

1st Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65: 1-7. 16. R. see v.1 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 4:13-16 Suffering for Christ brings glory.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 14:18 Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your

hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:1-11 Jesus prays to the Father.

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

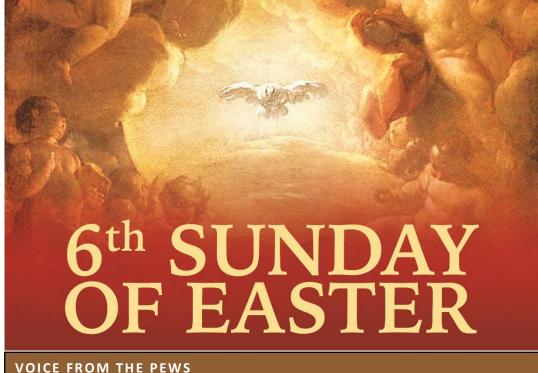
Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1st Fri, 9.05am

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



ALABANZA to you Lord!

Amen! Amen! I tell you my friends; It felt really ecstatic! When I shared the JOY of singing from my Soul; To a parish friend who speaks Spanish. That's when Elisa Reynolds exclaimed! "ALABANZA!" to that JOY. Which I felt and know the feeling! And yes! my talents are all from You Lord!

Later that evening, I was touched: To find out it translated, to 'Praise and Worship!'.

And so decided to write this S'poem; To capture that joyous moment.

Acknowledging HIS presence 'is' 'the' 'key' you see; And that's all it takes my friends.

Just say 'THANK YOU LORD!' at every passing moment; For the Grace and blessings, HE sends.

"Be not afraid", HE said repeatedly; More than a HUNDRED times, after being born, in a stable.

And yet we DO NOT take, HIS word at face value: For we are cowards, that choose NOT to eat 'at His table'.

Allow your soul, to find that INNER PEACE! In this world, so full of rubbish and unrest; And feel HIS presence, Transform you from the inside; With nothingbut JOY and the very best! Never let doubt, take o v e r; Your conviction to ACCEPT, HIS divine PLAN:

For you know this! my dear family; HE said, "I am the Way, the Truth and The Life!" Zero in on 'HIS' Words, in the Holy Bible (original); And let your soul, take HEED of its contents; Instead of being en-trapped, by man-made doctrines; Which WILL keep you, from experiencing HIS providence.

Alabanza!! Is! what happens! You see! When we choose to sing, with our souls instead; You WILL FEEL HIM caress you with divine Love.

🖎 By Pierre D'Cunha Aug 2022

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

SICK:

Jose Antonio Rodriguez, 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, Glenn Root, Rosie Casha, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, Hanna Rose Stewart, Renee Channell, Charli Rawlings, Patricia Hogg, Florencia Cunanan, Mary Zahra, Joseph Cuschieri, Habib Younes.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rosemarie D Battung, Fernando G Molina, Romeo Ocampo, Ruza Matic, Marie Schembri, Mervyn Fernandez, Alizah Lewis.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Enid & Arthur Falleiro, Douglas Brohier, George Herft, Rebecca Herft, Jane Croning, Choi Peña Ramirez, Margot Peña Castillo.

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



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

GOD BLESS YOU.



LETTER TO THE PARISH VOLUNTEERS



9 May 2023

Thank You Parish Volunteers

"The main purpose for you having come together is to live harmoniously in your house, intent upon God in oneness of mind and heart." This first sentence in Chapter One of the Rule of St. Augustine has been the road map of every Augustinian and Augustinian ministries for centuries. As an Augustinian parish, Holy Spirit – St. Clair has been guided by this religious ideal. We are all called, the people of God, to come together as one to build this community, the Body of Christ.

One of the pillars of our parish is our committed volunteers. Many extended a helping hand that made a lot of difference in the life of the parish. The Holy Spirit – St. Clair Parish Pastoral Council would like to acknowledge you for extending your time, talent and energy for our parish community.

On the Feast Day of our parish, Pentecost Sunday - 28 May 2023, a special blessing will be given to the volunteers in all our masses. This letter serves as our personal invitation to you for your generosity and service. After the 9:30am mass, a special morning tea will be served to honour you and everyone in the parish is invited to join.

We hope to see you and celebrate with you on this special day!

With prayer,

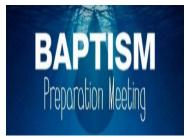
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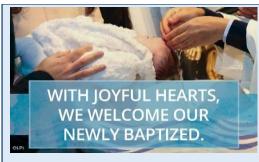
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Parish Pastoral Council





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 13th June 7.00pm, via Zoom. Presenter is Joyce McMahon.



CHRISTIAN MICHAEL SEYMOUR

(Son of Adam and Lexie)

ROMAN MANU MAGALOGO

(Son of George and Natalia)

ALBA & EZRA PARBERY

(Children of Dean and Chenaye)

LILY ALLYSON REBELLO

(Daughter of Rainer and Jessie-Lee)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGES

On May 15 in 1891, Pope Leo XIII shared his landmark encyclical Rerum Novarum with Catholics across the world. In this letter, which is considered the beginning of modern Catholic social teaching, Pope Leo defended the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Your challenge this week is to do something special for someone whose job you may be taking for granted or whose job isn't valued the way it should be. How can you honor this person and his/her work? How can you show your gratitude for the service which this person does in your life? Perhaps a thank you note, a plate of home-made cookies, or a simple "thank you" will let the person know his/her work matters.

May 21, 2023 • 7th Week of Easter/Feast of the Ascension

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THE SUNDAY FLOCK





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"He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."

Sheepish Question:

As you pray to the Holy Spirit, are you more attentive to the gifts you receive or to the giver?

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



We all have a part no matter how big or small. You can make a difference and help a refugee family start a new life in Australia.

Join our information session to learn more about the community refugee sponsorship program.

Sunday 21 May 2023 at 2:00pm Mamre House and Farm 181 Mamre Rd Orchard Hills 2748

Please email us if you'd prefer to join us on Zoom. rita.hakkoum@catholiccarewsbm.org.au

RSVP to Rita: 0477 952 024









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

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

Join us as we celebrate our Being Church

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PENTECOST

PENTECOST: Sunday 28 May

Bring a plate for morning tea after the 9.30am Mass

At the Holy Spirit Primary School Grounds there will be lots of fun for all ages

(Jumping Castle, Fairy Floss, Craft & Balloon Sculpting, Face Painting)

For more information, contact parish office:

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

The Social Justice Commission is once again holding its annual request for donations of warm socks, beanies, and scarfs to be distributed to charities assisting the poor and homeless in our area. The collection will commence next week the 20/21st of May and the 27/28th of May. A box will be placed in the foyer for the donations.





IMPORTANT NOTICE:

When you come to our Parish and park your car in the parking across Moore St and in Todd Row – please make sure you have locked your vehicle and do not leave any valuables.

We are aware of some vandalism/robbery occurred to some cars during Mass.



Be the face of Christ to our First Nations people



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal 2023

QR to Donate:



Please support Aboriginal Catholic Care with a gift to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY



"Take Care of your body as if you were going to live forever, and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow".

St Augustine of Hippo

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer:

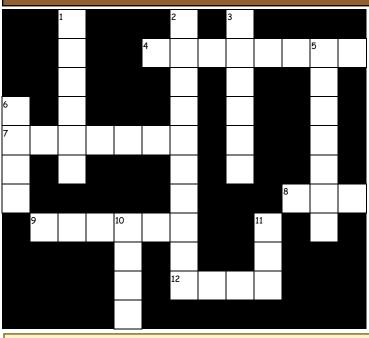
You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, abstract only divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will.

Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

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CROSSWORDS The Spirit will keep on living in you



ACROSS:

- 4: Jesus said that he would c___b__ to his disciples (two words)
- 7: children without living parents
- 8: it comes before two
- 9: the first person of the Trinity
- 12: not false

DOWN:

- 1: the people of this world cannot _____the Spirit
- 2: those who had faith were given the _____ (two words)
- 3: humans
- 5: an order to do something
- 6: the opposite of hate
- 10: the opposite of hate
- 11: you do this with your eyes

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CREATION CARE TIPS

"All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." — Psalm 66:4

Sometimes being intentional about helping the environment can feel heavy and depressing, and most of the news seems bad, yet our faith calls us to continue to have hope and praise God. This week, make time to join creation in praising God. Go for a hike and breathe in the fresh scents of the forest; sit on a beach and glory in the expanse of water; sit under a tree, close your eyes and listen to the birds chirping above you.

Do whatever it is that will help you join your spirit to that of

creation.

NEXT WEEKEND (21ST MAY) THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

1st Reading

Acts 1:1-11 Jesus is taken up int heaven.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46:2-3. 6-9. R. see v.6 God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23 *Christ is head of the church.*

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19.20
Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the
end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always.

CLEANERS: Group 4 **BANNERS:** White

20 MAY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Jacob Fonseca

Eucharistic MinistersBernadette Stevens

Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca

Reader 1

Eileen Baena

Reader 2 Fe Uy

Commentator

Marinella LIcuanan

Music

St Joseph's Choir

PowerpointNanette I.

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Terry Serrao

Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

21 MAY, 8AM

Minister at the Altar Gloria Slade

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto

Reader 1Carol Vella

Reader 2Sarah Damole

CommentatorShirley Croning

Music Peter Mercia

PowerpointLouise Bucholtz

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers
Sarah Damole
Jun Damole
Remia Morada

21 MAY, 9.30AM

Minister at the Altar Nono Gacis

Eucharistic Ministers

Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley

Reader 1 Derrick Pereira

Reader 2
Joanne Staunton

Commentator Nilo Gajo

Music Laudate Choir

PowerpointIvan Fernandes

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Joe Duval Sue Oram

Volunteer Needed

Reader 2

Sheila Francis

Commentator

21 MAY, 6PM

Minister at the Altar

Peter Smith

Eucharistic Ministers

Lumen Decena

Robert Lees

Romana Cunanan

Reader 1

Corinne Brooker

Joseph Valladores

Music

Esther Rose Choir

PowerpointVolunteer Needed

Junior Servers
Volunteer Needed

Welcomers

Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 14 MAY

Mon 15 May: Monday Of The Sixth Week Of Easter
Tue 16 May: Tuesday Of The Sixth Week Of Easter
Wed 17 May: Wednesday Of The Sixth Week Of Easter

Thu 18 May: Saint John I, Pope And Martyr
Fri 19 May: Friday Of The Sixth Week Of Easter
Sat 20 May: Saint Bernardine Of Siena, Priest

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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!

