

1st Reading Sirach 15:15-20 We may choose life or death.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 11.1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (R.1) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11.25 Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37 *Jesus comes to fulfil the law.*

LITURGY TIMES

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

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

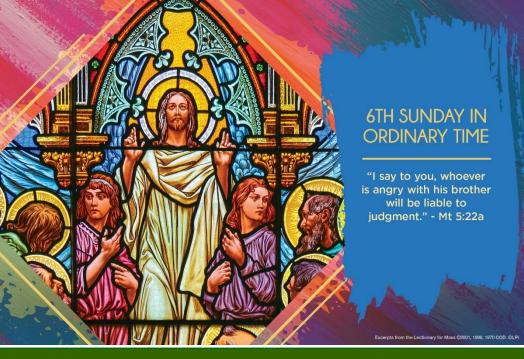
Monday and Wednesday Mass, 7am (except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

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 Vigil Mass & 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

In the first part of this reading Jesus seems to offer parents a freeway to the kingdom. It would seem the kingdom is ours if we live by the Ten Commandments and teach our children to do the same. However, as the reading goes on, Jesus tells us that his followers are challenged to do even more.

To be Jesus' followers, we are to live beyond the letter of the law. For example, it is not enough to say we won't hurt anyone physically (the fifth commandment). Jesus tells us we are not to hurt anyone emotionally either. We must curb our anger. We shouldn't insult others, and we certainly don't call them names. Finally, if we have hurt someone, we offer a sincere apology and try to make amends.

This is definitely a lesson we teach our children by example. All parents lose their tempers occasionally. Regrettably, when I was raising my children, it was more than occasionally. Fortunately, I learned the importance of saying I was sorry once things had calmed down; and to say it with more than words. I would try to take their hand or sit close to them making sure to look them in the eyes. I would tell them I was wrong, not in the dispute perhaps, but in the way I'd handled it.

As time went on, I learned that by making myself admit I was wrong (something not easy for me to do) I became more aware of what triggered my temper. I learned to walk out of the room before exploding. And because I was modelling the behaviour, it was easier for me to make sure my children did the same. Teaching children to admit they are wrong and say they are sorry to a sibling certainly bring us, and them, a little closer to the kingdom.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Ask each person to talk about the things that make them angry. Talk about how they feel when someone tells them they are sorry. Ask younger children to show you their happy faces and then their angry faces.

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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:

Benjie Santiago, Micheal Hay, Rosie Casha, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Arthur Arendse.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Leopoldo Dayag Sr, Doris Borg, Ida Kirby, Margaret Fernandes, Eliseo Bautista, Calvin D'vaz, Lolita Rontale.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Francis Oliveira, Victorina Teodoro, Fidel Villanueva, Rosita Lucy Malolos, Mauro Ocampo, Herminia Barazon, Irenea Ocampo, Vicente floro, Willy Jose, Ronald Hepponstall, Rosario Clemente, Bernard Cassidy, Jillian Vizcarra, Jerry Agius, Alwyn Assey, Amelia Matias, Emmanuella & Albert Zammit, Bernardo Fonseca, Norbert Carvalho.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

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

GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Jewish sage Sirach speaks of the wisdom in being obedient and loyal to God's will and commandments. How can you exercise obedience and loyalty to God this week?

Second Reading:

Paul instructs the Corinthians about the power of the Holy Spirit who guides believers to a mature faith and to understanding God's wisdom. In what ways do you experience the Holy Spirit in your life? **Gospel Reading:**

As Jesus continues with his Sermon on the Mount, he addresses a variety of topics in the daily life of his Jewish audience (the Law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths), only now filtered through God's point of view. How can Christians today live daily life according to these standards?

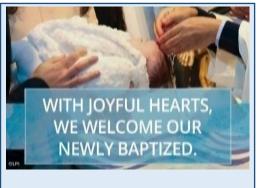


"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:21-22a

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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.

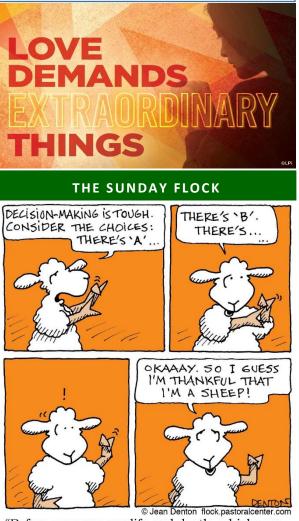


RAFAEL CARMELO DI BARTOLO (Son of Julian and Luci)



The Gospel for Sunday is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is focusing on keeping the commandments. He emphasizes that the Fifth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," means more than not taking someone's life. It also means not being angry or destroying someone's self-esteem by calling them names. Your challenge this week is to look at your life and examine where you might have hurt someone—physically, emotionally through negative gossip, cyber criticism, or derogatory words, or even spiritually by giving bad example. Make a commitment to changing that hurtful behavior, say a prayer for the person you have hurt, and try to have the courage to ask forgiveness in person.

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"Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them."

Sheepish Question:

There are only two choices. Why is it so hard sometimes for me to go with God's way?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Pat Anderson is an Alyawarre woman known nationally and internationally as an advocate for the rights and health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Ms Anderson is Chair of the Lowitja Institute and has extensive experience in Aboriginal health, including community development, policy formation and research ethics. She was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2014 for distinguished service to the Indigenous community as a social justice advocate, particularly through promoting improved health, and educational and protection outcomes for children. Ms Anderson was Co-Chair of the Referendum Council that released its final report in 2017 and has since led the work of the Uluru Dialogue in partnership with the ILC UNSW.

IT'S TIME for a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution visit UluruStatement.org for more information

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Wednesday 22 FEBRUARY 2023 MASS TIMES @ HOLY SPIRIT PARISH: 7am, 9.05am and 7pm INVITATION to 2 interesting Courses being offered by the Broken Bay Institute (BBI) under the guidance of Fr Paul Maloney OSA and Paul Wilson

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Honorine Jarkey



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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The choir practice will resume on

Friday 17th February

at Church from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Invite your friends too.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

Short daily reflections and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer —perfect for Lenten groups and individual devotional reading.

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Sat 4 March, 7.30pm • Holy Spirit School MPA

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Bro Hoang Huy Nguyen Ordination to Diaconate

will be on Friday 24th February, 6.30pm at Holy Spirit Parish

For those who would like to come and attend the ordination and/or would like to donate food for the celebration, please register on the sign-on sheet available in the foyer. All welcome!

Let's pray for Bro. Huy as he prepares for his ordination.



MASS FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

6:30 PM FRIDAY 17 FEBBRUARY ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

A night of worship organised by the

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18th February 2023, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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"The truth is like a lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose. It will defend itself."

St Augustine of Hippo

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CREATION CARE TIPS

"Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given." Sirach 15:17

We are now beginning to reap what we have sown regarding environmental degradation. In our insatiable appetite for paper, plastic, gasoline, red meat, fish, food flown in from around the world, precious minerals, and irrigated green lawns, our society has been choosing diminishment and death for the natural world.



God isn't cursing us with droughts, floods, melting glaciers, and global warming; they are the outcome of choices we have collectively made for decades now. Individual choices for conservation won't be enough now to reverse the consequences we have set into motion as a collective. This week, find a way to add your voice and efforts to a communal movement that chooses life over death in our environment.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

• White: Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.

• Red: As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

• Violet: The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

• Green: A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

• Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green. ©LPi

NEXT WEEKEND (19th FEBRUARY): 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr A

18 FEB, 6PM

1st **Reading** Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18 Love your neighbour as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4, 8 + 10, 12-13 (*R.8*) The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading 1st Corinthians 3:16-23 What is wise with the world, is absurd with God.

Gospel Acclamation See 1 John 2.5 *Alleluia, alleluia!* Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

> **Gospel** Matthew 5:38-48 *Turn the other cheek.*

CLEANERS: Group 1 BANNERS: Green

Minister at the Altar Jacob Fonseca Eucharistic Ministers

Bernadette Stevens Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca

> **Reader 1** Sylvia Herft **Reader 2** Fe Uy

Commentator Dudley Littlewood

Music St Joseph's Choir

> *Powerpoint* Nanette I.

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Terry Serrao Volunteer Needed Volunteers Needed

19 FEB, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Carol Vella Eucharistic Ministers Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid

> Elsa Roberto *Reader 1* Louise Bucholtz

Reader 2 Sarah Damole

Commentator Shirley Croning

Music Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Volunteers Needed

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

> *Welcomers* Sarah Damole Jun Damole Espy Sarno

19 FEB, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Fred Harris

Eucharistic Ministers Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley

> *Reader 1* Derrick Pereira *Reader 2*

Joanne Staunton Commentator Nida Hawley

Nida Hawley Music

Laudate Choir *Powerpoint* Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Jenny Kyd Sue Oram Volunteer Needed 19 FEB, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Peter Smith

Eucharistic Ministers Lumen Decena Robert Lees Romana Cunanan

> **Reader 1** Corinne Brooker

Reader 2 Sheila Francis

Commentator Joseph Valladores

> *Music* BASIC GIFT

Powerpoint Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Esther Rose Eleanor Stuart Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 12 FEBRUARY

Mon 13 Feb: Monday Of The Sixth Week In Ordinary Time Year 1
Tue 14 Feb: Saints Cyril, Monk, And Methodius, Bishop
Wed 15 Feb: Wednesday Of The Sixth Week In Ordinary Time 1
Thu 16 Feb: Thursday Of The Sixth Week In Ordinary Time 1
Fri 17 Feb: The Seven Holy Founders Of The Servite Order
Sat 18 Feb: Saturday Mass Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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