

#### 1st Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7 Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 22-23 (R.1) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

#### 2nd Reading

Philippians 2:6-11
The Spirit of God dwells in us.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

See Philippians 2.8-9
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ become obedient for us even
to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all
other names.

#### Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54 *The Passion and death of Jesus.* 

#### **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

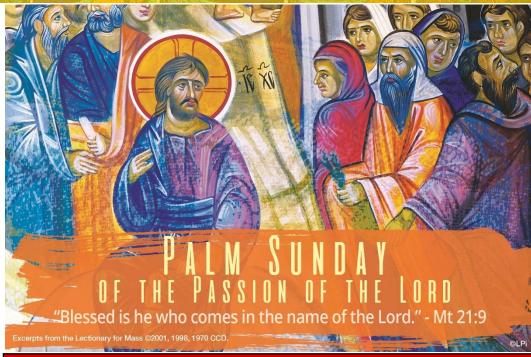
Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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

#### **Children's Liturgy**

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**

Crowd that sang out Jesus' praises only days before suddenly is shouting for his death. He is beaten, crowned with thorns, ridiculed, and spat on. He is forced to carry his cross through the city to a hillside. Nails are pounded into his wrists and feet. The cross is lifted to a standing position, and Jesus is left there to hang until he dies.

Jesus was certainly not the first or last innocent man to die for a cause or for what he believes. What was Jesus' cause? Incredibly enough, Jesus died for us: Jesus believed in us. He died so that we could be made whole and live our lives as God's extraordinarily loved and wonderfully made children. Jesus would not allow any individual or crowd, any government or religion, to contradict this truth.

Jesus was faced with the same overwhelming degree of evil we see in today's world. It never paralyzed him because he knew who he was, and what he was about. He was God's son. He lived in truth and love. Jesus confronted evil and affirmed goodness wherever he saw it. He never went

further than walking distance from his home and yet he managed to change the world.

We show our gratitude to this innocent man who died for us by remembering who we are and acting accordingly. The evil and apathy in today's world will not overwhelm us if we remember who we are. We are God's children and like Jesus we are called to live this truth and share his love by confronting evil and affirming goodness in our own sphere of influence.

FAMILY RESPONSE: Read the story of the Passion to your children from a children's Bible tell and re-tell the story in your own words or read Matthew 26:14—27:66 to yourself.

Put together your own Way of the Cross. You don't have to copy the 14 stations you have at church. As a family, you can decide on your own 14 events.

Draw the pictures and make up your own prayers. When you're done, hang them on the wall and walk around making up a prayer for each station.

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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: <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:

Nympha Miller, Maria Sloan, Bill Lynch, Benjie Santiago, Rosie Casha, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Alice Grech, Emilia Rose Moya, Angela Cook, Steven Johns, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, John Cassar, Maria Llano, Ferdinand Amores, Lloyd Fernandez.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sulia Wolfgram, Ofelia Tanjutco, Dulcie Shrieves, Priscilla Amelia Machado, Peter Michael Evans, Scott Page.

#### **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

John Moriarty, Roberto Mandar, Anthony Farrugia, Felix Martinez, Natividad Martinez, Louis Tham, Carmelo & Mary Anne Avellino, Daniel Cotte, Joseph Rebello, Vincent Mifsud, Douglas Oliver, Angeles Malixi.

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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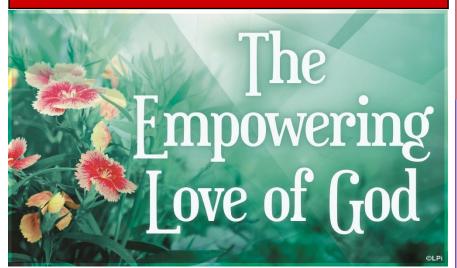


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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



What an ironic twist of events! Jesus is hailed with palm branches as he comes down a street one minute and faces agonizing suffering and death on a cross the next. Does any of this make any sense? They shouted, "hosanna to our King," out of one side of their mouths and, "crucify him," out of the other. At first glance it seems like such hypocrisy. Yet, when we step back there may be more truth to the story than we care to admit. We struggle with Jesus. We hail him in our churches but struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. We are fine when we hear pious renderings of his messages and preaching but wince when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct business and becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor and marginalized. We invoke God's name when we want victory and keep silence when it comes to global solidarity. We talk out of both sides of our mouths too, looking only to what works or suits us at the time and leaving the rest. There exists in each one of us a person who hails our King with hosannas and a person who is all too willing to choose Jesus over Barabbas for the cross. Something to think about this Holy Week!

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

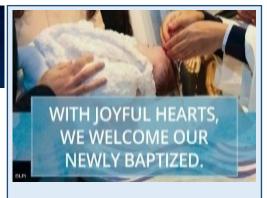
**First Reading:** The prophet Isaiah reflects on his obedience to God's call regardless of personal suffering that he endured. Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help frame your suffering?

**Second Reading:** Paul speaks of Jesus' humility as central to his divine identity. What does this teach us about God's nature?

**Gospel Reading:** We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. What parts of the passion narrative are you drawn to?

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Michael Zammit.



We have no baptisms during Lent, will be resumed after 8<sup>th</sup> April.

# WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The First Reading for Palm Sunday is from Isaiah (50:4-7) and contains one of several powerful images of the Suffering Servant found in this book of the Bible. While the author was describing the nation of Israel when he wrote, the passages about the suffering servant took on new meaning after the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It is easy to see how Jesus embodied the traits of Isaiah's suffering servant, one of which was his peaceful approach to conflict. Jesus exemplified non-violence, even when he was attacked, spat upon, mocked, and scourged. He met violence by turning the other cheek. And he asks us to do the same. Your challenge this week is to examine your conscience for any signs of violence in your life—in your actions, but also in your words. Make a commitment to responding to violence against your person, be it bullying or being yelled at or being physically attacked, with a strong but peaceful response.

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#### THE SUNDAY FLOCK





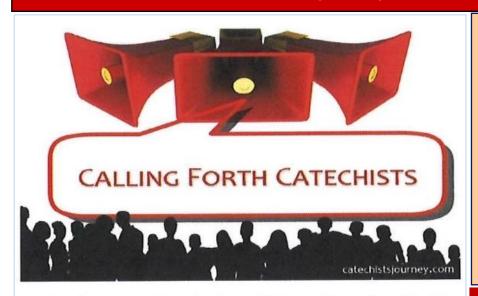
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"If it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

#### Sheepish Question:

What am I afraid of?

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Our Parish is in need of people who would like to take a role as Catechist. Catechists are needed especially at James Erskine, Blackwell and Clairgate Primary Schools. Please give your prayerful consideration to respond to this worthwhile invitation. If you need more information how to become a catechist please contact our SRE Coordinator Peter Moriarty at sre@holyspiritstclair.com.au or 0452079043



#### **Enrolling now for 2024**



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## BIBLE STUDY

## The Letter to the HEBREWS

Duration: 8 weeks
Registration will be on:
7pm on 27 April 2023
Start: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

More details will be made available soon.

An initiative of the Spirituality Commission

(Contact: Fleur on 0414838705)

### ROSTER FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

#### HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6 APR, 7.30PM

Minister at the Altar Tony Cleary/ Madeline Mostert

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Sylvia Herft Jean Appleton Marthese Grima

First Reader Marty Facciol

Second Reader
Cathy Allen

**Commentator** Fe Uy

*Music* Alleluia Choir

Powerpoint

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Volunteer Needed
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#### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 7 APR, 3PM

Minister at the Altar
Peter Moriarty
Victor Brangwin

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Jenny Kyd Anabel Jader Faye Aboghazaleh Dalton Gonsalvez Cathy Allen Elsa Roberto

> First Reader Carol Vella

Second Reader
Sheila Francis

Commentator

Candice Salmon

*Music* Couples for Christ Choir

Powerpoint
Volunteer Needed
Welcomers

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

#### **FUNERALS THIS WEEK:**



#### **SULIA WOLFGRAM**

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10.30am

#### **LOUIS THAM**

 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am (Uncle of Sheila Francis)

#### PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Good Shepherd Appeal - Thank you

**Dear Parishioners:** 

Thank you so much for your generous support of our Holy Spirit Seminarians through the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal last weekend. Your gift will ensure that we can train more visionary young men to become priests and good shepherds of Christ's flock.

For those who haven't had a chance to support these faithful young men in their vocation as good shepherds of Christ's flock, please complete the giving envelope and place your gift in the receptacle provided. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and will be receipted. Your generous gift will help provide for the <u>education</u>, formation and training of <u>our 11 Holy Spirit Seminarians</u>.

Thank you.



## TRAFFIC CONTROL VOLUNTEERS

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 3PM EASTER SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 8.00am & 9.30am MASSES

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE** 

### ON GOOD FRIDAY

RECONCILIATION: 9.00AM to 10.00AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

RECONCILIATION: 11.00AM to 12.00

#### JRS

#### Jesuit Refugee Services Australia Food Drive – Thank you!

The Social Justice Commission thanks all parishioners for their very generous response to the recent Jesuit Refugee Services Food Bank Appeal. The support was very encouraging and will enable the JRS Food Bank program to continue its support of over 300 families each week. Particular thanks to the children, staff and families of Holy Spirit Primary School and Emmaus College for promoting this appeal in their school communities and for the large number of donations received. Well done, everyone!



#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

6 April, Holy Thursday Morning Prayer, Church, 9am Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm Night Prayer, 10pm

7 April, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Church, 10am Passion of the Lord, 3pm

8 April, Holy Saturday Morning Prayer, Church, 9am Easter Vigil Mass, 6:30pm

9 April, Easter Sunday Mass, 8am and 9:30am NOTE: No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday

#### **AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY**



"For as man, he is our Mediator; but as the Word of God, he is not an intermediary between God and man because he is equal with God, and God with God, and together with him one God"

St Augustine of Hippo

WORDSEARCH										Hosanna to the Son of David!					
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#### Try to find these words:

branches	donkey	Jerusalem
clothes	excited	road
crowd	followed	shouted
disciples	Hosanna	village

#### **CREATION CARE TIPS**

"Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'" —Matthew 26:26

Jesus took bread, something made with the simplest of ingredients, and imbued it with much more.

This week, choose at least one meal to eat using only simple, unprocessed foods that nourish the body.

Choose whole foods common in your region instead of food grown, processed, packaged, and transported from far away.

As you eat your simple meal, pray in thanksgiving for what you have and for those who don't have enough to eat.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

#### **Answer:**

The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to "put on Christ" and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in

Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition.

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#### NEXT WEEKEND (9TH APRIL): EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, Yr A

#### 1st Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43 Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (*R.24*)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

#### 2nd Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 Set your heart on the greater gifts.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

See Philippians 2.8-9
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal
sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

#### Gospel

1 Corinthians 5.7-8 Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

CLEANERS: Group 2
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8 APRIL, 6.30PM

*Minister at the Altar* Gloria Slade / Lorensz

Herft

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

Ken Allen Moira Rebello Dudley Littlewood

Reader 1

Florence Pusey Dudley Littlewood Faye Aboghazaleh Madeline Mostert Sylvia Herft

**Commentator**Corinne Cerdor

Music

Victor Brangwin

**Powerpoint**Nanette I.

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Terry Serrao

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed 9 APRIL, 8AM

Minister at the Altar

Carol Vella

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

Belen Leynes Celeste Lapid Lisa Brackett

Readers

Manuel Fidow Sally Banguis

**Commentator** Dawn Timmins

*Music* Pierre D'Cunha

**Powerpoint**Christine Younes

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Sarah Damole
Jun Damole

Espy Sarno

9 APRIL, 9.30AM

*Minister at the Altar* Anthony Bertumen

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

Nilo Gajo Jan Salmon Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa

**Readers** Ray Zafra Uinise Blake

**Commentator**Bianca Dowsett

*Music* Mary immaculate Choir

**Powerpoint**Boy Sanosa

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Joe Duval
Sue Oram
Volunteer Needed

9 APRIL, 6PM

NO MASS



#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2 APRIL**

Mon 3 Apr: Monday Of Holy Week
Tue 4 Apr: Tuesday Of Holy Week
Wed 5 Apr: Wednesday Of Holy Week

**Thu 6 Apr:** Thursday Of Holy Week, Chrism Mass

**Fri 7 Apr:** Friday Of The Passion Of The Lord (Good Friday)

**Sat 25 Mar**: The Annunciation Of The Lord

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