and the historical development of modern Catholic Social Teaching, as is expressed in official documents and by experts in the field.

#### Semester 2 - Augustinian Spirituality for Social Justice THEO84 - Online lectures

An introduction to the spirituality from the life, teaching and tradition of St Augustine of Hippo. Augustinian Spirituality is an appreciation of justice for followers of Christ in their ministering to the poor, the disenfranchised, the refugee and the enslaved in any age.

See the BBI website for more information: <a href="https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/learn-with-us/bbi-taite-units/theological-studies/#banner-title">https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/learn-with-us/bbi-taite-units/theological-studies/#banner-title</a>

Honorine Jarkey



#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2023 Sacramental Preparation

Bookings can be made online thru the Parish Website www.holyspiritstclair.com.au

## FIRST RECONCILIATION (YEAR 3)

- Bookings available from 15 December 2022
- Parent Information & Catechesis Tuesday 7 February 5pm or Wednesday 8 Feb 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be in February (3 weeks)
- First Reconciliation: 3, 4, 9 March all at 4pm

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# Children's Liturgy

### CHLDRENS LITURGY

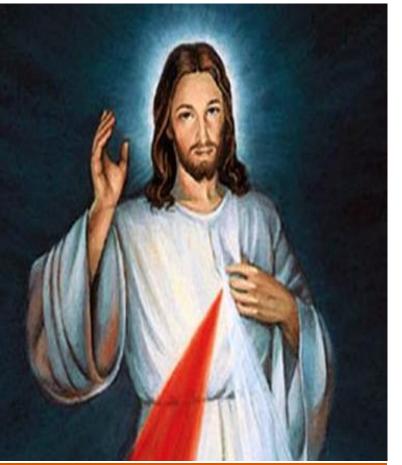
First and Third Sunday of the Month Saturday Vigil 6:00pm, 4 February Sunday 9:30am, 5 February



## **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

Friday, 10 February at 7:30pm
Holy Spirit Church

All Welcome!



#### **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

| WORD SEARCH Blessed are the poor in spirit |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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#### TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS:

| crowd   | disciples | drink  | earth    |
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#### **CREATION CARE TIPS**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." —Matthew 5:6

Sometimes, perhaps often, it feels difficult to keep making sacrifices and doing the right thing for the environment when it seems other people aren't putting in as much effort. Still, our faith calls us to keep hungering and thirsting for righteousness, to keep seeking what is best for our earth, even if we sometimes despair that our efforts aren't making a difference. This week, as you go about making choices to care for creation, pray to be reminded that your hunger and thirst for righteousness will one day be filled.

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

#### Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

#### Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honoured as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalisation of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honoured as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonisation."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honoured as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonised and honoured with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognised as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi

#### NEXT WEEKEND (5 FEBRUARY): 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

#### 1st Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10 Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112.4-5, 6-7, 8a-9 (R.4) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

#### 2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Faith is a gift from God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

See John 8.12 Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16 Salt of the earth, light of the world.

FLOWERS: Group 1 (Green)

**CLEANERS:** Group 4 **BANNERS:** White

**4 FEB, 6PM** 

Minister at the Altar

Peter Moriarty **Eucharistic Ministers** 

> Hazel Littlewood Sylvia Herft Jeanne Appleton

> > Reader 1

Eileen Baena

Reader 2 Sheila Francis

Commentator Moira Rebello

Music AMEN Choir

**Powerpoint** 

Volunteer Needed

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Selwyn Oliveira

Sonia Oliveira Volunteers Needed **5 FEB, 8AM** 

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

Louise Bucholtz Ron Brackett Lisa Brackett

Reader 1

Micheal Hay

Reader 2 Stephen Middleton

Commentator **Christine Younes** 

Music

Manuel Fidow

**Powerpoint** Carol Vella

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

> **Welcomers** Angela Pecnik

Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed 5 FEB, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

Sina Carvalho Tina Fernandez Seaview Kama

Reader 1 Joy Rulewski

Reader 2 Cathy Allen

Commentator **Tess Barnes** 

Music Luchie's Choir

**Powerpoint** Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Needed

**5 FEB, 6PM** 

Minister at the Altar

Volunteer Needed

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

Esther Rose Lumen Decena Sue Oram

Reader 1 Bonnie D'Cunha

Reader 2 Charlotte Snith

Commentator Robert Lees

Music

El Shaddai Syd Choir

Powerpoint

El Shaddai Syd Choir

**Junior Servers** Volunteers Needed

**Welcomers** Esther Rose Volunteers Needed Volunteer Needed

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 29 JANUARY**

Mon 30 Jan: Monday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1

**Tue 31 Jan:** St John Bosco, priest

**Wed 1 Feb:** Wednesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time. Year 1

The Presentation of the Lord Thu 2 Feb:

Fri 3 Feb: St Blaise, bishop & martyr; St Ansgar, bishop Saturday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1 Sat 4 Feb:

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