

1st Reading

Acts 2:42-47 Life of the early disciples.

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

Peter 1:3-9

Current trials lead to rejoicing when Christ again appears.

Gospel Acclamation

See Philippians 2.8-9
Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Gospel

John 20:19-31 Doubting Thomas.

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

It is true. All we have to do is confess our sins, be truly sorry, and our sins are forgiven. This is true, of course, as long as we understand what being truly sorry means. There are more than words involved. Consider these three elements.

First, we say we are sorry. Our God is a God of love who calls all things to wholeness and harmony. When we act against love, we act against God, and we need to say the words that express our sorrow.

Second, we focus on change. If we say we are sorry and have no intention of changing our behavior, we can't be forgiven. Even God cannot free us from sin if we insist on holding onto it. Sometimes we are really sorry for our actions but can't muster the courage to change. In that case, we need to ask God for the desire to change. Even this small inclination to mend our ways is

enough to loosen sin's grip and allow the Holy Spirit to slip in.

Third, we admit we are human. We humbly acknowledge that we need the Spirit's help to love the way God wants us to love. We face our limitations and our powerlessness and allow the Spirit's strength to fill us. We trust that, with God's help, we can overcome the most compelling sins or bad habits and become the person God calls us to be.

Teach your children what it means to say "I am sorry," and help them understand the three essential elements of forgiveness. Explain each element. Make sure they know the importance of asking for God's help to be strong throughout their day. And when they are not ready to forgive or to give up their anger, teach them to ask for God's help to let go.

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

SICK:

Violeta Molina Odart, Mario C Molina, John Warne, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Lloyd Fernandez, Ferdinand Amores, Rosie Casha, Anne Fidler, Joel Dizon, Hanna Rose Stewart, Yvonne Funnell, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Mia Jajo, Benji Santiago, Emily Rosales.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Laurie Mooney OSA, Stephen Townsend Booth, Scott Page, Mervyn Fernandez, Maria Polito.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Ricardo Torres Malolos Sr, James Tangeris Kho Sr., Lourdes Goyenechea, Tomas G Decena Sr, Juaning Molina, Angeles Malixi, Antemio Prieto, Elfrida Hilda Fasi, Ernest Fraser, Elizabeth Fraser, Reginald D'Cruz, Hyacinth D'Cruz, Corazón Salvador, Sr Anne Marie OCD, Enid Falleiro, Isabel Siangco, Tessie Saliba, Levam Rajasohbat. Jack Maloney, Dolores & Diosdado Delatado.

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: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations

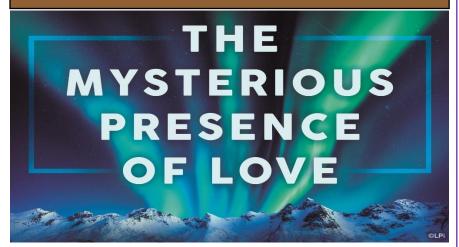


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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Luke tells us of the success and healing power of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?

Second Reading: The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus. When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?

Gospel Reading: The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are sceptical in their faith?

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 9th May 7.00pm, at the church. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



EMMANUEL JAMES KHO

(Son of James and Chanel)

LEO VINCENT SONERVILLE

(Son of Corey and Rachel)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sunday's Gospel recounts the appearance of Jesus to the apostles after the Resurrection. Fear ruled the day until Jesus came back with his message, "Peace be with you." Fear can paralyze us, just as it did the apostles until Jesus breathed his Spirit and his peace into them. Your challenge this week is to examine how much fear rules your life. When does it stop you from speaking the prophetic word, challenging injustice, or living an ethical life? Pray for the peace of Christ to enter your own heart and find the courage to fight injustice wherever you see it.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK







"Peace be with you. ...Do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Sheepish Question:

How would you describe the peace you seek through your belief in Jesus?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Couples For Christ Australia

Invites you to

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Be part of a journey like no other!

Seven meaningful Sundays of spiritual enrichment and discovery
of Christ-fulfilled life!

28 May 2023, 1-4pm Holy Spirit Parish Call / SMS: Marie 0415 607 011 | Fe 0404 198 802

LOST PROPERTY!!!!

We have accumulated a number of personal items that parishioners left in the church.

They are in the 2 boxes in the foyer.

If they are not claimed within a month, they will either be disposed of or be donated to Vinnies stores.

INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for this accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as a <u>free course</u> to the Parishes of Parramatta Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

- 1. St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or
- 2. Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.



The Letter to the HEBREWS

Duration: 8 weeks
Registration will be on:
7pm on 27 April 2023
Start: 11th May 2023
More details will be made available soon.

An initiative of the Spirituality Commission

(Contact: Fleur on 0414838705)



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH 2023 Sacramental Preparation

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

CONFIRMATION (Year 5)

- Bookings available from 1 March 2023
- Parent Information & Catechesis Tuesday 2 May 5pm or Wednesday 3 May 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be in May (3 weeks)
- Confirmation Masses: 27 May 3pm, 4 June 11.30am 18 June 11 30am

FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4)

- Bookings available from 1 June 2023
- Parent Information & Catechesis Tuesday 25 July 5pm or Wednesday 26 July 6pm
- Preparation Sessions will be August (3 weeks)
- First Communion Masses: 20 August 11.30am, 26 August 3pm, 27 August 11.30am

NOTE: Children with special needs are most welcome to join the preparation.

For all enquiries contact the Parish Office:

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Notice from St Vincent de Paul Society:

"The St Marys Conference of the ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is celebrating a milestone on Tuesday 18 April, 80 years since the conference was formed. We would like to extend an invitation to any past members and anyone else interested to the commemorative mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church at St Marys, 7.30pm, Tuesday 18 April 23. Followed by a light supper in the Parish meeting room to catch up and reminisce. If you are interested in the work that the Society does then feel free to attend as well, you are more than welcome.



Wedding Anniversary Mass 23 April 2023, 9.30AM MASS

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

Morning Tea available after Mass.



FUNERALS THIS WEEK:



Dear parishioner: we are reserving this space to announce funerals in our parish. Please don't hesitate in advise us for details.

Parish Administrative Support Officer.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

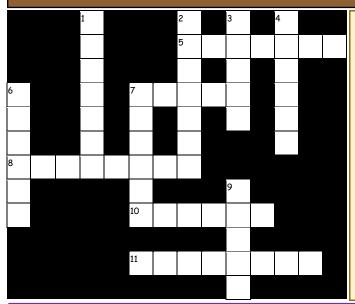


"Christ is our life. Let us therefore look to Christ. He came to suffer in order to merit glory; to seek contempt in order to be exalted. He came to die but also to rise again."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORDS

Happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!



DOWN:

1: to pardon an offence

2: welcomed

3: marks left by a

healed wound

4: Jesus said to

Thomas, "Put your - - - here and look at my

hands!"

6: frightened or scared

7: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the

Holy -----"

9: belief

ACROSS:

5: to take into your possession

7: long, pointed weapon

8: to have come into sight

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10: the apostle who doubted that

Jesus had risen

11: not believing



CREATION CARE TIPS

"All who believed were together and had all things in common." —Acts 2:44

What do you and your friends and neighbors each own individually that you could share instead? Power tools? Books? Paper or magazine subscriptions? Gardening tools? Camping gear? Sports equipment? Specialized kitchen equipment? Imagine how many fewer resources we would need if we didn't feel the the need to own everything individually and we shared more things

in common instead. Imagine how it would tie us together with greater interdependence if we shared more. The next time you are tempted to buy something new, research where you might find it used or whom you might borrow it from.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

Answer:

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

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NEXT WEEKEND (23RD APRIL): THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

1st Reading

Acts 2:14-33

Peter addresses the people on the day of Pentecost.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (*R.11*)

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2nd Reading

Peter 1:17-21 We are delivered through the blood of the lamb.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 20.29
Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me Thomas,
because you have seen me; happy
those who have not seen me, but
still believe!

Gospel

Luke 24:32

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

CLEANERS: Group 5 **BANNERS:** White

22 APRIL, 6.30PM

Minister at the Altar Carol Vella

Eucharistic Ministers

Lea Jadraque Fe Uy Aruna Heslop

Reader 1 Lea Jadraque

Reader 2
Janice Salmon

Commentator Romeo Prieto

Music

Couples for Christ

PowerpointNanette I.

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Terry Serrao
Volunteer Needed

Volunteer Needed

23 APRIL, 8AM

*Minister at the Altar*Victor Brangwin

Eucharistic Ministers

Gloria Slade Fiona Ferreira Ron Brackett

Reader 1Espy Sarno

Reader 2Louise Bucholtz

CommentatorMillie Perez

Music Peter Mercia

Powerpoint Manuel Fidow

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Espy Sarno
Angela Pecnik
Volunteer Needed

23 APRIL, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Anthony Bertumen

Eucharistic Ministers

Nilo Gajo Marthese Grima Anabel Jader

Reader 1Carmen Marcelo

Reader 2Tina Fernandes

Commentator Michael Paulo

Music Children's Choir

Powerpoint Joseph Valladores

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Joe Duval
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

23 APRIL, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Edward De Leon

Eucharistic Ministers

Lumen Decena Peter Smith Robert Lees

Reader 1Robert Lees **Reader 2**Genevieve Luangrat

Commentator
Jodie Donlan

Music BASIC GIFT

PowerpointBASIC GIFT

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Eleanor Stuart
Esther Rose
Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 16 APRIL

Mon 17 Apr:Monday Of The Second Week Of EasterTue 18 Apr:Tuesday Of The Second Week Of EasterWed 19 Apr:Wednesday Of The Second Week Of EasterThu 20 Apr:Thursday Of The Second Week Of EasterFri 21 Apr:Friday Of The Second Week Of EasterSat 22 Mar:Saturday Of The Second Week Of Easter

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Members: Dominic Dimech, Jamie Dowsett, Gus Morgan, Michael Paulo, Vince Cachia, Carol Vella, Andrea Bouche,

Seaview Kama, Benjie Santiago, Eleanor Stuart (BASIC GIFT Youth Representative)

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The remaining 30% is to provide for the household expenses of our priests and to support the ministry of the Augustinians.

If you encounter any issues signing up, please email Mila, accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au. Thank you so much for your support of our parish!

