

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.*

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

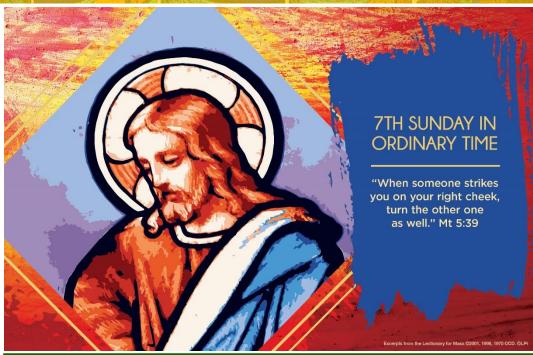
Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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

Ut was born in South Vietnam either on 20 August 1998 or 23 February 1998. Why there is an or? Vietnamese don't celebrate birthdays and his uncle who registered his birth just made up the date. He attended his primary and high school schooling in Thanh. Upon finishing high school, he studied Mechanical Engineering majoring in Automotive in Dong Nair University of Technology in 2010.

His parents' house is just 10 minutes from the church by bicycle. Ut is no stranger to hard work. His mother used to wake him up at 4:00 am in the morning to attend the 4:30 mass. Then he quickly dashed home to have his breakfast and sped again for the 7:00 class. He shared the bicycle with his older brother (he only got his own bike when he was in high school.) After school, he helped in the farm, and household chores. His day ended at 9:00 pm.

When he was 7 years old, he was asked by the parish priest to be an altar server. He did that for two years.

Studying and living away from home posed new challenges for UT. He shared a room and chores with his older brother who was also studying to be an accountant and like UT was also a working student.

UT met Fr Hanh a Dominican in 2009, who introduced him to the Dominican community. In 2012, UT sat for the novitiate exam and passed, but asked the postulant master if he could stay outside for another year. In the same year, the Filipino Consolation Sisters (Augustinians) introduced him to Fr. Tony Banks and Fr Tan. In 2013 he quit his job to study English.

On June 25, 2014, he arrived in Australia. He met new challenges that broadened his horizon. He studied English again. He was sent to Cebu, Philippines for his novitiate. In 2017, he returned to Sydney to study Philosophy and Theology.

Who is UT? He is none other than NGUYEN HOANG HUY. Why UT? That's what his mother calls him being the youngest in the family!

🖎 Elsa Roberto.



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

SICK:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Leopoldo Dayag Sr, Leonardo Dayag, Doris Borg, Ida Kirby, Margaret Fernandes, Eliseo Bautista, Calvin D'vaz, Lolita Rontale, Paul Camilleri, Conchita Lim Aguinaldo, Beryl May Turner.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Benjamin Morales Jr., Glen Bouche, Bernardo Fonseca, Ronald Hepponstall, Norbert Carvalho, Urbano Clemente, Malcom Howse, Elisa Viajar, Danny Barnes, Bert Faulkner, Audrey Gonsalves, Wilma Julian, Joe Mifsud, Milton Fernandes.

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

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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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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Leviticus teaches us that one way to be holy is to have an attitude of love and non-retaliation toward your family and neighbors. Can you name some examples when you have acted in this manner?

Second Reading:

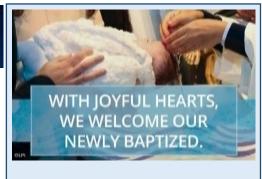
Paul teaches that as believers we are now "the temple of God" with the "Spirit of God" dwelling in us. How might we celebrate this new reality?

Gospel Reading:

Jesus challenges his disciples to love and to pray for your enemies. Why do you think Jesus encourages us to behave this way?

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 March 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.



LEILA JOSEPHINE PORTELLI

(Daughter of Anthony and Amy)

RIVER BAILEY

(Son of Nathan and Amanda)

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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"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people."

Sheepish Question:

Who are the people hardest for me to love, and what is my prayer for them today?

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.



Wedding Anniversary Mass

26 FEBRUARY 2023, 9.30AM MASS

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

Morning Tea available after Mass.



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

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

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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:

https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/learn-withus/bbi-taite-units/theological-studies/#bannertitle

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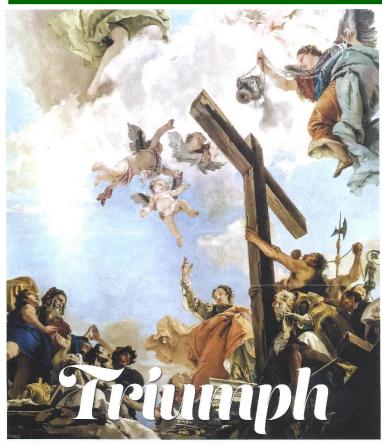
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Holy Spirit Mission organised by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Parramatta Diocese.

Speaker: Br Colin Calmiano
Saturday 25th February 2023,
St Patricks Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.
Time: 9am to 5pm, followed by Mass at 5:30pm

celebrated by Fr. Reginaldo Lavilla

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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LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

During the Lenten Season, parishioners are invited to participate in a Lenten Discussion Program. The Parish is making available *TRIUMPH: Lenten Program 2023.* This Lenten booklet can be purchased at the piety store for \$8 each (\$15 for 2 or \$20 for 3). An accompanying CD is also available.

This program is developed by the Diocese of Wollongong. This booklet contains daily readings and reflections which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. This year Lent begins on 22 February.

Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer. We encourage each group to choose a facilitator among yourselves and decide the venue for your gathering. Thank you and God bless.

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.



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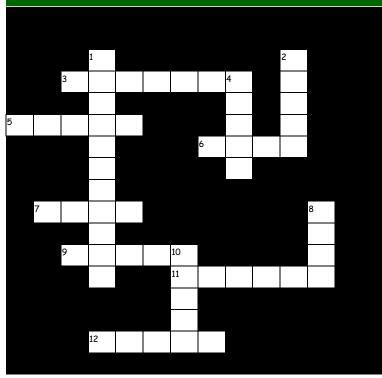


"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD

Love your enemies



ACROSS:

3: those who are against you
5: the side of your face
6: to communicate with God
7: God is ____
9: to have been given a blessing
11: a gift for good deeds
12: "an eye for an eye, a ____ for a ____

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DOWN:

- 1: people who do not believe
- 2: what we use to buy things
- 4: clothing worn over the upper body
- 8: to loan something to a person
- 10: welcome

CREATION CARE TIPS

"Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him." —Leviticus 19:17

It's not fashionable "reprove your fellow citizens" and tell them what they should or shouldn't be doing to care for creation.

Besides, approaching someone in the grocery store who is using plastic bags instead of cloth bags and "reproving" them will probably have the opposite effect, eliciting anger or defensiveness.

This week, commit to one concrete action you can take to make it easier for someone you know to choose a more environmental alternative. Buy cloth grocery bags for someone you know who doesn't use them. Help a friend or co-worker dust off their bike, inflate their tires and go on a bike ride with you as you demonstrate running an errand without a car. Ask an aging neighbor or relative if you can replace their incandescent light bulbs with LEDs. Turn any judgment you have for another into action to help them.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious. First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477). In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479). Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ©LPi

NEXT WEEKEND (26th FEBRUARY): FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, Yr A

1st Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62.1-2, 5-6, 7-8 (*R.1*) *Rest in God alone, my soul.*

2nd Reading

Romans 5:12-19 *Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.*

Gospel Acclamation

See Hebrews 4.12
Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

CLEANERS: Group 2
BANNERS: Green

Parish Council

25 FEB, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers

Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Aruna Heslop

Reader 1

Janice Salmon *Reader 2*

Romeo Prieto

Commentator Marinella Licuanan

Music

Couples for Christ

Powerpoint
Nanette I.

Junior Servers
Volunteers Needed

Welcomers Terry Serrao

Volunteer Needed
Volunteers Needed

26 FEB, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon

Eucharistic Ministers

Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Ron Brackett

Reader 1 Carol Vella

Reader 2

Reader 2Millie Perez

Commentator Espy Sarno

Music

Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Manuel Fidow

Junior Servers
Volunteers Needed

Welcomers
Espy Sarno
Angela Pecnik

Volunteers Needed

26 FEB, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Alice Zafra

Eucharistic Ministers

Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader

Reader 1Tina Fernandes

Reader 2 Michael Paulo

CommentatorCarmen Marcelo

Music Children's Choir

PowerpointJoseph Valladores

Junior Servers
Volunteers Needed

Welcomers
Joe Duval
Volunteers Needed
Volunteer Needed

26 FEB, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Volunteer Needed

Eucharistic Ministers
Lumen Decena

Peter Smith Robert Lees

Reader 1Genevieve Luangrat

Reader 2
Iodie Donlan

Commentator Robert Lees

Music BASIC GIFT

PowerpointBASIC GIFT

Junior Servers
Volunteers Needed

Welcomers
Eleanor Stuart
Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 12 FEBRUARY

Mon 20 Feb: Monday Of The Seventh Week In Ordinary Time Year 1 Tue 21 Feb: Saint Peter Damian, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church

Wed 22 Feb: Ash Wednesday

Thu 23 Feb: Saint Polycarp, Bishop And MartyrFri 24 Feb: Friday After Ash WednesdaySat 25 Feb: Saturday After Ash Wednesday

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