



1st Reading

Acts 2:14-36-41

Three thousand are baptized at Peter's urging.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:1-6. R.v.1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

Christ delivered himself up to free us from sin.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus the sheepgate.



VOICE FROM THE PEWS

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

We know that Jesus came to save us. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we find our salvation in him. He is the gatekeeper. He is the way. He is the new life offered to us. Sometimes we minimize what being saved means. We rejoice in being freed from sin without recognizing what that means or where that forgiveness must lead. Receiving Christ's forgiveness is just the start; salvation is a lifelong, threefold process.

First, being freed from sin means accepting God's forgiveness and love. With that love we can begin to heal from a lifetime of hurts and injustices. We can let go of our fear, our anger, our feeling of "being less than," the anguish of feeling alone, or the need to fill our emptiness with things or people. We can accept our limitations and still see our own goodness and gifts.

Second, through this forgiveness and healing we can begin to accept and truly love ourselves and God who is in us. This is what leads us to fullness of life. We do not let others' ideas of who we are limit us. We can become all we were created to be.

Finally, as we live out our goodness and share our gifts, we become more open to the world around us. We begin to see God everywhere (even in the old grumps at work and the panhandlers on the street). We begin to grow in communion with our Creator, with all people, and all creation. Life can't be bigger than that!

This is the abundant life Jesus talked about. Share with your family this paradox: Christ's salvation is the gift of his love, a gift that is received even more abundantly when it is given away.

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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/wp-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:

Linda Allen, Yvonne Funnell, Glenn Root, Violeta Molina Odart, Mario C Molina, Charli Rawlings, Zephyr Morales, Renee Channel, Lloyd Fernandez, John Warne, Mia Jajo, Rosie Cash, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dion, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Harry Young, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, John Cassar, Fr Paolo Cardona, Bernadette Stevens.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Laurie Mooney OSA, Margaret Farrell, Eve Kelaart, Julie Wolfram, Betty Baldacchino, Daphne Schellito, Dulcie Shrieves.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

John 'Jack' Gore, Sarah Wolfgram, Jane Croning, Lorna Miranda, Alden Gajo, Erlinda Salvador, Nestor Peña, Therese Cotte, Georgina Briffa, Maran Dhanaraj, Dorothy Mercieca, Jack Maloney, Fr Gerard O'Donnell CSSR, Manuel Terrado Sr, Major Hendrik Mostert, Leading Seaman Peter Michael, John Pusey, Audrey Baxter, Aloysius Baxter, Muriel Baxter, Sherwin Gonsalvez, Anka & Mato Marjanovic

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:
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GOD BLESS YOU.



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the Week



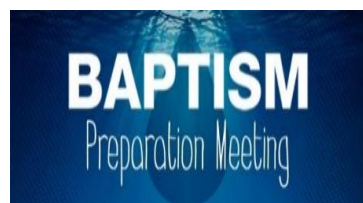
Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: We hear today how Paul and Barnabas were met with resistance and hostility in Pisidian Antioch on their first missionary journey. How do you not get discouraged when your spiritual journey is difficult?

Second Reading: During John's vision of heaven, he often has "one of the elders" teach him about the vision he is seeing. Who has been a good spiritual guide for you?

Gospel Reading: Jesus speaks of an unbreakable solidarity between him and those who follow him ("my sheep"). In what ways do you experience this unity with Jesus already in your faith?



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 Tuesday 9th May 7.00pm, via Zoom. Presenter is Seaview Kama.



MASON VICTOR ATTARD

(Son of Jake and Mikaela)

EIDIE ALMA-LEA COLEMAN

(Daughter of Mitchell and Casey)

AMALIA GRACE POGUE

(Daughter of Andrew and Tiziana)

ARLO EDWARD MEECHAN

(Son of Stephen and Stephanie)

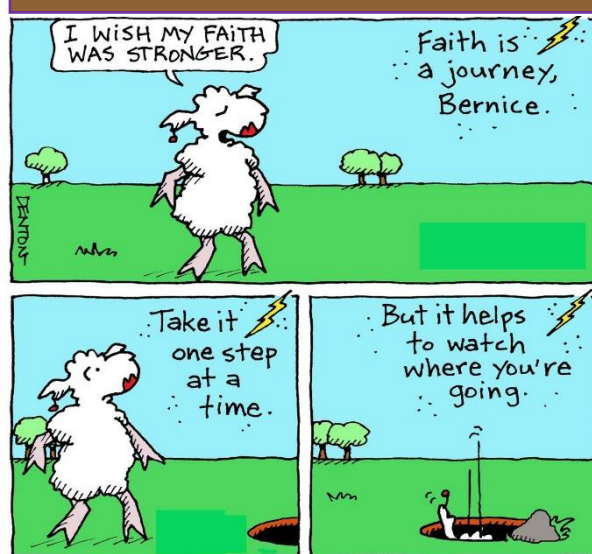
WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sunday's Gospel has Jesus saying, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:9) We are called to salvation through Jesus. If he is the gate, then we need to live as he did, to follow his teaching, to be his disciples in the world. Jesus always stood for the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. And he told us we would be judged by how we treated the least of our brothers and sisters. Your challenge this week is to find a brother or sister who is ignored by others but in real need of help. Reach out and practice the works of mercy. If they need food, clothing, or shelter, help them find it. If they need someone to listen to their story, lend an ear. Be the face of Christ for them.

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK



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"The sheep follow [the shepherd], because they recognize his voice."

Sheepish Question:

What hazards must I be ready for in following the way of Christ?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FR PETER TANGEY, OSA

60th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

Sunday 7th May 2023, 9.30am Mass

Morning Tea will follow - Please bring finger food only



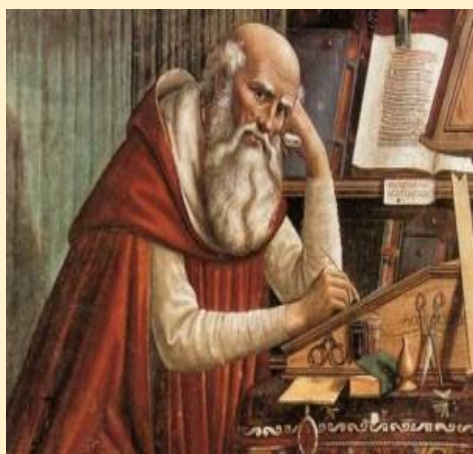
INVITATION TO REGISTER FOR CPR TRAINING

You are invited to register for this accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as a free course 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.



FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE

WILL MET ON

MONDAY 1st MAY

7:00PM IN THE PIONEERS ROOM.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

WILL BE MOST WELCOME

LAST CALL FOR THE 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.



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:

W: www.holyspiritstclair.com.au • E: sacraments@holyspiritstclair.com.au
P: 02 9670 8222 or 0451 279 934 • A: 5 Todd Row, St Clair 2759 NSW

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



All welcome!!!

FRIDAY 5th MAY - 7.30-8.30PM

ANNOINTING



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before Mass

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AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

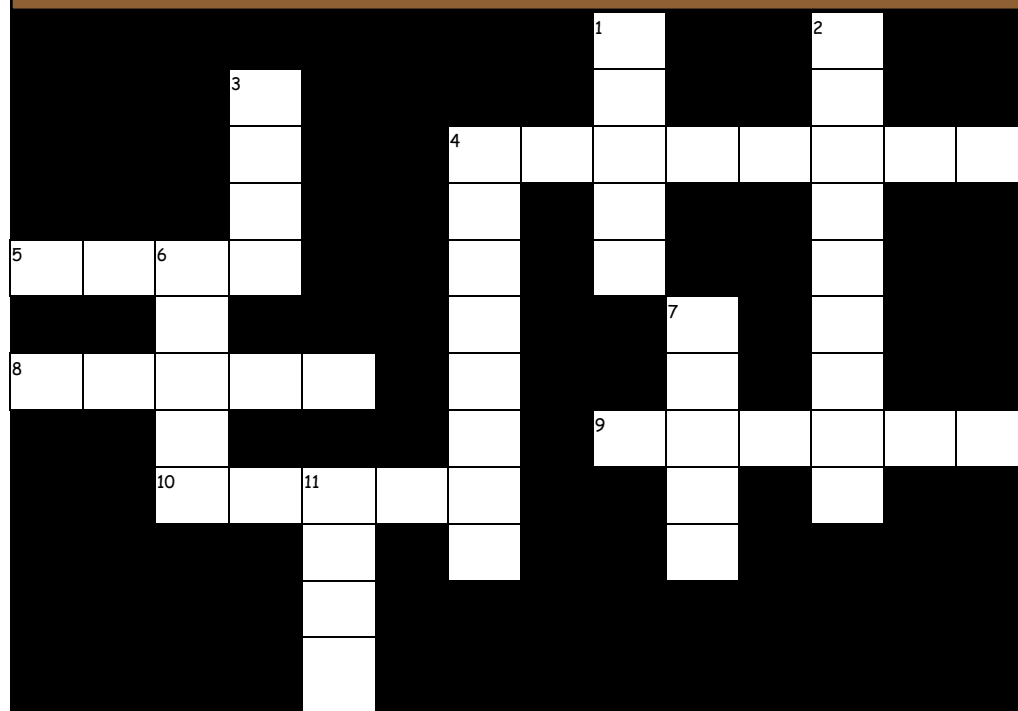


"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

St Augustine of Hippo

CROSSWORD

I am the gate for the sheep



DOWN

- 1: an animal that is covered in fleece
- 2: Jesus said "I am the gate of the ----"
- 3: the opposite of death
- 4: a person whom you do not know
- 6: someone who steals things
- 7: a parable or tale
- 11: the shepherd calls each sheep by ----

ACROSS

- 4: someone who looks after sheep
- 5: a door that opens up a fenced off area
- 8: the sound of someone speaking
- 9: take the path of a leader
- 10: a structure used to contain an area outside

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CREATION CARE TIPS

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." —Psalm 23:1

As Pope Francis points out so often in his encyclical on creation care (Laudato Si'), a great deal of the environmental crisis can be traced back to consumerism and our habit of turning to objects to try to fulfill us instead of turning to God and each other. This week, instead of buying something you want, remind yourself you don't need it and find a healthier way to meet your needs.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

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NEXT WEEKEND (7TH MAY) FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

1st Reading

Acts 6:1-7

Stephen is chosen as the first deacon.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R.v.22

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

2nd Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Jesus, a living cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the
life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father,
except through me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

John 14:1-12

Jesus the way, truth, and life.

6 MAY, 6.30PM
Minister at the Altar

Lorensz Herft

Eucharistic Ministers

Hazel Littlewood

Sylvia Herft

Jeanne Appleton

Reader 1

Sylvia Herft

Reader 2

Sheila Francis

Commentator

Moirra Rebello

Music

AMEN Choir

Powerpoint

Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers

Selwyn Oliveira

Sonia Oliveira

Volunteer Needed

7 MAY, 8AM
Minister at the Altar

Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Louise Bucholtz

Ron Brackett

Lisa Brackett

Reader 1

Michael Hay

Reader 2

Genevieve Luangratt

Commentator

Christine Younes

Music

Manuel Fidow

Powerpoint

Carol Vella

Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers

Angela Pecnik

Volunteer Needed

Volunteer Needed

7 MAY, 9.30AM
Minister at the Altar

Fred Harris

Eucharistic Ministers

Sina Carvalho

Tina Fernandes

Seaview Kama

Reader 1

Joy Rulewski

Reader 2

Cathy Allen

Commentator

Tess Barnes

Music

Luchie's Choir

Powerpoint

Ivan Fernandes

Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers

Jenny Kyd

Volunteer Needed

Volunteer Needed

7 MAY, 6PM
Minister at the Altar

Tony Cleary

Eucharistic Ministers

Esther Rose

Lumen Decena

Volunteer Needed

Reader 1

Sue Oram

Reader 2

Charlotte Smith

Commentator

Robert Lees

Music

El Shaddai SG Choir

Powerpoint

El Shaddai SG

Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers

Esther Rose

Volunteer Needed

Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 23 APRIL
Mon 1 May: Saint Joseph The Worker

Tue 2 May: Saint Athanasius, Bishop And Doctor Of The Church

Wed 3 May: Saints Philip And James, Apostles

Thu 4 May: Thursday Of The Fourth Week Of Easter

Fri 5 May: Friday Of The Fourth Week Of Easter

Sat 6 May: Saturday Of The Fourth Week Of Easter

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